

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

Date: Sept 11, 2024

VIA: Zoom at 7 pm

In Attendance: Marty McDonald, Susanne Flower, Eve Mancuso, Ray Kozma, Dave Hayes, Alex Wilkie, Ingrid Strauch, Suzanne Rocheleau, Edie Blum (call in).

Absent: Carol Burns, , Teri Gabel.

Committee chairs/ co-chairs : Marty Kellerman, Mary Ann Poris, Ellen King, Mary Hilley, Janet Sibarium, Mary James .

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

MOTION: a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of 8-14-24 was offered by Susanne Flower. Seconded by Ingrid Strauch. Vote: Aye = Marty M, Susanne F, Ray K, Dave H, Alex W, Ingrid S, Suzanne R, Edie B. Abstain = Eve, Nay= 0 Motion passes.

### **Chair Report** : Ray Kozma

Ray thanked the Board members and Committee Chairs/ Co-chairs for their work and cooperation in sending in reports.

Important items:

The Annual meeting and elections will take place on October 19. Tallying will commence at 1 pm. There are also special events including hikes and outings that will be posted in the Trail Marker and on the Website.

### **Treasurers Report: Suzanne Rocheleau**

A report was presented. A summary is as follows:

A Charles Schwab CD with a 1-year term at 4.35 % was obtained through Chase Bank with the bequest funds from Helga Fedder.

MOTION: Motion to accept the investment in the Charles Schwab CD in the amount of \$ 15,000, Motion offered by Dave, seconded by Alex. All in favor – unanimous.

Nay = 0, Motion passes.

### **Secretary Report – Eve Mancuso**

The Proxy and Ballot will be sent out by Eve in an email blast to all members. Those without email will have their Proxy and Ballot mailed.

Tally committee : the tentative Tally Committee for 2024 is: Janet Sibarium, confirmed. Eve to send out Steve Barre and Nancy Dargis to inquire if they would be available.

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

As of this date there are 205 Keyholders, 18 applicants.

1 applicant has completed the requirements and is ready to become a keyholder – Linda Mittel –

MOTION : A Motion to accept Linda Mittel as a keyholder as she has completed all of the qualifying activities was offered by Susanne F, seconded by Ingrid, - Vote: Aye = unanimous, Nay =0 . Motion passes.

### **Camp Chair Report- Dave Hayes**

There were lots of activities, great workdays, with much participation. Dave praised the efforts of the hosting and membership committees.

A lot of painting was completed, staining was all completed, the main dock pulled in for the season, lots of cleaning/ vacuuming.

Events:

Oktoberfest -

Oct 12 – close up of camp.

Oct 26 - wood day - Ed O Donnell offered to pay for a log splitter, all safety precautions will be taken. The park will supply the logs for splitting.

Motion: to approve Ed O of his generous offer to pay for the rental of a log splitter for wood day. Motion offered by Eve M, seconded by Susanne F. Vote Aye Unanimous, Naye 0, motion passes.

Eve to send letter to Ed after the event.

Refrigerator - Frigidaire – approx. \$900. Hopefully members will assist and move the refrigerator during workday when there are many hands available to help. Determine if it could be hinged on the left side. Eve will check if the old refrigerator can be picked up by her curb in Sloatsburg, hopefully at no cost.

Motion : Dave offered motion to purchase a new hosts refrigerator approx. \$ 1150 plus tax, Susanne F seconds the motion. Vote: Aye – unanimous, Naye = 0'

Sept 17: DOH inspection – Dave will be present for annual inspection.

Tree to be taken down – Dave will follow up with PIPC.

### **Hosting Committee Report- Mary Hilley**

Upcoming events: Oktoberfest, Fall Hiking weekend –

Fall work weekend – Janet and Mintari hosting lunch.

We all need to enforce payment of fees and signing in.

**New Business :**

Discussion regarding setting up a game camera to monitor activity in the turn-around area, and access to the building for security and safety.

Dave to investigate and send over info for an email vote. Approx. \$ 200 / year plus cost of camera. Potential Email vote to follow. Tabled until further information is received.

**Environmental Committee Report - Marty Kellerman**

Summary of activities-

August 14: food water and climate in the media, Zoom meeting.

August 19 :petition to Gov. Hochel to sign legislation to ban CO2 fracking.

Riverkeeper: protect NYS wetlands, whale watching cruise fundraiser.

PCB clean up in the Hudson River.

Sept 5 : letter to Hochel to reject nuclear options and adopt renewable energy sources instead.

Marty K will provide the information to Marty M to post information and announcements to the website, especially for time sensitive materials, so members have the opportunity to remain informed and involved, and have the ability to act upon these environmental matters.

**Activities Committee – Edie Green Blum**

Labor Day activity cancelled due to illness of the presenters.

Members hosted new events, keep new activities in mind and offer suggestions for next year.

**Website – Marty McDonald**

Message posted to remind members of the need and reasons to sign in – security, safety, fees.

**Hikes and Outings Committee- Ingrid Strauch**

September 21 and 22. There will be a nice array of hikes, each day there will be a hike- 3 hikes. Each leader will assist in bringing meals and menus.

Lewis Ports has distributed first aid kits to the Hike Leaders.

**Trails Committee – Mary James**

Announcement sent to website for 9-28 trails group workday. The work will be on the white bar trail, and is a qualifying activity, Debbie Padilla who leads Trail Maintenance for PIPC suggested every section should have two volunteers.

**Conservation Committee - Kaye Walker – no report**

**Archives – Ellen King**

Will provide the dimensions and number of the boxes with archives material. Dave to determine if / where space may be available in the basement for storage.

**Winter Social**

Plan for Winter Social – in Sloatsburg at Characters, January 12 , or 26 Sunday. Tabled for further discussion.

Awards to be distributed was discussed.

**Next meeting** : October 19, 10 am. Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8: 54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Board Secretary.