

New York State Lumberjack Association

2013 Spring Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Richard Mikloiche, Chip Arthur, John Reeder, Mary Reeder, Ben Marshall, Emily Hoover, Kelsey Hampton, Gretchen Cicora, Jason Miranda, Kevin Moynihan, Ashley Rooney, Tim Keech, Brandon Mead, Wally Robarge, Chris Cicora, Steve Mikloiche, Lavonne, Mikloiche, Eve Mikloiche, Andrea Robarge, Dan Phelps, Marty Dodge, Julie Miller, Nancy Keech, Connor Sleight, Paul Pfenninger, Rob Spry, Katie Miranda

Meeting called to order at 1:19 pm by President Rob Spry

1. Rob Spry Reviewed meeting minutes from Fall 2012 Meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded- all were in favor.
2. Old Business
 - a. Trailer
 - i. The old trailer was sold for \$1,500
 - ii. The new trailer was purchased last year and seems to be working well. It has more room which allows NYSLA to be able to secure more equipment
 - b. Standing Block Stanchions
 - i. Rob is working on building these stanchions based on the model of Dave Engassers
 - c. Impact Drills
 - i. Tim Keech was able to get some pricing on New Impact drills. Paul Pfenninger thought he might be able to get a better deal.
 - ii. These drills are a 20 volt 249 Dewalt
 - iii. A motion was made and seconded that if Paul can secure 2 impact drills and 2 extra batteries for \$250 per drill or less he can go ahead and secure this purchase. All were in favor.
 - d. Hitch has been purchased by LaVonne Mikloiche
3. New Business
 - a. Web Site
 - i. The new NYSLA web site has been set up and can be found at NYLUMBERJACKS.org
 - ii. It is a more user friendly site and as time goes on we can add features like Twitter and instagram.
 - iii. We are also looking to set up a calendar with due dates, show dates, etc.
 - iv. Information on what it takes to host a show will also be placed on the website.
 - v. Each officer will have their own Email through the web page.
 - vi. Results will still be posted on Facebook as well as the new web page.
 - vii. It is believed that Nate and Holly Waterfield set up the My Space account. This account needs to be taken down. One of the officers will talk to them about taking down our My Space site.

- b. Northeast STHL Qualifiers
 - i. April 19th and 20th
 - ii. Julie Miller and Nancy Keech will be there with a NYSLA tent selling T-shirts and trying to get more members for NYSLA
 - iii. Nancy will also have the computer there and be showing the NYSLA slide show.
 - iv. FLCC has permission to borrow our stanchions and are responsible for any damage to them. They are willing to offer us a space for our tent at this event as well as recognizing us as a sponsor.
 - v. It has been asked that any NYSLA member that will be helping with this event wear their NYSLA t-shirts.
- c. Timers
 - i. Over the years there have been issues with timers and times not being close. We have gone to having the competitors time at NYSLA shows and this seems to help the issue. However there are times when we have volunteers from the community.
 - ii. Before the show begins if that particular competition is having community members time events a meeting will be held with the timers, head judge, score keeper and the person running the times/ organizing the timers. All events will be reviewed with the timers at which time they will be informed of when to start and stop the stop watch.
 - iii. If there are 3 timers the time furthest apart from the other two will be thrown out.
 - iv. If there are only 2 timers the runner and/ or head judge will attempt to figure out which time is the correct time and discard the other time.
 - v. A new rule will be added to state the following:
 - 1. In the event that there are 3 timers on each competitor the time that is the furthest from the other two times will be discarded. In the event that there is only 2 timers on the competitor and the times are far apart the runner and/ or head judge will work with the timers to decide which time should be discarded. In the event that neither timer got an accurate time we will go to video if one is available. The final decision as to what time to accept is at the discretion of the head judge.
 - 2. A motion was made and seconded to put this new rule into our existing rules. All were in favor.
- d. Job Descriptions
 - i. It was brought up that not all officers and board members know exactly what their role for their elected position.
 - ii. A motion was made and seconded that all existing officers and board members write up what they feel their elected role and duties entails. Then share this with the rest of the officers and board members for review. All were in favor.
- e. New Position

