

NEW YORK STATE LUMBERJACK ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 29, 2011

In Attendance: Nancy Keech, Laura Keech, Jason Miranda, Katie Miranda, Matt Marks, Julie Miller, John Reeder, Dave Engasser, Andy Schreiner, Erica Schreiner, Ricky Mikloiche, Connor Slight, David Johns

Meeting called to order at 1:29pm by president Matt Marks.

1. NYSLA secretary Katie M. began the meeting by reviewing the minutes from the fall meeting:
 - a. Equipment
 - i. Matt M. currently has the trailer with all the equipment. He will ensure that the necessary equipment is stored indoors for the winter all other equipment will remain on the trailer.
 - ii. Matt M. will secure conduit to protect the PA wires for the 2012 season.
 - iii. Dave E. made a suggestion to add a trauma wound kit to the First Aide kit in the trailer. Katie M. made a motion we secure that, Nancy K. seconded all were in favor. Dave E. and Jason M. will make sure that this is done.
 - b. Items to purchase
 - i. All needed items to be purchased for the 2011 season have been purchased.
 - c. Borrowing of NYSLA equipment
 - i. Matt M. stated that all borrowed equipment was returned in the manner in which it was found. Some colleges are looking to borrow again for next year and the members did not have an issue with this.
 - d. Membership
 - i. Katie M. Continues to Email college contacts etc. in an effort to further increase NYSLA membership.
 - e. Competitions- Same competitions are scheduled for next year looking to possibly add 2 new competitions.
 - f. Head Judge for competitions
 - i. Andy S. will continue to Head Judge- Deposit, Clarkson and Macedon, Head Judge will need to be obtained for any other competitions.
 - g. Entry Forms
 - i. The new format to the entry forms worked out well. Katie M. is going to add a photo disclaimer to the Membership form for the 2012 season.
 - h. Website/ Facebook Page
 - i. Julie M. set up the new Facebook page which seems to be working well.

- ii. We will continue to use our current web page until a better option can be obtained.
 - i. Computer
 - i. Computer was purchased and working well. Katie M. and Nancy K. will work together to develop a schedule that works for the both of them.
- 2. Jason M. made a motion accept the meeting minutes. Dave E. seconded this motion all were in favor.
- 3. 2012 Competitions
 - a. Bath
 - i. Same format as last year. No changes at this time.
 - ii. Matt M. is working with a representative from the Bath Festival to promote the competition better as there did not seem to be a very big crowd this year.
 - iii. If needed Katie M. will work with them to create a video for promotional use.
 - b. Deposit
 - i. Katie and Jason M. would like to try to have a obstacle pole even this year if possible.
 - ii. Everything else is the same as last year.
 - c. Stony Creek Mountain Fesitval
 - i. Festival committee was very happy with results last year and looking forward to another show this year.
 - ii. A few changes they would like to make for next year:
 - Have the event closer to the middle of the field- Jake B. will take care of this
 - Add to the entry forms for the competitors to park on the field rather than the upper parking lot. - Katie M. will take care of this.
 - Longer intermission- this will depend on the start time and how quickly the show is running- this was tabled to be further discussed at the Spring meeting.
 - Use round logs for the Hot Saw
 - Add Spring Board as an event- would have to obtain stanchions for this as they do not want us to drill holes in the ground
 - They will have food booth available for breakfast for the competitors.
 - Jake B. has also spoke with them about adding more events
 - Jake B. has also asked for an increase in prize money
 - iii. More information to follow at the Spring Meeting.
 - d. Thurman
 - i. This competition was canceled last year do to flooding damage. We are still waiting to find out if they are interested for this year.
 - e. Clarkson
 - i. Everything still a go for this year.
 - f. Macedon
 - i. Everything still a go for this year

- ii. Overall competitor did not receive prize money at the competition. This has been resolved and NYSLA will make sure that this is not an issue for this year.

4. Banners

- a. Lavonne will work on getting them done this winter.
- b. If anyone has any pictures they would like to donate to her she would appreciate it.

