

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. (NOANY)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2025

Time: Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Chair: Eve Mancuso

Directors Present: Eve Mancuso, Marty McDonald, Suzanne Rocheleau, Carol Burns, Alex Wilkie, Lewis Ports.

Excused – Edi Blum, Ingrid Strauch, Kate Walker, Susanne Flower, Dave Hayes

Committee Chairs Present: Oliver Lunt, Janet Sibarium, Andy Frank, Maryann Poris, Raymond Kozma, Nancy Dargis -editor.

1. Approval of April 23, 2025 Minutes

- Motion by: Carol
- Seconded by: Lewis
- Result: Approved

2. Chair Report (Eve Mancuso)

- Announced the passing of Giacomo Servetti and Lisa Reeves. A few people will write a few memorials and tributes for the Trail Marker for Giacomo and Lisa.
- Passed inspection for the fire extinguishers located in camp.
- Eve will try to attend this year's inspection by the fire inspector.

3. Treasurer's Report (Suzanne Rocheleau)

- Suzanne has filed our yearly taxes electronically.
- The premium for liability insurance has gone up. Despite these increases, Suzanne suggested that we are still getting a reasonable deal on the insurance. The premium for this year is \$10,758. This is an increase of about \$900 over the cost of last year. There was discussion if we can get better rates, but it was decided that this rate is acceptable for the time being.

4. Secretary's Report (Kate Walker)

- Kate was not in attendance -

5. Membership Report (Janet Sibarium)

- Currently, the club has **197** keyholders. There are 19 applicants. When the club sent out notices, 5 actually confirmed they were not renewing.
Applicants eligible for Membership
- Ann Rice - Membership was voted on and approved by the board.
- Cathy Grady - Membership was voted on and approved by the board.

6. Camp Report (Dave Hayes)

- Dave was not in attendance

7. Hosting (Maryann Poris)

- Not much to report at this time. June weekends are mostly filled. About half of the summer weekends are full. There will be midweek hosting from 30th - the 4th. Maryann raised the idea that potlucks might be a way to get some hosting for weekends. There was discussion about possibly having applicants co-host weekends. It was also suggested that hosting requirements might be modified by a committee.

8. Activities (Edie Green)

- Edie was not in attendance

9. Website Committee (Marty McDonald)

- The website is running well. Marty has set up forwarding email addresses that provide more security and are available for directors and members if they need them.
- Ray raised the idea of setting up a shared drive so that we could archive club information and history.

10. Hiking & Outings (Oliver Lunt)

- Ingrid and Oliver were not in attendance. Lewis reported that there are few hikes available for qualifying hikes. It was suggested that he should reach out to Ingrid and Oliver to arrange more hikes, especially since an earlier hiking weekend was rained out.

11. Trails (Andy Frank - Mary James)

- There will be trail maintenance on June 7.
- An Orientation Course will be held June 14.
- There was discussion about what constitutes qualifying trail maintenance. It was thought applicants needed more guidance about the definition of trail work / maintenance. As a general guideline, it was proposed that 3-4 hours constituted a qualifying event.

12. Conservation (Kate Walker)

- Not in attendance.
- There will be barberry removal with ACA and at Nawakwa on May 31.

13. Environmental Education (Marty Kellerman)

- Not in attendance.

14. Archives

- Ray Kozma reported the club will be celebrating our 100th anniversary of Camp Nawakwa next year. The official opening date of Camp Nawakwa was in April 1926. He wondered if we wanted to celebrate only at the camp, or did we want to have a larger party, such as a gala. We have connections with the NY-NJ Trail Conference. We have a shared history. Did we want to do something with them? He asked those present if they had any ideas. He also suggested we might want to hold the party at the Bear Mountain Inn, if we get a good response.

He will meet with the centennial committee.

15. Old Business

- Leonard Lausen, a new member, will be invited to help with the spam / phishing committee.

16. New Business

- Awards Committee: Ray said he would work on an ad-hoc Awards Committee. It would be set up for recognizing achievements by the club members. These would include the recognition of 50-year members. Janet said she would serve on the committee. It was proposed that the awards would be given out at the Winter Social.

Adjournment

- Motion by: Marty
- Seconded by: Eve
- Time: 8:31 PM

The next meeting is planned for **June 25**.