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ON THE COVER
Photo by Kim Merrill

NAA Director Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2022

Nebraska Airboaters Association June 5, 2022 Minutes
Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm

Roll call was conducted by Randy Fetrow with 19 directors present.

Minutes were discussed from March Meeting. Motion was made by Randy Kassmeier to approve minutes. Second by Mark Kreikemeier. Approved unanimously.
Financial report was presented by Ronda Thiessen. A clarification was given after a question by Gary Greving. Motion to approve by Kirk Westring, second by Jim Kantor. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Rob Thiessen made a motion to raise our membership dues to $40 per year and $400 for lifetime membership. 2nd was made by Larry Eurek. After which a lengthy discussion which took into consideration among other things our lobby fees being doubled and that the dues had never been raised took place.
Garry Greving then made a motion to raise our membership dues to $50 per year and $500 lifetime membership. Garry mentioned that another association had these similar dues. 2nd was made by Marty Reznicek. After more discussion Rob Thiessen rescinded his motion and a vote was taken. Passed unanimously.
The first annual veterans run planning continued, besides food, tables, porta potty's, side by sides, flags, signs……. most importantly volunteers are needed!
Randy Fetrow informed the board that the City of St Paul was putting a hold on the "public access" ramp due to environmental studies and concerns from citizens. A second city council meeting was attended by several directors and local members. Options were discussed to be relayed to the city council.
Kirk Westring informed the board that Columbus Run 2022 shirts were ordered and will be here in plenty of time for the run.

New Business:

Kirk Westring had discussed the importance of getting paid advertising for the newsletter. With rising costs to send out the newsletter. This was tabled until next meeting.
Mark Kreikemeier and Randy Fetrow participated in a conference call with NDOT regarding the Highway 275 bridge project by Scribner. They discussed concerns for air boater safety if pilings and debris were not removed in the waterway.
The bridges at Columbus (highway 81 at the Ramada) were also discussed as they are scheduled to be replaced in 2024-2025. The NDOT would like our help as airboat traffic thru the area may be limited at times.

Matt Shaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Justin Thiesen. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk Westring
NAA Secretary

Sell Those Raffle Tickets!

GUN RAFFLE & CASH RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be going out in the mail to ALL MEMBERS the first part of November. Everyone will receive two books. All Directors will receive four. If you want additional books, contact your local director or email **kirk.westring@gmail.com** and they will be sent to you!

This year, we will have two raffles for our 28th Anniversary—A gun raffle and a cash raffle! For the **CASH RAFFLE**, a total of $4,000 cash will be given away (2 @ $1,000, 2 @ $500, 2 @ $250, and 5 @ $100). For the **GUN RAFFLE** (selling at $5 per ticket), there will be a S&W EZ 9mm, Anderson Optic Ready 5.56, Savae 22WMR, Savage .223/ 3-9 X 40 Scope, Mossberg 715 22LR/ Green Dot, Iver Johnson 600 3" 12 GA. Drawing will be held at the Annual Meeting.

2022-23 EVENT CALENDAR

Please note, not all these events are the NAA's, we are sponsoring and donating to a lot of other organizations events this year!
• *Please check our Facebook for the latest update!* •

DATE	EVENT
Dec. 11th:	**Directors Meeting, 2pm, in Columbus @ Randy Fetrows**
Feb. 4th, 2023:	**28th Annual Meeting @ Ramada Rivers Edge Convention Center**

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Columbus Run 2022

Photos by Amber Booze

28th Annual Meeting Meal Information

The Nebraska Airboaters Association will hold its 28th Annual Meeting on February 4, 2023, at the Ramada Columbus Hotel and River's Edge Convention Center in Columbus, Nebraska. Preparations are under way. At this time, we would like you to make your meal selection. Fill out the form below and mail it back to us, along with your payment of $20 per person (Nebraska Airboaters Association, P.O. Box 111, Columbus, NE 68602), postmarked by **December 31, 2022**. Meal tickets **MUST** be purchased before the meeting, and will be distributed at check-in.

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Meal Reservation Form

to be served at the

28th Annual Meeting on February 4, 2023 in Columbus, Nebraska

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Must be postmarked by December 31, 2022!

2023 ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, February 4th at the Ramada River's Edge Convention Center

Hope to see everyone in a few weeks at the Annual Meeting. Listed below are some things you need to know! Please don't hesitate to contact your local Director, or any of the Officers, if you have any questions.

10:00 — Directors will arrive for setup of the Meeting. (We need all the help we can get!)

11:00 — Check-in begins.
You can pay your dues if needed with cash, check, paypal or venmo.
You will be given a voting ballot for the Directors in your area.
Get a Bidder # if you wish to partake in the Live Auction or Raffles.
NAA Stickers will be available as well.
You can also fill out an information update.
If you are not a member…Sign up!
Turn in or purchase Gun Raffles, General Raffle or Women's Raffles.

1:30 — Check-ins will close. Please be on time!

1:50 — The bar closes during the Meeting only (stock up with buckets!). It will reopen as soon as the Meeting is over.

2:00 — The Meeting starts. Live auction, raffles and games will follow the meeting.

6:00 — Meal Service — Must be prepaid in advance. Tickets will be provided upon check-in to the Annual Meeting. (Please remember, no outside food or drink is allowed and will be strictly enforced by the hotel as always.)

