

New York State Lumberjack Association

Spring 2012 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: M. Reeder, J. Reeder, J. Towner, H. Waterfield, G. Cicora, P. Engasser, M. Marks, J. Miranda, J. Miller, A. Rooney, C. Black, P. Pfenninger, S. Mikloiche, D. Johns, C. Henning, D. Merkley, G. Darling, R. Mikloiche, C. Cicora, D. Phelps, C. Arthur, A. White, T. Keech, R. Spry, W. Robarge, L. Mikloiche, E. Mikloiche, K. Moynihan, N. Waterfield, D. Engasser, K. Miranda, N. Keech

Meeting called to order at 1:35pm by President Matt Marks

1. NYSLA secretary Katie Miranda began the meeting by reviewing the minutes from the 2011 Fall Meeting.
 - a. Equipment:
 - i. The conduit for the PA wires has been purchased
 - ii. A trauma wound kit has been purchased for the First Aide Kit
 - b. Borrowing of NYSLA equipment
 - i. Last year the college teams that borrowed equipment took the whole trailer, with the new trailer this is not a possibility so they will just borrow the stanchions.
 - c. Continue to push for new members through the college.
 - d. Head Judge
 - i. Andy Schriener will continue to head judge: Deposit, Clarkson and Macedon, all other shows need to find a head judge.
 - e. We will continue to use the new format for the Entry Forms as it has worked well from last year.
 - i. Nancy Keech will continue to send out confirmation grid. For the first year it worked pretty well but there were some kinks to be worked out. We all again stress to competitors to please get any changes- including scratches to Tim and Nancy Keech as soon as possible before the show.
 - f. Website/ Facebook Page
 - i. There have been some issues with the website. Katie Miranda and Nancy Keech have experienced issues with forms somehow not staying in the correct folders or not staying on the web page at all. A new web page will be looked into but for now we will continue to use the current webpage.
 - ii. The new Facebook page is working well and we have had a lot of positive response from the Facebook Page.

- g. Katie Miranda and Nancy Keech will continue to work out a schedule that works for both with the computer.
 - h. 2012 Shows seem to be the same as 2011 there may possibly be one addition.
 - i. Banners: Katie Miranda will send pictures to LaVonne Mikloiche for the banner.
 - j. The new trailer has been purchased.
 - k. T-Shirts
 - i. LaVonne M. purchased 36 Long sleeve shirts in varied sizes they are Forest Green with Yellow lettering
 - ii. Lavonne M. Purchased more of the Men's T-shirts in blue with white lettering and Woman's T-shirts in blue with pink lettering.
 - l. We increased the membership fee to cover the cost of the competitor t-shirts.
 - m. D. Engasser made a motion to accept the minutes from the Fall Meeting, M. Marks seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. Competitor T-Shirts
- a. M. Marks further explained the purpose of the competitor T-shirts was to help us all look more uniform while competing. It allows for NYSLA to look more professional in hopes that we can get more sponsors and shows.
 - b. It was decided that a rule should be made so that competitors know that they have to wear their t-shirt while competing but that alterations can be made to the shirts as long as it does not affect the NYSLA Logo.
 - c. J. Miller and A. Rooney are going to coordinate secure the purchase of the T-shirts and will be available at the Bath Competition. If you need yours sooner to be able to put any of your own sponsors logos please contact J. Miller or A. Rooney.
 - d. Katie M. Made a motion that the following rule should be added to our Official Rules: " All competitors must wear their New York State Lumberjack Uniform during all NYSLA competitions. Competitors may add their own sponsors to the uniform or make alterations as long as this does not affect the logo or competitors name (if applicable). Should a competitor not have their uniform available extra will be at all competitions for purchase. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification." M. Marks seconded the motion and all were in favor.
3. L. Mikloiche reviewed the overalls for the 2011 season.
- a. Men's Overall: Paul Pfenninger
 - b. Women's Overall: Julie Miller
 - c. Congratulations to them both!
4. Competitions
- a. Bath: Saturday May 19th
 - i. M. Marks is the contact for this show.
 - ii. The location of the competition has been moved to Pultney Park not on the track as it was last year.
 - iii. Parking may be an issue all competitors are asked to pull up, unload all equipment and park in church parking lot
 - iv. Most of the events will be on asphalt however underhand will be in the grass.