5. Correspondence

- a. Katie M. received an Email from a gentleman that is interested in having a NYSLA competition at their County Fair in Churchville NY. The date of this is the 3rd weekend in August which is the same weekend as Boonville. The impression that Katie M. got was that they may be willing to move the date of their fair to accommodate NYSLA. Katie M. was given the dates of 8/14 and 8/28 as well as the month of June to present the fair committee with and will let NYSLA if any of these dates work for them.
- b. NYSLA received a Thank You letter from Macedon Center for their participation in their annual Lumberjack Festival.

6. Trailer

- a. With the current weight load- and we are looking to add to it the trailer is overweight and unsafe for transport.
- b. Dave E. looked into the cost of purchasing a new trailer similar to the Hall of Fame trailer. A new trailer that would fit our needs would cost approximately \$4000.
- c. We would need to build cabinets in the trailer to store items- if a new trailer is purchased Katie and Jason M. would look into obtaining the lumber to do this.
- d. One negative impact of a new larger trailer is there are only a few members that would be able to haul the trailer however; the NYSLA feels that safety is most important and the details of transporting can be worked out at a later time. There would also be a gas reimbursement for anyone that can and is willing to haul the trailer.
- e. Matt M. made a motion that He Dave and Kevin M. will continue to look into the trailer and if they find a good deal they will move forward to purchase the trailer. Julie Seconded the motion all were in favor.
- f. It was also discussed that with a new trailer we should also obtain an insurance policy for the trailer and the items in it. This has been tabled until a trailer has been obtained.

7. T-Shirts

- a. We are completely sold out of the Blue T-shirts, and a handful of the pink and brown. We would like to purchase more blue T-shirts for both men and women. We also feel it might benefit us to purchase some long sleeve T-shirts possibly in a forest green color to have for the ESF meet as we sold out of all long sleeve shirts at this meet last year. Eva will talk to LaVonne. Katie M. made a motion that we allow LaVonne to make the decision on what to order for T-shirts Julie M. seconded the motion all were in favor.

8. Competitor T-Shirts

- a. Matt M. made a suggestion that we increase the membership fee but include a T-shirt with the membership fee. These T-shirts must be worn at all competitions unless one is provided by the Committee sponsoring the event. This T-shirt would have the NYSLA

logo and competitors are welcome to add any other logos to it that they wish. Extra T-shirts will be on hand for those competitors that sign up after the deadline.

- b. Julie M. agreed to look into the cost of Under Armor T-shirts.
 - c. Matt M. made a motion that we increase the cost of the membership dues but have a t-shirt made for each competitor with their name on it to be worn at each show. Extra competitor t-shirts will be purchased for those that do not get their dues in by the March deadline or if someone needs an extra t-shirt. Katie M. seconded the motion all were in favor. The cost of this will have to be discussed at a later time when we can search the cost of the t-shirts further.
9. Standing Block Stanchions
- a. Dave E. has agreed to allow the association to borrow his stanchion for the time being.
 - b. All members agreed that our funds should be put towards a new trailer and for the time being the standing block stanchions can wait.
10. Correspondence
- a. Katie M. received an Email about a Country Fair in Churchville that is interested in hosting a NYSLA competition. The problem is that the dates of their fair coincide with Boonville competition. The contact for the fair mention that they may be willing to change the date of their fair. A few dates were given to Katie and she will contact them to present them with some different dates.
 - i. Update: Katie has Emailed the contact for Churchville and at this time they cannot change the date for 2012 but may be able to do something for 2013.
 - b. A letter was received from Macedon thanking the NYSLA for all their hard work and for the success of the competition this year. They plan on having the competition again next year.
11. Meeting was adjourned by President Matt Marks at 2:55pm

Spring Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 10th at 1pm as long as the Sthil series doesn't fall on that date, if it does then we will do the following weekend at the same time. The location is a Julie Miller's house. Thank you Julie for hosting the Spring meeting.