

# **NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION of NEW YORK, INC.**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 14, 2023

Time: 10 am Zoom

In Attendance

Board Members : Ray Kozma, Alex Wilkie, Guy Lingley, Carol Burns, Marty McDonald, Ingrid Strauch, Suzanne Rocheleau, Eve Mancuso.

Excused: Susanne Flower

Not Present: Teri Gabel

Committee Chairs/ Co-Chairs: Dave Hayes, Jess Scirbona, Edie Blum, Mary James, Mary Hilley, Marty Kellerman, Andy Frank. Kate Walker.

Chairs Report – Ray Kozma

The Annual Meeting of members was Called to Order at 10:07 AM.

Ray presented the Chair's report.

- Discussed the necessary updates to Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation.
- Noted the extensive participation and activity in camp including: Lots of hosted weekends, hikes and outings, the committees were very active and creative. Many applicants have become members, and others continue to work toward completing the requirements for membership.
- Ray thanked to all member BOD and committee members for their hard work and dedication.
- The 100 year anniversary will include special Centennial publications. There is one entitled "From the Back Door" which describes local hikes. There is a second publication to include favorite recipes. Both publications will be posted to the website.
- Ray noted the generous spirit of the members and looked forward the club continuing to grow.
- The Tally Committee will consist of Janet Sibarium, Steve Barre, Nancy Dargis.

Treasurer Report - Suzanne Rocheleau –

A report was previously submitted for the Open Meeting and posted to the website.

Suzanne Rocheleau presented a brief overview of the club's finances.

Expenses: Significant expenses continue to be Insurance and rent, followed by necessary capital improvement projects.

Income : income includes annual member fee, camp use fees, passports and donations.

Helga Feder bequeathed a portion of her estate; the amount is yet to be determined.

Membership Committee – Ray Kozma presented report from Janet Sibarium

**Motion** to accept Daniel Chung as a keyholder as the Membership Committee confirmed that all qualifying events were completed. Motion offered by Eve Mancuso, seconded by Alex Wilkie. Vote – in favor, Unanimous. Motion passes.

**Motion** to accept Lisa Joy Reeves as a keyholder as the Membership Committee confirmed that all qualifying events were completed. Motion offered by Eve Mancuso, seconded by Alex Wilkie. Vote – in favor, Unanimous. Motion passes.

Camp Committee- Dave Hayes

A report was previously submitted for the Open Meeting and posted to the website.

Dave presented a brief overview of the Camp Committee activities.

The 100 Anniversary Celebration and Oktoberfest was a success, a donation of \$ 400 was sent to the treasurer.

A Fall Work Day/ Wood Day is approaching – help is needed. Lunch is included at no cost to the participants. It will also be a Hosted weekend.

Goals for 2024- Use MCI reimbursement fully, keep utilizing camp to the greatest extent to generate income, handrails to be completed, lodge siding to be replaced/repared, improvement to the paths to continue. Dave offered thanks for all of the members volunteering.

100 Year Centennial Patches are available for purchase. A sample is affixed to the wall next to the desk. If interested in purchasing, Email Dave. The cost is \$5.

Hosting Committee – Mary Hilley

Fall clean-up is scheduled for next weekend.

Email blasts went out Monday evening throughout the season announcing the events and hosted weekends. Notifications were also posted to the Trail Marker, and on the website.

For off season visits to camp a member should call Ray Kozma, who will coordinate with PIPC. This should be planned approx. 1 week in advance.

Activities Committee– Edie Blum

Thanks to everyone

Website Committee - Marty McDonald, and Jessica Scirbona

Thanks to Jess for volunteering to assist with the webmaster responsibilities.

Electronic voting will remain open on line until 12 noon.

Any information and notices to be posted should be sent to both Marty M and Jess S

Hikes and Outings – Ingrid Strauch presented report.

The hikes and outings committee developed a process for outings. We will have to discuss the process for outings and formalize it.

Trail Maintenance – Mary James

There will be a Trail Maintenance workshop, November 18.

Safety glasses will be provided. The number of participants is needed so the appropriate quantity of protective gear can be available for their use.

Conservation Committee – Kate Walker

We will continue to coordinate with ACA on conservation issues. Perhaps they will make lantern fly traps. Continue to kill the invasive lantern fly when seen.

**Motion** to adjourn offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Eve Mancuso. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Secretary