Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2024

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

Ellen King, Mary James, Jessica Scirbona, Dave Hayes, Marty Kellerman, Mary Hilley, Janet Sibarium, Jerry Flower, Andy Frank, MaryAnn Poris.

Chair Report - Ray Kozma

Meeting called to order 7:05

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024 meeting minutes. Susanne Flower offered the motion to approve the minutes, Edie Blum seconded the motion. Vote: Aye 11, Nay 0 Abstain 0. Motion passes.

Annual Calendar discussed- 2nd Wednesday for BOD meetings was agreed upon, except the Annual Meeting and Elections will be Saturday, October 19th to allow for any in-person voting.

1/10, 2/24, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, no July, 8/14 (Open Board Meeting), 9/11, 10/19 (Annual Meeting and Elections) 11/13, 12/11.

Discussed benefits of in person, or Zoom annual meeting. Decided upon Zoom meeting to encourage as much participation as possible. Annual meeting with Elections will be Zoom plus allow for in-person voting at camp.

Discussed waterfront regulations – set up program to monitor those members that have taken required course.

To follow the new Bylaws we need to set up Nominating Committee and send out the notice for Nominations to members. The Nominations form to be included in the next Trail Marker issue (June-July).

Positions available – Chair, Treasurer, and 3 BOD members : Ray Kozma, Suzanne Rocheleau, Carol Burns, Susanne Flower, Alex Wilkie their terms have expired.

In 2023 Nomination Committee members were: Daphne Prior, David Miller, Jerry Flower

In 2024- MaryAnn Poris, confirmed . We need to ask David Miller and Daphne Prier to determine if they were willing to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee for 2024. The nominating form will need to be submitted to Ray for posting in the Trail Marker.

Eve to send form to the Nominating Committee.

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau

179 members have paid the annual fee.

30 members have paid the passport fee.

Annual Appeal has collected $6220 to date.

Helga Feder Bequest: presented brief accounting of what has transpired with Isaac, attorney. The bequest was for $ 22,500. There will potentially be 10% due to conflicting interests with ADK. Suzanne R is waiting to hear back from Isaac. Letter was emailed, will send copy in the mail certified mail/ Return receipt. Tomorrow 4/11/24.

Paid bills – utilities, directors’ and officers’ insurance paid $ 1000.

Membership Report – Jerry Flower

Anticipate approx. 12-15 additional membership fees to come in during the year.

Existing keyholders 201 keyholders in 2023

2024 – 195 members

Deactivated 4 members for non-payment, and lack of response.

Deceased -2

Applicants totaled 19 at end of 2023.

There are 6 new applicants for 2024.

The membership committee has now initiated contact with the applicants to help move them along, and offer support.

Membership cards have now been created and distributed by Janet and Jerry.

Camp Committee- Dave Hayes

* Roofs are complete, interior needs to be cleaned thoroughly. Some debris was left behind. Dave will coord with PIPC re: pick up of debris.
* Contacted PIPC on 3 – 4 trees that are leaning across road and we would like them removed.
* Purchased water tests in accordance RC DOH standards. Will take samples and send out to lab.
* There is some life left but we need to consider repairs in the near future for the dock.
* Met with contractor re dock assessment. Dockhand Services – evaluated and submit a quote; including: floatation device, step in crib, joists, support boards around perimeter.
* Talked about costs associated with demo and disposal approx. $ 20,000 -$30,000
* New aluminum docks cost approx. $ 100,000
* Will continue to solicit additional quotes for swim dock repairs.
* Consider an additional shade platform to the left of the path.
* Cut up fallen tree and restore grassy area for additional setting down by the swim area waterfront.
* May - Camp Meeting in the park. Dave will attend. Inquire about costs of docks from other camps.
* Camp Committee will keep track of swim log and waterfront rules.

Hosting Committee- Mary Hilley - MaryAnn Poris

Two emails sent out. Try to create new options for hosting.

Holding a workshop for Hosting for both members and applicants. MaryAnn will write up a notice for the Trail Marker regarding hosting.

Activities Committee - Edie Blum

Reaching out to PIPC for the usual presentations.

Activity - Bread baking tutorial

Bird Walk – May 19th two outings – 6 am and 9 am.

Webmaster - Marty McDonald

Renewed the website name for 2 years .

Researching centralized area for shared / stored documents.

Hikes Committee-

No report

Trail Maintenance – Mary James, Andy Frank

4/20/24 – Trail work day – a number of members signed up. This is an official activity so Liability form is required to be signed.

Environmental Committee - Marty Kellerman

Noted a number of outreach emails for environmental committee members to sign and submit petitions.

Tour of Javits Center – sustainability project on roof. Marty suggested an outing. $ 10 entry fee.

Archives – Ellen King

No updates

Committee Mission statements – Ingrid Strauch and Alex Wilkie Ingrid has 11 of 12.

Next meeting is May 8, 2024.

Motion to adjourn offered by Carol Burns, seconded by Susanne Flower.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.



Respectfully Submitted.

Eve Mancuso, Secretary