

NEW YORK STATE LUMBERJACK ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2011

In Attendance: Tim Keech, Nancy Keech, Laura Keech, LaVonne Mikloiche, Steve Mikloiche, Ricky Mikloiche, Jason Miranda, Katie Miranda, Austin Terrell, Robin Terrell, Matt Marks, Julie Miller, Chip Arthur, John Reeder, Mary Reeder, Wally Robarge, Andrea Robarge, Kevin Moynihan, Dave Engasser

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm by president Matt Marks.

1. NYSLA secretary Katie M. began the meeting by reviewing the minutes from the fall meeting:
 - a. Equipment
 - i. Tim K. still has 2 guards
 - ii. Jason M. Still has chainsaws and is going through them and work on getting them both up and running for the first meet of the season.
 - iii. LaVonne M. bought new wires for the speaker system- they are heavy duty and would like to purchase conduit to place over the wires to protect them from damage.
 - iv. LaVonne M. has gone through all stop watches to ensure that they are labeled and working properly.
 - v. It was decided that Matt will go through the First Aid kit when he cleans out the trailer. He will notify Steve M. of any needed supplies.
 - b. Items to purchase
 - i. Stakes for underhand chop- Dave E. will obtain these stakes and have them ready to go for our first show of the season.
 - ii. Underhand Stanchions
 1. Matt has not started this at this time but will is working on them but will work on getting them- possibly by the first show of the season approximate cost of these is \$100 a piece
 2. Matt M. made a motion that NYSLA to make 4 underhand stanchions following the design of Kevin M. Stanchions. Jason M. seconded this motion. All were in favor.
 - iii. Dirt Rakes
 1. Jason M. has not made this purchase yet but will make sure they have been purchased for the first meet of the season.
 - iv. Chain Binder
 1. Matt M. looked into the cost and found that there are two different styles, the snap style costs approximately \$48 a piece and the ratchet

style costs approximately \$35 a piece. Matt made a motion that NYSLA purchases 2 ratchet style chain binders. Julie M. seconded this motion all members were in favor.

- c. Borrowing of NYSLA equipment
 - i. It was confirmed by Matt M. that ESF will be borrowing the sawing stanchions for a meet on March 26 and that Alfred would be borrowing these stanchions for a meet on April 9. As in the fall meeting there were no objections to this request.
- d. Membership
 - i. Matt M. gave the contact information for ESF and Alfred to Katie M.
 - ii. Katie M. will add these contacts to the Email distribution in an effort to obtain more members.
- e. Competitions- nothing to add to fall minutes in regards to competitions this year.
- f. Head Judge for competitions
 - i. Andy S. is willing to be a head judge for Deposit, Clarkson, and Macedon. Katie M. will contact Andy and Erica S. to see if he may be willing to be a head judge for the new meets for this year.
- g. Potential Competitions
 - i. Stony Creek Mountain Festival is a go for August 7th
 - ii. Bath is a go for May 21
- h. Entry Forms
 - 1. Nancy K, reviewed changes to entry form:
 - a. On the entry form it states that any changes including scratched must be sent to Nancy and Tim K.
 - b. Also added was a statement to contestants to ensure that their Email is accurate
 - c. There were no objections to the changes in the entry form.
 - ii. This new entry form will be used for the first meet of the year in Bath. Katie M. Stated that the entry form for that competition will be sent out this week.
 - iii. Nancy K. also stated that she will be trying a new format out. Once entry forms have been received Nancy K. will make up a mock grid to send out to all competitors at least 1 week prior to the competition. This new format will be used for the first meet of the season.
- i. Fees
 - i. Matt M. proposed that membership fee should be waived for all officers of NYSLA as a consideration for all their hard work and dedication. Lavonne M. stated that all membership fees go right back to the association and that this may set an unfair precedence. Matt M. agreed with LaVonne M.
 - ii. Membership fees will remain the same for all members of NYSLA
- j. Website/ Facebook Page
 - i. Lavonne M. stated that to have Doug Felgal maintain our web site would be very costly to NYSLA.

