

New York State Lumberjack Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2010

In attendance: Tim K., Nancy K., Chris C., Gretchen C., Jason M., Katie M., Steve M., LaVonne M., Mike C., Collin C., Andy S., Erica S., Kevin H., Chip A., Ashley R., Kevin M., Matt M., Jake B.

Meeting called to order at 1:33pm by President Matt Marks

1. Equipment

- In review of the equipment for the NYSLA the following items were in possession of the following individuals
 - ✓ Two Chainsaw guards were missing. Tim K. stated that he has these 2 guards
 - ✓ Jason M. stated that he has the chainsaws
 - ✓ Lavonne M. has speaker system and stop watches
 - ✓ The trailer with all other equipment is located at Matt Marks' house
- The following equipment was found to have issues
 - ✓ Speaker System
 - While at the Clarkson meet the speaker system was not working properly. Lavonne M. stated that she will take it apart and see if she can figure out what the issue is. She will keep the NYSLA posted of her findings
 - ✓ Stopwatches
 - Not all stop watches were labeled. Lavonne M. will check over and make sure that all stop watches are labeled.
- It was discussed the possible purchase of the following items
 - ✓ Stakes for underhand chop
 - Erica S. will look into the cost of purchasing and present this cost to the NYSLA for possible purchase
 - ✓ Underhand Stanchions
 - Erica S. made a motion to purchase 6 underhand stations. Steve M. seconded this motion all members agreed.
 - Matt M. will research this purchase and present his findings to the NYSLA
 - ✓ Dirt Rakes
 - Matt M. made a motion to purchase 2 dirt rakes. Gretchen C. seconded the motion. All members were in favor.
 - Jason M. will make this purchase.
 - ✓ Chain Binder
 - Matt M. will research this purchase and present his findings to the NYSLA

- ✓First Aide Kit
 - Steve M. will check the kit in the Spring and replace any needed items.
 - Borrowing Of NYSLA equipment
 - ✓ESF
 - Matt M. made a motion that we allow ESF to borrow our sawing station for a meet on March 26, 2011. Jason M seconded this motion. All NYSLA members were in favor.
 - Matt M. will contact ESF to let them know and work out the details.
 - ✓Alfred
 - Matt M. made a motion to allow Alfred to borrow our sawing stanchion for a meet on April 9 , 2011. Katie M. seconded this motion. All NYSLA members were in favor.
 - Matt M. will contact Alfred to let them know and work out the details.

2. Membership

- The NYSLA all agreed that we would like to see an increase in our membership.
- Matt M. made a suggestion that we work on getting the colleges more involved in our competitions in an effort to help increase the membership for the NYSLA
- The committee all agreed that they feel that this is a good idea
- The following decision was made to increase our efforts to get colleges more involved in our meets
 - ✓Matt M. will obtain the contact information for ESF and Alfred
 - ✓Andy S. will obtain the contact information for Paul Smiths
 - ✓Katie M. will add this information to NYSLA contact to keep these colleges posted on our events and meets.

3. Competitions

- Deposit
 - ✓Everything is good and Jason M. will continue to remain the contact person.
- Clarkson
 - ✓Kevin M. will remain the contact.
 - ✓Entry Fee will not be refunded this year.
 - ✓Paul Kimball who is in charge of this meet allots \$3,000 for this meet. Kevin M. will contact Paul to ask him if this money could be used for the scorekeeper, announcer, and head judge. Kevin M. will present his findings to the NYSLA committee.
- Macadoen
 - ✓Matt M. and Chris H. will be the contacts for this meet and will help out with this meet.
 - ✓Kevin H. stated that he will still sponsor the turning of the wood and help with the wood.

4. Head Judge

- Andy S. agreed to be head judge for the following meets: Clarkson, Deposit and Macedon

5. Potential Competitions

- Stony Creek Mountain Festival Days August 6 and 7 2011
 - ✓ Matt M. was contacted about the possibility of having a meet during this festival.
 - ✓ The committee felt that this was a possibility however there more information needs to be presented Stony Creek and we need to obtain more information from them.
 - ✓ Matt M. stated that he would contact them and present the following information to them:
 - He will ask them if they would be willing to have the meet on Sunday August 7 as there is a conflict having the meet on Saturday August 6.
 - He will tell them that it will be a minimum of \$5,000 to run the show (\$300 per event plus other costs)
 - They will have to work on sponsorship however Matt M. will contact Brad S. for possible suggestions for sponsorship.
 - Jake B. has stated that should this meet go through he will be available to help with this meet and become a possible contact person for this meet.
 - Matt M. will present his findings to the NYSLA
- Bath
 - ✓ There was some talk about the possibility of Bath having a meet again
 - ✓ There no information as to the date or if they will but the committee members will continue to report any further information.

6. Entry Form

- Some issues and concerns with people needing equipment and partners were brought up during this meeting.
- It was discussed that changes be made to the entry form to clearly outline what the guidelines are if someone needs equipment or partners.
- Katie M. that her and Nancy K. work together to make changes to the entry form to meet the needs of all. LaVonne M. seconded this motion. All committee members were in favor.
- Katie M. and Nancy K. will present the new entry form at the next NYSLA meeting for review and possible changes.

7. Fees

- All entry fees will remain the same
- All NYSLA membership fees will remain the same

8. Website/ Facebook Page

- The committee feels that both of these need to be updated.
- Facebook page
 - ✓Katie M. and Matt M. will work on keeping the Facebook page updated.
 - ✓The committee was asked to send any pictures to Katie M. or Matt M. to add to the Facebook page.
 - ✓Matt M. will make sure that Katie M. has all the information so that she can make the necessary changes.
- Website
 - ✓The committee would like to change the website.
 - ✓Jason M. will look into the cost of setting up a website through Yahoo.
 - ✓LaVonne M. will contact Doug Felgal about setting up a new website for the NYSLA.

9. Treasurer's Report

- Please see attached treasurer's report

10. College Involvement

- Matt M. presented that he would like to see the NYSLA become more involved with the colleges.
- A suggestion was made that we work with the training camps.
- Matt M. will research the possibility of NYSLA helping with the training camps and will report his findings to the NYSLA

Next Meeting: Saturday March 12, 2011 1:00pm at Julie Miller's, more information to follow.

Meeting adjourned by President Matt Marks at 3:02pm

New York State Lumberjack Association Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Miranda
Secretary for NYSLA.