- v. They are having issues with sponsorship. Any suggestions or help would be appreciated.
 - vi. Events should be the same as last year.
 - vii. Echo was discussed as a possible sponsor M. Marks has tried them and they are not able to help out this year.
- b. Deposit 7/21
- i. D. Johns is not assisting J. Miranda and K. Miranda with this show
 - ii. Sponsorship continues to be an issue
 - iii. K. Miranda expressed that they have been meet with much resistance from the current Board of the Deposit Lumberjack Festival. Some members feel that the competition is not a draw and therefore are not willing to put the effort in to obtain sponsorship for it. This has been an ongoing issue for years and last year it came to a head when K. Miranda and J. Miranda were ready to talk to the board about pulling out of Deposit and moving to Hancock. Right now the competition will continue in Deposit however; if we are continued to be met with resistance we may have to consider pulling out.
 - iv. All events are the same as last year with the possible reinstatement of Spring Board if sponsorship can be obtained.
- c. Ontario County Fair July 25th or 26th – Canandaigua, NY
- i. This show has not been confirmed at this time. We are working to see how many competitors would be able to make this show.
 - ii. Further information to follow.
 - iii. If this show is a go it would be a night under the lights.
- d. Stony Creek 8/5
- i. Jake Bederian continues to be the contact for this show.
 - ii. This show is a go from last year
 - iii. All events are the same with the addition of Spring Board
 - iv. Prize money will be the same if not more.
 - v. Wood is white pine 8x8
- e. Clarkson 8/25
- i. Kevin Moynihan continues to be the contact for this show.
 - ii. K. Moynihan thanked everyone for their help with this show.
 - iii. Not sure if Echo will be there again this year
 - iv. Same events as last year and the money should be the same as last year.
 - v. P. Pfenninger stated that L. Pfenninger was asked to compete in the intermediate chop but did not realize that she was going to be scored along with the Jr. and men. It was felt that this was not fair to the women competing in this event.
 - vi. The point was also raised that there were a few competitors that have won the intermediate chop and still continue to compete in this event. It is understood that once one wins this event they can no longer compete in intermediate. Unfortunately it is difficult to keep track of this.

- vii. It was suggested that this event become handicap to allow all competitors a fair chance at winning or at least placing in the event.
 - viii. A motion was made by D. Engasser that if there is an intermediate chop it will be handicapped. The women will compete on an 8" or 9" and the men will compete on a 10" or 11". M. Marks seconded the motion all were in favor.
 - f. Macedon 9/9
 - i. C. Henning is the contact for this show.
 - ii. Everything is the same as last year.
 - iii. If you compete on the Saturday Amateur Day you cannot compete at the NYSLA competition on Sunday.
- 5. The Head Judge, Scorekeeper, Announcer and Contact person will continued to get paid for their services.
- 6. New Trailer
 - a. M. Marks was able to secure the purchase of a new trailer to haul our equipment.
 - b. To haul this trailer one must have ½ ton truck, and the ability to have electric breaks.
 - c. If you transport the trailer please turn your mileage into L. Mikloiche and you will be reimbursed at whatever the federal rate is at the time.
 - d. The trailer needs to be set up so that we can organize our equipment in it. M. Marks made a motion that wed use \$300- \$500 to secure the materials needed to do this. J. Miranda seconded the motion all were in favor.
- 7. Transporting the trailer.
 - a. If you have a truck large enough to haul the trailer and has electric breaks we are asking for help getting the trailer to each show.
 - b. The tentative schedule for hauling the trailer is as follows
 - i. M. Marks will transport the trailer to Bath
 - ii. J. Miranda or L. Mikloiche will haul the trailer to Deposit.
 - iii. At this time we do not have anyone to haul the trailer from Deposit to Ontario- if the show is a go.
 - iv. If Ontario is a go L. Mikloiche will haul from Ontario to Stony Creek.
 - v. N. Waterfield is going to look and see if he will be able to haul the trailer from Stony Creek to Clarkson.
 - vi. C. Henning will transport the trailer from Clarkson to Macedon.
 - c. It is ultimately the responsibility of the contact person to ensure that they have made the necessary arrangements to get the trailer to their show. The above schedule is tentative and subject to change.
- 8. Sponsorship
 - a. As many NYSLA contacts for shows are finding it is becoming increasingly more difficult for the Festivals and Fairs having us to raise the sponsorship money.
 - b. N. Waterfield made the suggestion that NYSLA make up a sponsorship packet for us to give out to potential sponsors.
 - c. The recommendation was made that we form a Sponsorship Committee to create this packet.