- ii. Matt M. stated that he believes he may have set up the Facebook page incorrectly
 - iii. It was decided that for the time being our website would remain the same and be updated as often as possible
 - k. It was also decided that Matt M. would delete the current Facebook page for NYSLA, Julie M. volunteered to set up a new Facebook page. This would be monitored closely to see if it would be possible to just use the Facebook page as our website instead of having a separate web page. Julie will ensure that all the officers have the information necessary to access this page to make any necessary changes.
- 2. Jason M. made a motion accept the meeting minutes. Dave E. seconded this motion all were in favor.
- 3. College Competition- ESF
 - a. Matt M. would like to set up a NYSLA booth at the ESF meet on March 26 in Dewitt
 - i. All members were in agreement that this is a good idea and should be done
 - b. Matt M. also asked for any volunteers for this booth
 - i. Dave E. Wall and Andrea R, Tim K, Jason and Katie M. all volunteered to help out at this booth.
 - c. Katie M. will bring membership forms, entry forms for Bath, and update brochure as well as the video she has been working on
 - d. Matt M. is going to talk to the contacts for this meet to see if it would be possible for NYSLA to do a small demonstration
 - e. Julie M. made a motion that for this day only we leave the membership fee \$10 for any new members that sign up at the ESF meet. Matt M. seconded this motion. All members were in favor.
 - f. Matt will be bringing the sawing stanchions to this meet, Alfred will be transporting these stanchions to Alfred for their meet on April 9, Alfred will also make the arrangements to return the stanchions to Matt M. in time for the Bath competition.
- 4. Banner
 - a. LaVonne M. researched the cost of a banner and found that a 3X5 banner would cost \$80. She was not sure of the cost of the table top banner but thought it would be around the same price or less as the 3X5
 - b. LaVonne M. made a motion that we purchase 2 3X5 banners and a table top banner. Katie M. seconded this motion. All were in favor.
 - c. Katie M. will send Lavonne the pictures she has to be used for this banner.
- 5. Photo/ Video
 - a. Matt M. asked the NYSLA about the possibility of hiring someone to do a professional promotional video for NYSLA.
 - b. Wally and Andrea R. son may be willing to do this.
 - c. It was decided that for now Katie M. will continue with the video that she has been working on until more information can be obtained about a professional promotional video.
 - d. Matt M. will get this information and present his findings to the NYSLA.

6. 2011 Shows

a. Bath

- i. Competition to be held May 21
- ii. Everything is on schedule.
- iii. Dave E. will be supplying the vertical chopping stanchions
- iv. Check in time is 9:30 the show will start at 10am
- v. Wood will be white pine
- vi. Matt M. will be meeting with the wood supplier this week. If the wood is good enough it may be possible to get a supply for Clarkson and Macedon.
- vii. Dave E. is going to be turning the wood and will need assistance with this. If you are able to help please contact Matt M.
- viii. Wall R. and Cody R. have agreed to be co contact people for this competition
- ix. Katie M. has been working on a video/ slide show for advertisement. This will be shown on TV. Currently Katie M. has not been able to touch base with the contact for this video. Once she has been able to get a hold of the individual Katie M. will be able to finish the project. Katie M. hopes to have this completed by next Sat. March 19.
- x. Entry forms will go out next week.
- xi. The events are as follows:
 1. Underhand Chop – Men's and Woman's two events
 2. Standing Block- Men's only on event
 3. Cross cut- Men's, Woman's and Jack and Jill three events
 4. Open Hot Saw- Men's and Woman's one event
 5. Axe Throw- Men's and Woman's one event (preliminaries in am, finals in the pm)
 6. Bow Saw- Woman's only- one event
 7. Single Buck Saw- Men's and Woman's two events
 8. Log Roll- Not sure if this is going to happen if it does it will be Men's and Woman's one event.
- xii. \$3,000 has been allotted for the whole competition- The Bath committee is still working on further sponsorship

b. Deposit

- i. Competition to be held July 16
- ii. Jason M. is the contact for this competition
- iii. Wood will be Aspen and square- 10X10 for the men and 8X8 for the woman.
- iv. Jason M. would like to possibly do and obstacle pole event however; he needs assistance obtaining the poles for this event
 1. Dave E. will assist Jason M. with this
 2. If the poles are secured for this event it may be swapped out for stock saw or it may be used as an additional event but not for points or money.

- v. Everything is going well. Deposit Lumberjack Festival Committee is working on sponsorship for the competition.
 - vi. Entry form will be sent out in May.
- c. Stony Creek Mountain Festival
- i. This is a new competition for NYSLA
 - ii. Competition to be held on Sunday August 7
 - iii. Jake B. is the contact for this competition
 - iv. Jake B. will need to contact Dave E. obtain the vertical chopping stanchions.
 - v. Wood will either be pine either 8X8 or 10X10 not sure which
 - vi. Events have not been finalized but the following are what are being discussed:
 1. Underhand Chop- Men's and Woman's two events
 2. Standing Block Chop- Men's and Woman's two events
 3. Cross Cut- Men and Woman one event
 4. Bow Saw- Men's and Woman's two events
 5. Axe throw- Men and Woman one event
 6. Hot Saw- Men and Woman one event
 - vii. Prize money will be \$150 per event- payout 1st- 5th place 6th place will be for points only
 - viii. Two show style will be used.
 - ix. Stony Creek will supply the \$375 for announcer, head judge and score keeper.
 - x. Association will set up the stands, wood and Stony Creek will dispose of wood scraps
 - xi. The entry form will go out in June for this competition
 - xii. Stony Creek is very excited about this competition and would like to see it continue in the future. They are considering the possibility of having a 2 day competition next year.
- d. Thurman
- i. This is a new competition for the NYSLA this year
 - ii. The NYSLA discussed if Say August 13 or Sunday August 14th would be best to have this competition. It was decided that due to some other conflicts on Saturday August 13th that this competition would be held on Sunday August 14th.
 - iii. Jake B. volunteered to be the contact for this competition. Eileen V. has also said that she will assist Jake with any necessary paperwork etc.
 - iv. The wood will most likely be white pine and either be 10X10 or 8X8
 - v. Thurman was told that it would be a minimum of \$3,500 for a medium size show- this cost does not include the cost of the wood. This cost was passed at the Thurman town board meeting.
 - vi. The events will most likely be the same as Stony Creek or very similar but it has not been finalized as of yet.

