

# **NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 3, 2023

Time: 7 pm , VIA Zoom

Board Members In Attendance: Raymond Kozma, Susanne Flower, Carol Burns, Alex Wilkie, Guy Lingley, Marty M, Eve Mancuso

Excused – Teri Gabel, Ingrid Strauch, Marty Kellerman

Committee Chairs and Members in Attendance: Ellen King, Dave Hayes, Jerry Flower, Janet Sibarium, Maryann Poris, Mary Hilley , Mary James, Jess Scirbona.

Call to Order 7:07 PM

### **Chair Report – Ray Kozma**

Mary James April 16 received an award from the Trail Conference

Palisades Camping Association – May 5/4 Dave, Jess, Kate will attend

Bylaws are in their final review and sent to the attorney. We hope to have the Board review within the next few months, and have a Membership vote in October.

Meeting minutes will re reviewed and voted upon by email.

(meeting minutes were voted upon by email on May 15, 2023. .) **Motion** to Approve March 8, 2023 meeting minutes offered by Alex Wilkie, seconded by Marty McDonald. Vote: In favor- Alex Wilkie, Marty McDonald, Raymond Kozma, Guy Lingley, Suzanne Rocheleau, Carol Burns, Eve Mancuso. Opposes- none, Abstain – none. Motion passes.

### **Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau**

A report was submitted and a brief summary was presented.

Recent significant payments: Caffrey & Associates for bylaw review - \$ 998. Philadelphia Insurance for Directors and Officers insurance \$ 1010. Kayak dock \$ 2096. Dock floatation materials \$ 288.

To date 190 members paid the annual fee = \$ 7015. 48 members paid for Passport = \$5875. Annual appeal to date = \$ 4585.

Zelle is OK for payment of passports, annual fees, annual appeal, lockers and keys. All other reimbursements and payments, such as day/overnight fees, shall continue to be by check

IRS – 2022 Taxes NOA 2022 taxes were filed on form 990-EZ

### **Membership Committee – Jerry Flower**

189 members

30 applicants, 8 new in 2023

**Motion** - offer a motion to accept Kristina Kessler as a keyholder. Offered by Alex Wilkie, Eve Mancuso second.

Vote: in favor unanimous. Oppose none . Abstain – none. Motion passes.

### **Camp Committee Report- Dave Hayes**

Report submitted.

Work day was a big success.

Expand boating ability, build additional boat rack.

Letter from Bill Hladky- discussed donations of three boats, and donation of a rack. We would like the three boat rack, not the six boat rack.

**Motion** – to accept the donation of a kayak from Bill Hladky, boat will be marked SB-3. Vote in favor , unanimous. Oppose – none. Abstain – none. Motion passes. Ray will send thank you letter.

**Motion**- to accept the donation of a boat storage rack, and temporary placement at the boat dock. Bill to coordinate purchase and placement of the rack with Dave Hayes. Vote in favor in favor unanimous. Oppose – none. Abstain – none. Motion passes.

Jess will provide a kayak training class in summer.

Camp chair will examine and retire boats that are not able to be repaired.

Tool assessment – this weekend Dave and Carl Jackman will review tools, determine what can be fixed, or be sharpened or disposed of.

Bill Hladky has been organizing the workbench. Donated the proceeds from scrap metals back to camp.

Main cabin repairs. Looking for material for cabin façade- raw wood from sawmill. First cut, or slab cut. New boards are needed. Dave and Jess found a source.

Cabin 1 and Cabin 6 roofs are leaking. Areas are marked in chalk. Roofs are near to the end of their lives. Dave will see if he can make a temporary repair but most likely would need to be replaced. Plan for replacement. May temporarily place tarps are the roof for over the winter to protect the structure.

Path Construction – difficult to get contractors to work in the park. Recommends focusing on other projects rather than the stone steps. Handrails were again discussed.

### **Hosting Committee - Mary Hilley, Maryann Poris**

Members have expressed interest, signed up additional weekends.

Weekly emails will be listing hosted weekends and hikes.

Orientation on Saturday – presented by Ray Kozma and Mary Ann Poris

### **Environmental Education Committee – Marty Kellerman**

Marty K to submit environmental informational write up to Ray K, Ray K will review and submit to Marty M for posting on the website.

Prior events:

March 28 – regarding clean water, April 4 - Riverkeeper – clean up along Hudson, April 4 – end funding for fossil fuels, End radio-active water dumping.

Future events will be sent to Ray K to publish in the Trail Marker.

Marty K will continue to coordinate with Ray K and Marty M to disseminate information to the members.

Trail Marker – Ray will have an article for the Trail Marker.

Marty M set up a new folder on the website named “photos”.

### **Trail Maintenance – Mary James, Andy Frank will co-lead (pending)**

Will gather info from Bill Burns, and review equipment needs.

### **Hiking Committee – Ingrid Strauch**

**Motion** Recommend Andy Frank to be a qualified hike leader Motion offered by Eve M , second by Susanne F .Vote in favor unanimous. Oppose – none. Abstain – none. Motion passes.

### **Archives, Historian – Ellen King**

No report. Thank you to Ellen for compiling the wonderful material to present at the opening day celebration.

### **Old Business**

Digital projector – Susanne F is investigating

### **New Business**

**Motion** Appoint Janet Sibarium as co-chair to the Membership Committee.

Marty M offered motion, Eve M seconds Vote in favor Unanimous. Oppose – none. Abstain – None. Motion passes.

### **Bathing Beach Safety Plan**

Eve to investigate if the word document is available. Teri Gabel and Don Gabel should have the latest revision. Tabled for further discussion.

### **Website – Marty McDonald**

Marty M will continue to update the website, Jess Scirbona will assist in his absence.

Mentor vs Sponsor – applicants seem to have difficulty finding mentors. Jerry suggested developing a list of mentors, and having mentors assigned. It seems the definition of mentors better suits the task of what we currently call sponsors. Perhaps change the title to mentor and define the role of a mentor.

Members should be reminded to offer to sponsor applicants. Try to be more inclusive and welcoming.

May 21 deadline for next Trail Marker.

Reminder to review meeting minutes.

AMC put up a sign at the old Baker Camp as a fundraiser.

Motion to adjourn – 9:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Mancuso

Secretary to the Board