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

***OPEN BOARD MEETING***

***MEETING MINUTES***

Date: August 16, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

In attendance:

Ray Kozma, Suzanne Rocheleau, Teri Gabel, Susanne Flower, Alex Wilkie, Marty McDonald, Ingrid Strauch, Guy Lingley, Carol Burns, Eve Mancuso.

Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs– David Hayes, Ellen King, Maryann Poris, Mary Hilley, Jerry Flower, Mary James, Janet Sibarium, Marty Kellerman.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Motion**: motion to accept the July 12, 2023 meeting minutes was offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Carol Burns. Vote: in favor of motion – Ray K, Susanne F, Teri G, Suzanne R, Alex W, Marty M, Ingrid S, Guy L. Abstain – Eve M. Motion passes.

**Chair Report: Ray Kozma**

Opening statements offered, report submitted and attached.

**Financial Report - Suzanne Rocheleau**

Details presented, report submitted and attached.

**Camp Committee Report – Dave Hayes**

Details presented, report submitted and attached.

**Activities Committee- Edie Blum**

Report submitted and attached.

**Archives Committee – Ellen King**

Report submitted and attached.

**Conservation Committee – Kate Walker**

Report submitted and attached.

**Environmental Education Committee- Marty Kellerman**

Report submitted and attached.

**Membership Committee- Jerry Flower**

Report submitted and attached.

**Webmaster – Marty McDonald**

Report submitted and attached.

**Trails Committee - Mary James, Andrew Frank**

Report submitted and attached.

**Hikes and Outings Committee – Glen Nison**

Report submitted and attached.

Questions regarding Reports:

Log splitter - Tami Shulman offered a suggestion of purchasing or renting a log splitter.

Railings to the swim area as a top priority – Marty Kellerman

Camp phone - Lillian Zwyns - camp phone , reset by unplugging and re-plugging , PIPC looking to increase cell service . looked at a cell phone booster might help the land line which is cellular. Swim phone will call 911 even without bars shown. Perhaps have a part of the orientation focus on emergency calls. Now call 911 not park police, the entrance road is named and signed Ruby Jolliffe Way.

**Discussion Items:**

Bylaws: Ray discussed the Bylaws and the revisions that are necessary to be in compliance with our new NOANY structure, and with state regulations. The BOD has retained an attorney to review and assist with the revisions. The attorney suggested we increase the BOD from 10 to 11 members. This will prevent a tie vote, give additional opportunity for added viewpoints and participation on the BOD, give additional opportunity for a quorum in the event members are absent, and not change the number of members needed for a quorum. There will be a membership vote on the ballot at the next Annual Meeting and Elections, October 14, 2023, to accept the amended Bylaws.

Certificate of Insurance: The Certificate of Incorporation will need to be updated to bring it in line with the Objectives of the Club as stated in the Bylaws. This will also be a resolution to be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting.

Elections: Election process - comment from member regarding timeline of election process. Expand the timeline between soliciting nominations and actual vote. Start the process earlier. The bylaws committee will revisit the timeline of the election process, revise and re-submit. All members will receive a full copy of the adjusted Bylaws before the Annual Meeting and voting.

Other matters: Questions regarding allowing pets in camp. They are not allowed - We are to follow state law, and PIPC regulations

Suggestion – develop a chat group re: interact between members, ride share, other social activities throughout the year. Potentially share a members list with contact info.

Nawakwa Outdoor Association – continues to be associated with The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and is building a stronger association with ACA.

**Other Matters:**

**Motion**: a motion to accept Oliver Lunt as a new Hike Leader was offered by Eve M, seconded by Suzanne F. Vote: In favor, unanimous. Motion passed.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

1. Saturday, August 19 - Camp Maintenance work day, hosted weekend, sing-a-long activity after dinner
2. Sunday, Sept 3- Labor Day picnic – hosted weekend.
3. Wednesday, Sept 20 – next board meeting
4. Saturday, September 23 – Oktoberfest and Anniversary Celebration weekend. – Hosted weekend.
5. Saturday, October 14 – Annual meeting and Elections.
6. Saturday/Sunday- October 21/22 - fall work weekend

There were 45 participants joining the meeting by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted



Eve Mancuso

Secretary to the Board

September 20, 2023