

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

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2025

Time: 7:04 PM

Location: Virtual meeting

Attendance

Board Members Present:

Kate Walker, Edie Green, Lewis Ports, Ingrid Strauch, Susanne Flower, Dave Hayes, Suzanne Rocheleau

Excused: Eve Mancuso, Alex Wilkie, Carol Burns

Committee Chairs Present:

Ray Kozma, Mary James, Marty Kellerman, Maryann Poris, Andy Frank, Janet Sibarium

Late Arrival: Jerry Flower (7:13 PM)

Meeting Called to Order

Acting Chair Marty McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes - May 28, 2025

- **Motion:** Suzanne Rocheleau
 - **Second:** Dave Hayes
 - **Outcome:** Approved unanimously; Kate abstained
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Reports

Acting Chair Report – Marty McDonald

- Fire inspection passed; must not store items in front of electrical panels.
 - Six board members' terms ending; Ingrid and Lewis not seeking re-election.
 - Need a third member on the Nominations Committee (Emily and Jerry already serving); Marty to contact Yajing.
 - Proposed **Open Meeting**: August 27
 - **Action**: Committee Chairs to submit reports to Kate prior to the Open Meeting.
 - **Suggestion**: Pre-submitting questions for the Open Meeting was well-received.
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Committee Reports

Hosting Committee – Maryann Poris

- Welcomed Rosanna Romagnano and Doris Blasi to the committee.
- Recruitment letter revised; hosting manual to be streamlined.
- 2026 calendar in planning; added more hosting dates for summer.
- Kathy Grady assisting with Commissary; list updated.

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau

- Annual rent reduced due to crushed stone credit.
- Liability insurance paperwork submitted; ~Suzanne has submitted the payment, and the debit to the checking account is expected soon. .
- Sent water main and cabin photos to Dave (Cingular email) for insurance purposes.

Secretary Report

- None

Membership Committee – Janet Sibarium & Jerry Flower

- 199 keyholders, 18 applicants (as of June 25).
- Orientation & hike participation low; only 4 applicants attending orientation this weekend.
- Proposal for July 12 orientation; July 13 work day suggested.
- Committee agreed to promote completing Orientation with another qualifying event in one weekend.

Activities Committee – Edie Green

- Park is not responding to scheduling event requests.
- Projector being returned in time for Bastille Day.

Camp Committee – Dave Hayes

- Fire alarm certification needed next month.
- Ongoing issues with ACA damaging locks and cables; NOANY to pay for replacement.
- Minor park requests include rodent-proofing cabins; work day needed.
- Discussed future infrastructure improvements:
 - Tent platforms: Drawings needed.
 - Railing project: Requires permit and multi-level approval.
 - Park seeking greater investment from NOANY.
- Proposal for long-term **10-year MCI plan** for capital improvements.
- Wildlife concerns rising; Park is increasingly strict with regulations.

Website Committee – Marty McDonald

- Exploring additional document storage for the website (Leonard investigating).

Hiking Committee – Ingrid Strauch

- Low turnout for scheduled hikes.
- Discussion on ensuring monthly qualifying hikes.
- Ingrid will convene the Hiking Committee to strategize.

Trails Committee – Mary James & Andy Frank

- June 16 work day rained out twice.
- Potential reschedule for July 12–13 depending on hike schedule.

Conservation Committee

- Barberry removal rescheduled for June 16; low turnout.
- Discussion on qualifying work activities (minimum 6 hours, lunch subsidized).
- “Tree of Heaven” ID to be confirmed by Andy.

Environmental Education Committee

- No report.

Archives Committee – Ray Kozma

- Planning meeting upon Eve’s return.

New Business

- None
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Next Meeting

Date: July 30, 2025

Adjournment

- **Motion:** Susanne Flower
- **Second:** Suzanne Rocheleau
- **Time:** 8:24 PM