As soon as the Meeting is over… Let the fun begin!

Live Auction! Raffle Winners! Gun Raffle Winners!

7:00 — Music to get us going! Bring your dancing shoes and have fun!

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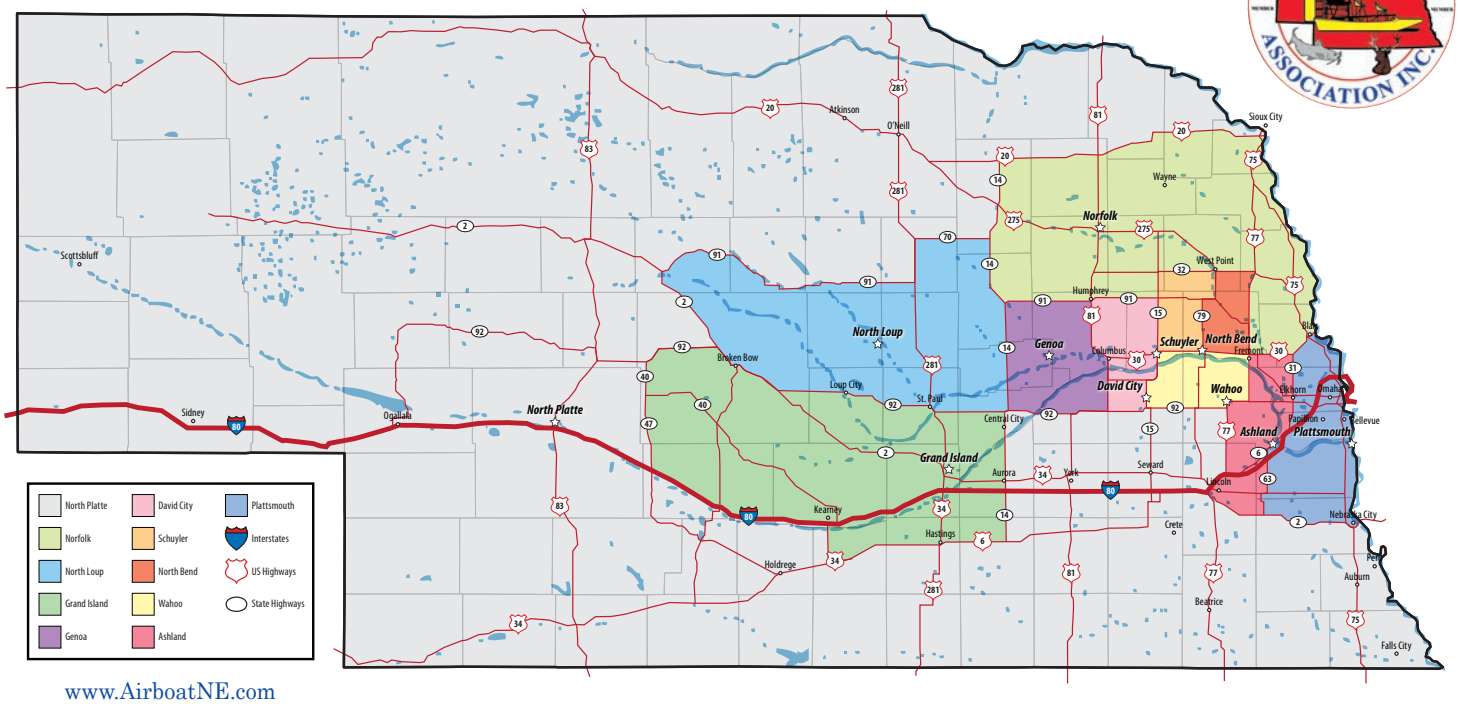

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Nebraska Airboat Association
2022 Veterans Ride

Article by Matt Shaw **Photos by JC Norwood and Tony Hussey**

At the March 2022 meeting of the Nebraska Airboaters Association, the board of directors decided to replace the NAA Family Fun Day with a Veterans Ride, offering free airboat rides, burgers, and chips to any veteran and their family. The time and place were set for July 16 at the NAA homefront from 11 AM to 5 PM.

The word went out and donations of food and services started coming in. The support of our people was amazing. One member even donated a $4,200 sunshade for the property.

NAA members had the homefront looking like a city park, all cleaned and trimmed. The evening before the event, around 15 volunteers showed up to line the driveway to the property with more than 60 American flags and JC Norword and Daubert Construction out of Fremont brought the crane out to fly the 28-foot American flag over the river to honor our veterans.

With more than 100 RSVPs received, the day started early getting everyone in place for parking, transporting people, cooking, signing in, and giving rides.

The whole day went amazingly. If someone saw something needed to be done, they did it. There were so many positive comments, and the people were very appreciative. When you have vets with tears in their eyes thanking you for your actions, that really makes you feel good.

"Thanks again for having my family and I out. We really had a good time. My family and I loved the boat ride. We really appreciate it," Shad Rhynalds.

The NAA plans to make this an annual event for the third Saturday in July.

God bless our veterans!

Tony Hussey pilots Woody's Airboat Tours' DynaMarine airboat with veterans and their families enjoying the ride.

NAA members hoist a 28-foot American flag on a crane provided by Daubert Construction to fly over the river.

Nebraskan's Red River Run

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