

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2024

Time : 7 pm, via Zoom

In attendance: Susanne Flower, Ray Kozma, Dave Hayes, Carol Burns, Teri Gabel, Alex Wilkie, Ingrid Strauch, Marty McDonald, Suzanne Rocheleau, Edie Green (arrived late) , Eve Mancuso

Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs - Mary James, Marty Kellerman, Jess Scirbona, Mary Hilley, Maryann Poris, Janet Sibarium, Andy Frank

Meeting Opened at 7:05 pm.

Motion to approve the April 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes- motion offered by Susanne F, seconded by Ingrid Strauch. Vote: Aye -10, Nay = 0 Motion passes.

Chair Report – Ray Kozma

The Trail Marker deadline is May 25, 2024.

Archive material: there are 13 boxes of historical records and information from Ellen King that need to be stored– perhaps store in the nurse’s room on new bookshelves. Discussed transforming unused lockers into storage space, and storing the files in the basement. Tabled for future discussion. Ray will contact Ellen King asking for specific dimensions so that exact space required and possible locker area as a suitable storage place can be determined

Participating in the orientation held on May 4th were 10 applicants- all very enthusiastic. One interested in providing sailing lessons.

2 nd Orientation will be re-scheduled. Date to be determined.

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau- report submitted

Helder Feder Bequest – update . Suzanne followed up on Monday after Passover, and there was no further response from Isaac, from KE Law, White Plains. We are waiting for the distribution of paperwork; his Associate is now handling this matter. Suzanne will call again tomorrow, May 9, and follow up with a certified return/receipt letter.

NOANY financial position is good.

There have been 41 passports payments to date.

There are 180 members who paid the annual fee.

Payments: Liability insurance \$ 9800, Camp Rent balance \$ 2,600.

All other smaller costs are status quo.

Suzanne will submit Annual Budget so the Board can evaluate costs to date and if we are in line with the 2024 budget.

Waterfront Swim Dock cell phone went missing. We can purchase a flip phone or Easy phone. DOH inspection slated for about 3 to 4 weeks so it is imperative that the phone be replaced ASAP.

Dave will check lodge again on Saturday to see if he can locate the phone, and speak to Edie. If not found, Dave will reach out to Suzanne on Monday and she will order a new phone.

NOANY business cards- suggestion to have new business cards made. Perhaps use a photo from Glen Nison and Dave can add text- Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. on Lake Sebago in Harriman State Park, GPS coordinates, website.

Suzanne will forward prior card to Dave as a starting point for our new business card.

Secretary - Eve Mancuso

Located prior Nominations Form, updated it, and sent a word file to the Nominations Committee so they may revise it as needed and submit it to Ray for Posting in the Trail Marker.

Membership Committee – Jerry Flower- report submitted

A number of applicants were presented to the Board to review the paperwork, and completion of qualifying activities.

Discussion regarding applicant Bon Chiu – when membership sends over the completed form, the Board can have an email vote to expedite the process.

Applicants to become New Members:

Richard Lehun- Motion to accept Richard Lehun as a Nawakwan - Aye 11, Nay = 0 Motion passes.

Denis Jordan, - Motion to accept Denis Jordan as a Nawakwan - Aye 11, Nay = 0 Motion passes.

Martina Puchta- Motion to accept Martina Puchta as a Nawakwan - Aye 11, Nay = 0 Motion passes.

Membership Committee is tracking annual fees, there are currently 195 keyholders, 198 keyholders now that the latest applicants have completed their qualifying requirements.

Camp Committee Report- Dave Hayes – report submitted

The portable restroom company, Call A Head, lost our keys again. They will compensate us for 2 months of service. Suzanne will send new set of keys. Dave to provide mailing address and name of person to send them to.

Gas inspection completed by Suburban. No issues, will send report to PIPC.

Opening work day was a big success with many members and applicants participating- much work was done.

May 3, Campbell Fire inspection scheduled and performed. Report submitted, extinguishers checked and tagged. Invoice will be sent to Suzanne for payment.

Ground tenting site still tagged with unsafe tree. Dave will coordinate with PIPC. Greg is the Lake Sebago foreman. Juan is assistant to Greg.

Participated in Camps Coalition call – re: Invasive Species - discussed invasives in the area on Lake Sebago with AMC , ACA. and Ed McGowan – scientist.

Phase 1 mitigation completed last year, hydrilla is down 60%. This is a plan that will continue each year, for a period of 5 years.

Reported on waterfront long term , larger projects. Updated floats and hardware on boat dock.

PIPC reported that Boat docks are the responsibility of the lease holder. Discussed this with other camps. ACA and Camp Eureka handled it with their own forces and funding.

Construction of dock costs are very expensive – up to \$100 k for a new dock with a crib, additionally \$15 k for disposal of old dock.