- d. The members of the sponsorship committee are as follows: N. Waterfield, K. Dente, L. Pfenninger, J. Miranda, K. Miranda, D. Johns and K. Moynihan.
 - e. The committee will work on developing a mission for the NYSLA as well as what type of advertising potential sponsors will get.
 - f. This project should be ready to go for our 2013 season.
- 9. T. Keech need 26" pine for Axe throw targets if anyone knows of where he can get some please contact him.
- 10. ESF Meet
 - a. Will be held on Saturday March, 24th.
 - b. NYSLA will have a booth there.
 - c. M. Marks would appreciate anyone that can offer their assistance with the booth and/or the competition.
 - d. The membership fee for that day only will be \$20.
- 11. Treasurer's Report
 - a. There is \$8,785.33 in the account which does not include our membership dues.
 - b. We do not want to bring the account below \$6,000
 - c. Due to the fact that we are a non for profit organization we are limited in what we are able to maintain in our account. However separate accounts can be set up as emergency funds.
 - d. L. Mikloiche made a motion that the money that we get from the sale of our old trailer be transferred into a CD and the NYSLA uses money from our account to match the amount from the sale to secure the purchase of the CD. P. Engasser seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 12. Rules
 - a. N. Keech wanted to clarify that the judge was still responsible for making the decision on the size of the starting cut. This is still the rule.
 - b. In an effort to insure that everyone has read and understands the rules as disclaimer will be added to the entry forms for the 2012 season that competitors must sign acknowledging that they have read and understand the rules and agree to adhere to the rules or it may result in their disqualification.
- 13. Elections
 - a. President
 - i. Current: Matt Marks
 - 1. M. Marks stated that due to personal commitments he can no longer stay the President of The NYSLA.
 - ii. Nominations
 - 1. W. Robarge nominated Rob Spry, N. Waterfield seconded the nomination R. Spry accepted the nomination
 - 2. M. Marks nominated Tim Keech, C. Henning seconded the nomination, T. Keech declined the nomination.
 - 3. D. Johns nominated Devin Merkley. J. Miranda seconded the nomination. D. Merkley declined the nomination.

4. T. Keech nominated Holly Waterfield, C. Arthur seconded the nomination H. Waterfield declined the nomination.
 5. There were no more nominations.
 6. K. Miranda cast a vote for Rob Spry as President.
- b. Vice President
- i. Current: Steve Mikloiche
 - ii. Nominations
 1. J. Miranda nominated Steve Mikloiche as Vice President. K. Miranda seconded the nomination. S. Mikloiche accepted the nomination.
 2. There were no other nominations.
 3. K. Miranda cast a vote for Steve Mikloiche as Vice President.
- c. Secretary
- i. Current: Katie Miranda
 - ii. Nominations
 1. J. Miranda nominated Katie Miranda as secretary, N. Waterfield seconded the nomination. K. Miranda accepted the nomination.
 2. M. Reeder nominated Nancy Keech, M. Marks seconded the nomination. N. Keech declined the nomination.
 3. There were no other nominations.
 4. L. Mikloiche cast a vote for Katie Miranda as secretary.
- d. Treasurer
- i. Current: LaVonne Mikloiche
 - ii. Nominations
 1. K. Miranda nominated LaVonne Mikloiche, J. Miranda seconded the nomination L. Mikloiche accepted the nomination.
 2. There were no other nominations.
 3. K. Miranda cast a vote for LaVonne Mikloiche as Treasurer.
- e. Board Members
- i. Current: John Reeder, Chip Arthur, Andrea Robarge
 - ii. Nominations:
 1. H. Waterfield made a motion that the current Overall Lumberjack and Lumberjill be board member's- this year it would be Julie Miller and Paul Pfenninger. K. Miranda seconded the motion. J. Miller and P. Pfenninger accepted the nomination.
 2. The following individuals were also nominated for board seats: Chris Henning, Wally Robarge, and Chris Cicora. All accepted their nominations.
 3. There were no other nominations.
 4. K. Miranda cast a vote for the following individuals to be board member's: J. Miller, P. Pfenninger, C. Henning, W. Robarge, and C. Cicora.

- f. The board would like to extend it's thanks and appreciations to Matt Marks for serving as our President.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.