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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Date: November 1, 2023

In attendance: Ray Kozma, Teri Gabel, Carol Burns, Susanne Flower, Suzanne Rocheleau, Ingrid Strauch, Alex Wilkie, Eve Mancuso

Excused: Marty McDonald, Guy Lingley

Committee Members Present: Andy Frank, Mary James, Dave Hayes, Jess Scirbona, Marty Kellerman, Janet Sibarium

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 7:05 pm

**Chair Report – Ray Kozma**

Meeting Minutes:

Motion: A Motion was offered by Susanne Flower to approve the September 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Ingrid Strauch seconded the motion. Vote: In favor – Unanimous.

Motion: A Motion was offered by Susanne Flower to approve the October 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Ingrid Strauch seconded the motion. Vote: In favor – Unanimous.

Ray Kozma submitted the paper work to NYS Department of State to update the Certificate of Incorporation.

Next steps are to clean up all of the current documents to remove ADK references. Ray and Marty will work on this task.

**Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau**

No report

**Secretary Report – Eve Mancuso**

Election Results: A report was provided regarding the election results. This will be posted on the website and in the January Trail Marker.

**Membership Committee – Jerry Flower**

There are currently 201 keyholders.

There are currently 17 applicants.

**Camp Committee Report – Dave Hayes**

Dave, Jess, Eve, Marilyn Wegh – volunteered to join as Camp Committee members.

The Camp Committee will meet once per month to get started.

The work day was very successful, much wood was split, the cabins were prepared for winter.

Dave will speak to PIPC and will inquire regarding the roof replacement projects and the schedule to complete the same.

The gate access lock was sprayed with lubricant to facilitate easy access.

Ray noted the trails in the northern section of the park trails remain closed in the Bear Mountain area, to Silver Mine area.

**Website – Marty McDonald**

Marty will work with Ray on updating the policies and other documents to remove ADK references.

**Hikes and Outings – Glen Nison**

Ingrid Strauch presented a report. Hiking committee recognized some members may want to have organized activities.

Ingrid had an article published in the e newspaper for NYNJ Trail Conference celebrating the New York Ramblers 100th Anniversary. Ingrid will forward the article to Ray for inclusion in the Trail Marker.

**Education – Marty Kellerman**

Regarding radioactive wastewater at Indian Point – Marty stressed the need to email letters to Gov Hochul – re: do not vaporize nuclear wastes.

**Other Business**

Centennial Publications

Susanne Flower – compiled a book of recipes from the members.

Hiking Committee- compiled a list of favorite local hikes originating from camp.

Both of these will be posted on our website.

Winter Social -January 21, 2023 is confirmed with Characters Restaurant in Sloatsburg. Eve will finalize the menu. It will be a sit down meal with a choice of 4 entrees.

Permits with the PIPC have been obtained for the following weekends:

Nov 11/12 - Yanjing host

Nov 18/19 – Mary James- Trail maintenance, Alex hosts

Jan 20/21 - weekend Lewis will host

**For Discussion**

Major capital improvement projects:

 Will electrical upgrades be needed?

Dave has a shared vendor list of potential contractors from the other camps in the park that he received at the group camps meeting.

Discussion regarding the need for receiving 3 quotes – the PIPC does not seem to be consistent. 3 bids for MCI reimbursement.

Centennial Capital Improvement project- perhaps add specific project into the Annual Appeal letter to garner more interest in donations.

Form a committee to determine what the capital improvement project will be and initiate a multi-year fundraiser. Members- Dave - Chair, Eve , Ray, Suzanne – perhaps send out letter in May.

MCI projects can be discussed by email.

Annual Appeal:

Annual appeal letters to go out in December – Eve will send out the letters by USPS. Ray will finalize the draft, Eve will mail out. Eve will ask Edie Blum for the excel file to print the mailing labels, either Edie or Dave can print labels.

Membership/ Fees/Budget:

The membership committee will develop Membership cards with expiration dates.

Discussion regarding fee. Perhaps raise the passport fee to $ 150

Motion to raise Passport fee to $ 150 in 2024 Motion offered by Eve, seconded Susanne F. Vote: in favor unanimous. This restores the Passport fee to what the cost was pre-pandemic.

Keep annual membership fee to $ 40 for 2024.

Develop an annual budget with line items for general repairs, and major projects. The committee will consist of Ray, Dave, Eve, Suzanne.

**Old Business**

Review prior survey from Emily Crowel to perhaps increase membership. Ask about specific projects of interest. Tabled for January meeting discussion.

**New Business**

In 2024 we have the ability to appoint the new 11 th member.

Reminder, that we need to think ahead for 2024 election, potential new chair as Ray would like to retire from that position and not run for Chair again.

Upcoming events

Nov 11/12 – hosted weekend

Nov 18/19 – hosted weekend

Nov 25/26 – potential overnight back pack weekend?

Winter social Jan 21, 2024 at Characters

Next meetings– Dec 6, 2023 , January 10.

Motion to end meeting. Motion offered by Susanne F, seconded by Eve. Meeting ended at 8:28 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Secretary to the Board

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