As our budget does not allow for complete replacement- a repair plan was put in place. Camp Mosholu recommended a contractor Dock Hands.

Critical items to be fixed for DOH approval and permit: Underwater step in swim crib, perimeter boards at water line, foam floats , broken stringer. The floats will stabilize dock from listing.

They also evaluated boat dock. Recommended U bolts with poles to stabilize dock so it cannot list from side to side. New hinges are proposed. Construct a 9 position boat rack. Quote submitted. \$ 2834.75.

Discussion regarding improving the ramp from land down to the dock. This can be further evaluated and discussed.

Motion: to accept quote from Dock Hands in the amount of \$ 2,834.75 – motion by Marty M, seconded by Alex W. Vote: All in favor: Aye 11, Nay = 0. Motion passes.

The lock at the NOA gate was broken due to wear and tear, a backup lock was found, and replaced.

Termite traps will be ordered. Steve Barre will coordinate with Mike Poris for delivery.

There are no more leaks on roofs on Cabin 1 and Cabin 6. Roofs were completed and are water tight.

Upper Railings – continue to work on a replacement plan on the upper paths to the cabins. No contractors were interested in providing a quote. Will investigate PCA contractors list to determine who may be interested in submitting a quote to perform this work.

Lower handrails from auto turn around to swim dock - the first task is to dig holes to get footings set.

A work plan is in place for consistency and oversight of the handrail project. Wood chips will be supplied by PIPC which will be placed on path to potentially cushion any fall.

The wobbly stone step down to the swim area was stabilized.

Hummingbird feeders should not be on the building.

There is a scheduled spraying event to control insect infestation of the spongy moth (previously known as gypsy moth) with a bio control product. Lake Sebago has the highest concentration of the spongy moth thus will be treated. A helicopter will be utilized to spray BT substance to control spongy moth. The treatment may leave a sticky residue. Application will be within the next 2 to 3 weeks. There may be 2 applications within the 2 weeks. The spraying will be on weekdays. A Notice will have to be posted to the website, send email blast, and to add note on gate and on metal stakes on trails advising people not to enter camp during the spraying event.

Upcoming work June 22 – early summer work day- painting, sealing,

Camp Committee updates – have been meeting monthly. Dave, Jess, Steve Barre, Ray, Marilyn Wegh, Eve

PCA Camps meeting :

Sebago beach – Phase 1: utility work 3-5 years for project, will go out to bid this winter.

Phase 2: 5 to 10 years for buildings and infrastructure. 10 year plan

AMC – funding stalled, underfunded, project on hold at least for 2 years,

PIPC does not have funding for Reeves Meadow parking situation.

Traffic safety update. New State Police Captain spoke. They are well aware of speeding, racing, noise on Seven Lake Drive and throughout the park. They will be diligent in enforcement.

Algae blooms – the means of identifying the harmful algae bloom is visual; it is a bright blue color. If you see it, send a photo to Dave and note the location.

Well water testing kit has not yet arrived. The well water will be tested upon receipt of the test kit.

Hosting Committee – Mary Hilley, Maryann Poris

Each weekend in May is hosted up to Memorial Day.

A calendar to date was presented.

Most hosts volunteering are repeat hosts.

They will send out email blasts each week.

Nominations Committee – Maryann Poris

Incumbent Directors agreed to run again to extend their position and term. Suzanne R agreed to re-run for the position as Treasurer.

Position for Chair needs to be filled. Maryann would like a write up for the position of Chair, noting the general responsibilities to be able to better attract/ encourage members to volunteer. Experience on the Board is preferred but not mandatory.

Activities Committee – Edie Green- report submitted.

Add to calendar - June 29 Crafternoon

Website – Marty McDonald

Announcement will be posted regarding camp closure due to the spraying for spongy moths.

Hikes and Outings Committee

Additional hike leaders, and hikes are needed – discussion followed.

Ray will add another hike and discuss additional hikes with Glen; Ray will also speak to Glen regarding expanding the Hikes Committee and having two Co-chairs.

Calendar will be updated with additional hikes as they become available.

Trail Maintenance – Andy Frank and Mary James

Trail Maintenance Day was a success, 14 members participated, which included 5 applicants.

Will provide write up to Ray to post in the next Trail Marker.

Environmental Education Committee – Marty Kellerman

Activities included:

1. Letter to Congress to vote NO on smoggy skies act which would have weakened the clean air act.
2. EPA letter to ban vinyl chloride.
3. River Keeper letter to EPA, health and ecology of human is not being protected.

Old Business

Camp Committee Calendar

Mission Statement for Camp Committee to be finalized.

Next Board meeting : June 12, 2024, 7pm, via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn- motion offered by Carol B, seconded by Dave H. Vote: Aye =11

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eve Mancuso - Secretary

