

New York State Lumberjack Association

2012 Fall Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance: Nancy Keech, Tim Keech, Matt Karp, Brandon Mead, Cale Sigas, John Reeder, Chris Cicora, Mary Reeder, Eva Mikloiche, Steve Mikloiche, LaVonne Mikloiche, Dave Johns, Julie Miller, Ben Marshall, Rob Spry, Eileene Vroman, Jason McCadden, Kevin Moynihan, Dave Engasser, Jason Miranda, Katie Miranda,

Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by President Rob Spry

1. Welcome:
 - a. Rob Spry started the meeting by welcoming all members in attendance.
 - b. He also informed the group that Matt Marks had sold the old NYSLA trailer.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. See attached
 - b. LaVonne Mikloiche announced that this year we had a total of 121 members which the most members we have ever had.
3. Congratulations
 - a. Julie Miller and Paul Pfenniger were announced as the 2012 overall winners.
 - b. They will be getting jackets as acknowledgement of their accomplishments.
4. Katie Miranda Reviewed the Minutes from the 2012 Spring Meeting:
 - a. Equipment
 - i. Kevin Moynihan has the trailer stored at his house. He has removed the PA system from inside the trailer and has put it inside his house.
 - ii. Jason Miranda has the First Aid kit from the trailer and will be going through it over the winter to make sure it is properly stocked for the 2013 season.
 - iii. Katie and Jason Miranda have the stop watches and will give those to LaVonne and Steve Mikloiche to go through and check the batteries etc.
 - iv. Katie and Jason also have the T-shirts as well as the money box for the T-shirts those will also be given to LaVonne and Steve Mikloiche.
 - v. FLCC borrowed the sawing stanchions for their Fall meet. That seemed to go well and they were returned.
 - b. Head Judge
 - i. As of right now Andy Schriener is willing to be the head judge for: Hancock, Clarkson and Macedon.
 - c. 2013 shows appear to be the same with the possibility of one new addition.
 - d. Dave Engasser made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the spring meeting LaVonne Mikloiche seconded the motion all were in favor.
5. Review of 2012 Shows/ Projections for 2013 season
 - a. Bath:
 - i. Overall the show went well. Matt Marks was the contact for this show but do to other personal obligations has had to step down from this role.

- ii. Julie Miller has taken over for contact of this show.
 - iii. Events should remain the same as last year.
 - iv. It was suggested that the crowd be placed under the trees or have some cover for the crowd to get out of the sun. It was stated that the crowd will be under the trees this year
 - v. At this time Parking for competitors may remain the same- depending on room etc. more information to follow as the competition gets closer.
 - vi. Underhand will still be on the grass.
- b. Deposit
- i. Due to a decision made by the Deposit Lumberjack Festival Board the Deposit Competition was cancelled in March of this year despite the protests of Jason and Katie Miranda and Dave Johns.
 - ii. There is no indication that this competition will be reinstated
- c. Hancock:
- i. After Deposit competition was cancelled Jason Miranda contacted a member of the Fire Dept for Hancock to see if they were willing to host the competition.
 - ii. They graciously agreed to have the competition in Hancock but the competition has since been moved to the weekend after Deposit.
 - iii. For such a short period of time to plan overall the competition went well.
 - iv. A few minor changes were discussed for next year:
 - 1. Start the first show later in the morning and have the second show start in the evening. Jason and Katie Miranda have spoken with The Hancock FD and they are willing to move the time of the parade to hopefully time things so that the parade is ending at the field just as the 2nd show is starting.
 - 2. Obstacle pole may be added as an event in lieu of stock saw.
 - 3. Not so many pole fell poles.
 - 4. Possibly change the course or at least have an easier log to roll for log roll.
 - 5. Move the bleachers before the burling event starts to have the crowd closer to that event.
 - v. Rob Spry mentioned that he might be able to supply the burling log this year.
 - vi. The response from the community of Hancock has been very positive and they are looking forward to many more years of hosting the competition.
- d. Stony Creek
- i. As of right now everything is still a go
 - ii. Jake will continue to be the contact for this show.
 - iii. If he can get sponsorship he would like to add an event. This was presented to the members of NYSLA at the Fall meeting for suggestions.
 - iv. Steve Mikloiche said he would get in touch with Jake to discuss this in more detail to make sure additional equipment is not needed etc. and work together to pick the event that would work best for this show

- e. Clarkson:
 - i. Kevin Moynihan continues to be the contact for this competition.
 - ii. Overall everything went well for this competition.
 - iii. No anticipated changes for the 2013 competition.
- f. Macedon:
 - i. Chris Henning was the contact for this competition and it is anticipated that he will remain the contact for the 2013 competition.
 - ii. There was some confusion about the sponsorship for the Handicap Chop. This money was not obtained and NYSLA took the money from their account for the pay outs for this event.
 - iii. Currently all events will remain the same- The Handicap Chop is in question depending on if sponsorship can be obtained.
- 6. Possible New Show for 2013
 - a. Katie Miranda has been contacted by a representative of Churchville Country Fair about possible have NYSLA do a competition during their festivities.
 - b. Paul Pfenniger has agreed to be the contact for this show with Rob Spry assisting him as needed.
 - c. No further information at this time.
- 7. Membership Forms and Entry Forms.
 - a. This was an especially difficult year with many revisions needing to be made to entry forms and forms not being sent out in time.
 - b. Katie Miranda has asked that all contacts for the various competitions please keep her in the loop as to what is going on with the competition. She acknowledges that mistakes were made on her part with the forms and in the future she will ensure that entry forms are sent to the executive members as well as the contact for review before they are sent to all NYSLA members. She has also asked that all contacts keep her informed of what is going on with their shows and let her know what is the best way to get a hold of them so we can review the forms . She will be contacting the contact people approximately 3 months prior to the competition so that she can start working the forms and have then ready to go 2 months before the competition.
 - c. LaVonne Mikloiche suggested that entry forms for the 2013 season be placed on the website in January. No firm decision was made on this.
- 8. Handicap Chop
 - a. This was a new event for the 2012 season.
 - b. Overall it went well
 - c. There are no limitations as to who can enter- it is the individuals choice to enter this event.
 - d. It looks as if this event will continue for the 2013 season.
- 9. Member T-Shirts
 - a. Throughout the 2012 season many competitors received multiple compliments about how nice the T-shirts look and how much more professional we look.
 - b. It was decided that this will continue. Each year competitors will get new T-shirts