- i. With the addition of our new and improved web site it was mentioned that a new position of Web Liaison should be created and that Julie Miller should hold this position since she has been the go between for our Web Site Designer.
 - ii. A nomination was made and seconded that the new Position Of Web Site Liaison be implemented and the Julie Miller be the first member to hold this position. Julie accepted this responsibility and all were in favor.
 - f. Wood Draws
 - i. Rob Spry suggested that we follow wood draws similar to what is done at Johnny Appleseed.
 - ii. It was noted that with the amount of competitors we have etc. this would be difficult to do with the timing.
 - iii. It was suggested that if Rob wants to try this to see how it goes he try it Churchville County Fair show the one he is contact for. He and Paul will look into doing this at this show.
 - g. Files
 - i. Nancy and Tim Keech have boxes and boxes of old NYSLA files stored at their house.
 - ii. Nancy was wondering if we need to continue to make hard copies of all the minutes, entry forms etc.
 - iii. A motion was made a seconded that all NYSLA information is to be stored on a flash drive as well as the NYSLA computer and that would be sufficient to store the information. All were in favor.
 - h. Wood for Competitions
 - i. It was asked if the information is known ahead of time that the type and size of wood for each event be placed on the entry form.
 - ii. If this information is not known as soon as the contact knows this information they will let the Secretary know and a mass Email will be sent with this information so that competitors know what saws they would like to bring to the competition.
- 4. 2013 Competitions
 - a. Bath, NY May 18th
 - i. Contact: Julie Miller
 - ii. Julie is working to make the Bath show more crowd friendly. The bleachers are going to be on the grass in the shade and some of the events will be held out on the roadway.
 - iii. Julie is going to work with Bath to see if we can leave our vehicles on the pavement where we are competing instead of having to move them and park somewhere else. She will let us know what decision has been made on this.
 - iv. Julie will need help setting up and turning the wood. Please contact her if you are able to help her out.
 - v. We will still have the dumpster there.

- vi. Julie is also going to see if Bath has some old stanchions that we might be able to use for this show or borrow for other shows.
 - b. Hancock, NY July 27th
 - i. Contacts: Jason and Katie Miranda
 - ii. Looking forward to another year in Hancock.
 - iii. We are looking to make the 2nd show later in the day after the parade comes through.
 - iv. If we can get the sponsorship money Hancock is willing to increase the prize money. However this year they will pay out to 6th place.
 - v. Competitors are welcome to camp at the field Friday and/ or Sat night. Please let Katie or Jason Miranda know if you intend to do this so they can let the Hancock Fire Dept. know.
 - vi. Events for the most part will remain the same with the exception of stock saw- in place of stock saw will be obstacle pole. At least that is the plan at this time.
 - c. Stony Creek, NY August 4th
 - i. Contact: Jake Bederian
 - ii. Jake would like to add an event however; he has most events possible. Steve Mikloiche will work with Jake to see if there is a possibility to increase prize money.
 - d. Churchville County Fair August 10th
 - i. Contacts: Paul Pfenninger and Rob Spry
 - ii. This is a new show for NYSLA
 - iii. Nancy and Tim Keech will not be at this competition. Katie Miranda has agreed to step in a score keeper for this show.
 - iv. Competitors are required to be there before 9am closer to 8am or they will not be able to park by the competition area.
 - v. There will be volunteer timers from the community at this competition.
 - e. Clarkson NY August 24th
 - i. Contact: Kevin Moynihan
 - ii. Everything should remain the same as last year.
 - f. Macedon, NY Sept 8th
 - i. Contact: Chris Henning
 - ii. Everything should remain the same.
 - iii. Chris will look into pushing the bleachers back to ensure the safety of the crowd.
5. Elections
- a. President
 - i. A nomination was made a seconded for Rob Spry to remain President. He accepted this nomination. No other nominations were made. Secretary Katie Miranda cast vote for Rob Spry as President
 - b. Vice President

- i. A nomination was made a seconded for Steve Mikloiche to remain Vice President. He accepted this nomination.
 - ii. A nomination was made a seconded for Jason McCadden for Vice President. He accepted this nomination.
 - iii. Ballots were cast and Sever Mikloiche remained the Vice President for the New York State Lumberjack Association.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. A nomination was made and seconded for Julie Miller- Julie declined this nomination.
 - ii. A nomination was made a seconded for Ashley Rooney- Ashley declined this nomination.
 - iii. A nomination was made a seconded for Nancy Keech- Nancy accepted this nomination.
 - iv. A nomination was made and seconded for Katie Miranda- Katie accepted the nomination.
 - v. A nomination was made a seconded for Chris Cicora- Chris accepted this nomination.
 - vi. Ballots were cast and Nancy Keech is the new Secretary for NYSLA.
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. A nomination was made a seconded for LaVonne Mikloiche to remain treasurer- Lavonne accepted this nomination.
 - ii. No other nominations were made, Katie Miranda cast vote for LaVonne Mikloiche as treasurer.
 - e. Board Members
 - i. A motion was made that all current board members remain the same this motion was seconded and all were in favor.
 - ii. Board Members: Julie Miller, Paul Pfenninger, Chris Henning, Wally Robarge and Chris Cicora.

Rob Spry Adjourned the meeting at 3:04pm