

Forever Wild Foundation BOD Minutes

August 6, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Location: The Forever Wild Tavern, 140 NY-10, Arietta, NY

Call to Order

Jenny Smith called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM

Attendance/Introductions

BOD: Jenny Smith, Deb Hutchinson, Wendy Sullivan, Tim Hutchinson, Geoff Peck, and Dickie Hart

Note: Board members: All officers are board members

Geoff Peck introduced himself. Geoff has worked all over the world and sits on 11 NFP boards. Geoff brings a tremendous amount of expertise to the FWF. Jenny Smith made a motion to accept Geoff Peck as treasurer and Tim Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business

Membership structure - Jenny discussed the idea of work based/incentivised membership. \$10 to join and a minimum of three meetings. Geoff suggested a member training session. He also discussed the importance of keeping the board/governance and membership separate. Geoff Peck made a motion for \$10 to join and 3 meeting minimum and Wendy 2nd motion. All in favor.

Grandfathered members: Rod Lang, Lynn Morck, Margaret Beekman, Matty Sullivan, Larry Smith. These are members who have already put in a great deal of time and effort to support the FWF.

Jenny will reach out to organizations, e.g. LLBean, to see if they would donate items to be used for member incentives. Jenny stated that volunteers of Adopt a Hwy 14.5 miles could receive a jacket or t-shirt as an incentive.

Jenny ordered postcards to be used for marketing partners.

Geoff questioned the member section of the bylaws. Geoff suggested that we look at the structure. He questioned the intent to have members of the corporation board activity be reported out to membership. An annual meeting for members was also discussed.

Deb stated that we should focus on solidifying the operation of the FWF before inviting the public.

Expenditures

Geoff inquired about the current policy regarding money. Jenny can spend up to \$250 without prior approval. Geoff will bring a draft policy prior to the next meeting for expenditures.

Meeting Pot Lucks

Bring enough food for about 5-7 people if attending

Unfinished Business:

- Review member section of bylaws
- Review draft policy for expenditures
- Jenny's questionnaire for skill set
- Membership coordinator

Deb Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM and Wendy Sullivan seconded. All in favor.