- c. The following changes are going to be made to help facilitate the process of ordering the T-shirts so that they arrive in a timely manner
 - i. The membership form will go out much earlier this year. If competitors want to ensure that they get their name on the T-shirt they must have their money and information in by Jan 15th 2013 at the latest.
 - ii. A new form will be added to the membership form to order a T-shirt tank top etc.
 - iii. LaVonne Mikloiche made a motion that to cover all costs of the T-shirts membership dues be raised to \$25 Chris Cicora seconded the motion there was one opposition.
 - iv. After Jan 15th dues will be raised to \$30. You will still get a t-shirt etc. but you will not be able to get your name on the back.
 - v. The website will be coming off of the t-shirt
 - vi. Individuals can opt not to have a T-shirt but the membership dues will remain the same.
 - vii. Tank Tops will be offered for the men as well as the women.
 - viii. The Logo on the Tank tops for the women will be moved up.
 - ix. LaVonne Mikloiche will ensure that the T-shirt forms get to Julie Miller to ensure that there is a checklist for who has ordered and who has received etc.

10. Impact Drills

- a. There was a complaint that the impact drills were too loud. We borrow the drills so we get what we can and there is nothing we can do about the noise of the drills
- b. It was suggested that we look into purchasing our own drills to have on hand.
- c. Jason Miranda and Julie Miller are going to get prices on this and bring that to the Spring meeting so that the members can vote on whether or not we should make the purchase.

11. Standing Block Stands

- a. NYSLA would like to obtain 4 standing block stands so that we do not have to borrow them.
- b. Rob Spry said that he is willing to build them if we can get the steel and an example for him to follow. This is being looked into.

12. Hitch

- a. NYSLA needs to get about new receiver for the hitch as the current hitch for the new trailer does not work well with all vehicles.
- b. LaVonne Mikloiche will secure the purchase of a new hitch that will be more universal to fit the needs of any vehicle that might tow the trailer.

13. Website

- a. Our website while free does not meet our needs, can be difficult to navigate and use, and does not look professional.
- b. Julie Miller spoke with a friend of hers that designs websites and he is willing to redo our website to make it look more professional. There would be a cost to do this but it would look better and be much more user friendly.

- c. The web designer would be willing to put all information we send to him on our web page.
 - d. Possible costs would be \$2000 for startup and \$200- \$500 a year for maintenance.
 - e. We can link other websites to our own and vice versa in an effort to continue to promote the sport.
 - f. We can also look into sponsors for the web page- they would be able to advertise on our web page. This would help defer some of the costs of the new website.
 - g. Katie Miranda inquired as to whether or not the web designer could automatically forward to the new web page should someone get on the old web page. Julie Miller will check on that.
 - h. Jason Miranda made a motion that Julie Miller get all the information for a new website, and present that information to the board members to make the final decision to move forward or not with the web page. Katie Miranda seconded the motion all were in favor.
 - i. Julie will get the information and present this to the board members in hopes that should the decision be made to get a new web page that this might be up and running for the new year.
14. Facebook Page
- a. Seems to be working well.
 - b. Julie asked that anyone that is an administrator sign off after they make a post so we all know who leaves the post.
15. Dave Engasser acknowledge attendance of Eileen Vrooman. She was one of the founding members of NYSLA and for many years hosted many NYSLA meetings at her house. She was played many roles while on the board for NYSLA. She has been an intricate part to the start and continued success of NYSLA and we are grateful to have her continued support for our association.
16. We are very proud of our NYSLA members who were part of Team USA that went over and competed in Australia.
- a. Overall our team did well
 - b. Should a Team USA go over next year it was suggested that NYSLA make a small donation to the team to help cover the costs.
17. Dave Engasser also commented about how proud we should all be of NYSLA. We have the capability to essentially show up anywhere with our trailer and put on an excellent show. We are professional and we should continue to take pride in everything we have and how far with have come.
18. Cale Sigas suggested that for the 2013 season we make up brochures or flyers to pass out to people when they ask where other shows are etc. Katie Miranda will get started on that and get the confirmation dates of the shows etc.
19. STHL qualifiers are in Canandaigua the 4th weekend in April. J. Miller and N. Keech will have a NYSLA table there and possibly be selling NYSLA T-shirts there.
20. There is a show in south New Hampshire at the end of April that has expressed some interest in having NYSLA to do that show.

- a. Ben Marshall is going to get further details on that show and let the board members know before a decision will be made as to whether or not NYSLA will do that show.
- 21. Cobleskill is having their met on April 16th and NYSLA is welcome to have a booth there.
 - a. We need volunteers for this

Next Meeting: March 9th at 1pm at Julie Miller's House.

Meeting Adjourned by President Rob Spry at 3:22pm