

# NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 7 pm VIA Zoom

In Attendance:

Susanne Flower, Ray Kozma, Dave Hayes, Alex Wilkie, Edie Blum, Ingrid Strauch, Suzanne Rocheleau, Marty McDonald, Carol Burns, Eve Mancuso

Absent: Teri Gabel

Marty Kellerman, Mary Ann Poris, Jerry Flower, Ellen King, Mary Hilley, Mary James, Janet Sibarium (arrived at 7:21), Andy Frank

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

### **Meeting minutes:**

**Motion** to approve November 1, 2023, meeting minutes offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Dave Hayes. Vote: Aye = 10, Nay = 0, Abstain = 1 Vote passes.

**Motion** to approve January 10, 2024 meeting minutes offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Suzanne Rocheleau Vote: Aye = 10, Nay = 0, Abstain = 1. Motion passes.

**Chair Report - Ray Kozma** The Attorney General has not yet offered a response. Ray will continue to follow up with the NYS Department of State for the amended Certificate of Incorporation.

Mission statements for each Committee shall be developed. - seeking a volunteer to ensure all committees respond.

Ad Hoc Committee formed. members Ingrid Strauch, and Alex Wilkie. Eve and Ray will search for previously submitted Mission Statements.

Committee chairs to solicit volunteers. Eve to send out reminders to enlarge the committee members, and prep the mission statement. Reach out to Janet S re: Nominations Committee.

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

A report/ budget was submitted and a brief summary presented.

Feder Estate- will follow up with Helga Feder Estate to be sure there is no confusion regarding the separation from ADK.

Winter Social – was well attended with 50 attendees.

Annual Appeal raised \$ 6220 to date.– will confirm if a person wants their names noted in the Trail Marker.

Passports to date = 23.

Annual Fees to date was paid by 169 members. Janet S has been diligent in reminding members to pay.

The Profit & Loss statement, and the 2024 budget was reviewed.

There was discussion regarding an accommodation for 50 year members not to be required to pay annual dues, and do not pay camp fees. A Lifetime card for 50 years members will be issued.

**Motion** offered to waive Annual Fee for fifty year members, and to continue to waive camp fees for fifty year members. Offered by Eve M, seconded by Marty M. Vote: Aye = 11, Naye = 0, Abstain = 0. Motion passes.

Dave H. volunteered to create a card to submit to the Lifetime members.

Draft letter to advise 50 year members (11 members) of the fee annual fee, and waiver of day fees.

The Membership Committee will draft a letter regarding the fees, to “please keep in touch”, and if there is any change in contact info please let the membership committee know.

Phyllis Quinn – passed away a few months ago- Ray will post a memorial in the Trail Marker. Ellen K will write up an article for the Trail Marker.

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

There are currently 198 members.

The Membership Committee Will pursue the few members that have not responded and sent in the Annual Fee.

There are 10 members that are in a different renewal cycle. All prior members renew in January. The applicants that joined throughout the year have varying renewal dates.

### **Camp Committee – Dave Hayes**

New porta potty installed, at no additional cost. It is handicapped accessible, deluxe extra wide, color is tan.

A sample of the well water will be taken by Dave H and sent to the lab.

Roofs not completed yet. Dave will reach out to PIPC. Suggest we send a letter to remind them of their commitment to have the roof work completed prior to the season opening.

Camp Committee, with the expansion of members, will schedule first meeting in March.

Calendar remains the same in terms of opening camp.

Camp Opens, Work Day April 27/28.

### **Hosting Committee – Mary Ann Poris, and Mary Hilley**

First letter ready to send out on March 1, 2024 and hosting calendar has 3 members who have already signed up.

### Camp Calendar

Discussion followed. The Hosting Committee will be sending out the calendar so members can begin to sign up for hosting weekends.

### **Activities Committee – Edie Blum**

Edie would like to grow the committee, and will seek out members. To date potential items to post to the website:

Some potential activities were noted: Tai Chi, Baking , Board Games.

PIPC programs will be scheduled.

Discussion followed re: possibility to set up a meet and greet station at Reeves Meadow or at the public boat launch parking lot to introduce new members to camp. Set up program and coordinate with members to accommodate a visitor's day. Plan to set up an Ad Hoc committee to further plan the logistics.

### **Webmaster – Marty McDonald**

Will set up new calendar on the website, as well as have it posted to the Trail Marker.

There should be a posting to the website and Trail Marker regarding Estate planning, 501C7 can solicit funds from members to establish in their wills, and to ensure our full, proper new name is utilized.

Marty noted there is a \$ 60 cost to renew the domain.

### **Trail Maintenance - Mary James & Andy Frank**

White Bar from Johnstontown Road. Trail Maintenance April 20, will post to website, and perhaps Eve can send email blast.

**Environmental Education - Marty Kellerman**– no report

**Archives Committee - Ellen King**- no report

March 21, 2024 is the deadline to submit content to the editor for posting to the next edition of the Trail Marker.

Next Board Meeting – April 10, 2024, 7 pm VIA Zoom

Motion to Adjourn: Alex Wilkie, seconded by Carol Burns,=. Vote Aye =10 Nay = 0 Motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:44 PM.



Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Secretary