- vii. Thurman is also very excited about this competition. They have been promoting NYSLA and the competition in their local paper and are hoping that this becomes a reoccurring competition.
- viii. The entry form will go out in June for this competition
- ix. More information will follow as it becomes available to NYSLA

e. Clarkson

- i. Competition to be held Saturday August 27
- ii. Kevin M. is the contact for this competition.
- iii. Everything is good and events and wood will be the same as in years past
- iv. If there is enough interest/ competitors intermediate events may be held. This is pending on how many college level entries we may obtain
- v. This year there will be NO WAIVED ENTRY FEE. No competitors will receive their entry fee back.
- vi. It has been stated that Clarkson allots \$3,000 for this competition. Lavonne M. made the motion that the cost of the announcer, scorekeeper and head judge be taken out of this money and the rest used for prize money. Katie M. seconded this motion. All were in favor.
- vii. Entry forms for this competition will be sent out in June.

f. Macedon

- i. Competition to be held on Sunday September 11
- ii. Matt M., Chris H., and Tim K. are the contacts for this competition.
- iii. Tim K. was able to attend a meeting with the committee for Macedon. It was stated that they would like to add more bleachers. The set up of the competition area will be changed to accommodate for more bleachers to allow for more seating for the spectators
 - 1. Katie M. asked that they take into account the axe throw target. There were some concerns last year that the spectators continued to walk through the axe throw area. Tim K. stated that the way they are looking to arrange the competition area would allow for that.
 - 2. It was also discussed the possibility of changing the parking area for the competitors. This will be presented to the Macedon board and the findings will be brought back to the NYSLA.
- iv. Macedon also asked that we start the competition earlier
 - 1. NYSLA felt that this was not a possibility as the spectators do not come until later in the day due to other events in the area.
 - 2. NYSLA stated that they will work together to speed up the competition.
 - a. It was stated to make sure that the wood is set up quicker
 - b. It was also stated to have all axe throw preliminaries in the am (including any throw offs for the finals) and the finals for the pm
- v. The entry form for this event will be sent out in July.

7. Membership Form

- a. Due to the fact that we are using more media resources to promote the NYSLA Katie M. would like to add a disclaimer on the 2012 entry form stating that pictures may be taken at any and all competitions for further use to promote the NYSLA and if you do not want your picture used by the NYSLA please check this box.
 - b. All members supported this change in the membership form
8. Computer
- a. Katie M. made a motion that a laptop, printer, mouse etc. be purchased for the NYSLA. This computer will be maintained by the NYSLA secretary as well as the individuals that put together the heats/ scorekeeper. It will be available for use at all competitions. Matt M. seconded this motion. All were in favor
 - i. Katie M. and LaVonne M. will work together to secure this purchase before the first competition of the season.
 - ii. The NYSLA stated that they trust the judgment of Katie M. and LaVonne M. to secure this purchase for as low cost as possible but ensuring that the computer will meet the needs of the NYSLA.
 - b. LaVonne M. made a motion that the old Laptop and printer be donated. Katie M. seconded this motion. All members were in favor.
9. Officers and Board Members
- a. Jason M. made a motion that all officers and board members remain as is for this year. Matt M. seconded that motion. All members were in favor.
 - b. The 2011 NYSLA officers are as follows:
 - i. President- Matt Marks
 - ii. Vice President- Steve Mikloiche
 - iii. Secretary- Katie Miranda
 - iv. Treasurer- LaVonne Mikloiche
10. Correspondence
- a. LaVonne M. received a letter from a new NYSLA member from last year stating that he was very happy with NYSLA and that he is looking forward to working with them in the future.
11. T- Shirts
- a. LaVonne M. felt that since we have doubled the amount of competitions that we are doing this year as well as working with the colleges we may want to order more T-shirts.
 - b. It was suggested that we get a color for woman's T-shirts and a color for men's T-shirts.
 - c. LaVonne will secure this purchase

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm by President Matt Marks.

New York State Lumberjack Association Spring 2011 meeting minutes respectfully submitted but Katie Miranda Secretary of NYSLA