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

**Meeting Minutes**

June 12, 2024

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

Committee Chairs/ Co Chairs - Mary James, Ellen King, Lewis Ports, Andy Frank, MaryAnn Poris, Janet Sibarium, Marty Kellerman, Jess Scirbona, Kate Walker

Chair called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

**Motion**  to approve meeting minutes of May 8 – motion offered by Edie Green, seconded by Susanne Flower. Vote: Aye = 10 votes. Motion passes.

**Chair Report: Raymond Kozma**

Discussion re: Open Board Meeting: needs coordination to ensure Committees have their reports submitted so they can be posted on line and made available to the members. Eve M and Susan F will coordinate to insure they are submitted in a timely manner. The Open Board Meeting 8-14-24 at 7 pm, VIA Zoom.

Reports shall be submitted by 8-1-24.

An E mail blast for Open Meeting will be sent by Eve M and Susanne Flower.

The Trail Marker deadline is July 21- send info to Ray to post in The Trail Marker.

Ballots to be emailed, and USPS mailed to those without email. Eve will send out both.

Hikes Committee- Glen has agreed to step back from chair position and pass it on to new co-chairs.

**Motion** to nominate Ingrid Strauch and Lewis Ports is be appointed as co-chairs of the Hikes and Outings Committee. Marty offers motion and Susanne F seconded motion . Vote: Aye= 10. Motion passes.

Glen to submit all records to the new co-chairs for continuity re: qualified hike leaders, and any other pertinent records.

**Treasurer Report- Suzanne Rocheleau**

To summarize: The insurance was paid to Philadelphia Life Insurance; Dave Miller retired so there is a new point person representing Philadelphia Life. The current premium was paid but as the policy rates have gone up, the Board felt, going forward, we should investigate other insurance companies to see if we could continue the existing coverage with lower premiums. Camp Nawakwa rent was paid. Call ahead latrine – a 2 mo. credit was offered for non-service. Helga Feder estate settlement moving forward. A cell phone for the swim dock was purchased to replace the old cell that went missing,

**Secretary Report – Eve Mancuso**

Will coordinate with Bob Prier regarding any additional legal questions regarding the Release of the funds for Helga Feder’s estate. Suzanne will send Bob any questions.

**Membership Report – Jerry Flower**

**Motion** to Accept Bon Chui as keyholder Vote: Aye 10- Motion passes.

Now will be 199 current members, and 24 applicants.

Provided update of status for each applicant. Membership committee is tracking completed tasks.

**Camp Chair Report – Dave Hayes -report submitted**

**Newest info:** PIPC Tree work is starting on Friday 6-15 and will continue. The road is closed during work hours between 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. No traffic or members will be allowed to pass through. People may hike in or boat in, but the road is closed. The road will be open during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Eve to send out email blast as information becomes available from PIPC.

Dave will re-schedule all work on the dock, and re-schedule all inspections.

**Hosting Committee – MaryAnn Poris and Mary Hilley**

2 weekends were cancelled due to the road closure.

Next weekend is hosted by Mary Hilley and Mary Ann Poris

June 22 is work day.

Most of July is booked, some August and September weekends are still open.

Sept 15 is Oktoberfest.

**Nominating Committee – Mary Ann Poris**

The committee has still have not found anyone for the Chair position.

Suggested we all recruit to find a new chair.

**Activities Committee – Edie Green**

Will continue to reach out to usual PIPC educators.

Ray noted he will have a presentation on Raymond Torrey after Saturday dinner for the weekend of 7/26-27/24.. Ray noted that he could not find the screen, it seems to have gone missing. Edi will bring the projector if needed. Dave will search for the screen, and Edi will price out a new replacement screen.

7-20-24 is the spongy moth trap making activity.

**Website – Marty McDonald**

Marty McDonald, Alex Wilkie, Amanda Panzer were working on T Shirt design as a fundraiser.

**Hikes and Outings – Ingrid Strauch and Lewis Ports**

The new co-chairs will first start with a meeting of all qualified hike leaders; there are approximately 6 qualified hike leaders. They will be asked for their input and ideas. The new co- chairs will keep track of the First Aid certification.

Dave will pass along info re instructor for First Aid course and Wilderness First aid course at low cost.

**Trails Committee – Mary James and Andy Frank**

Herb Coles and June Fait would like to retire from their trail, Bon Chiu offered to take on some work. Mary James will contact him.

Next Trail Maintenance date to be set for some time in September.

**Conservation Committee – Kate Walker**

On 7-20-24 , 1 – 3 pm Spotted Lantern Fly Trap – making traps activity is planned. Needs some supplies.

**Environmental Committee – Marty Kellerman**

1. Sent to Consumer Guide to identify products containing PFAS
2. Message sent out urging committee members to approach their NYS assembly to demand climate change superfund act be brought to a vote.

**Old Business**

Discussion re: Committee Mission Statements – where should they be located for easy access, perhaps on the home page.

Motion to adjourn offered by Dave H, seconded by Carol B. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eve Mancuso, Secretary