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ON THE COVER

*Ice jam on the Platte River near McGinnis Lake
on 2/2/24. Photo by Justin Mensik*

NAA Director Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM at Beer 30 Bar, Chapman, NE. Roll call conducted, 18 out of 19 directors present.

September 10, 2023 minutes were read aloud by Jessica Fetrow. Motion to approve September minutes was made by Matt King, second by Marty Reznicek. Approved unanimously.

Financial report was provided to directors, reviewed, and discussed. Motion to approve financial report made by Wade Wagner, second by Jim Kantor. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Updated copies of bylaws were provided to all directors present.

Annual meeting (February 2nd, 2024)

- The Ramada has changed the cost of the meal per plate since last year significantly. The meal at the 2023 meeting cost \$22/plate with the NAA charging \$20/plate and paying the remaining \$2/plate. The meal will now cost \$29/plate plus gratuity and taxes. Directors discussed this increased price and whether or not to have the meal at the 2024 meeting with the price increase. Directors discussed pros and cons.
 - o A motion was made by Kirk Westring to charge members \$25/plate and the NAA pay the rest of the cost/plate, second made by Matt King. Before voting on this motion, Randy also let directors know that the band, "Swiped Right", that performed at the 2023 meeting recently backed out and is now not available for the 2024 meeting. They recommended a band that may be available however the cost of this band to play is \$1,500, significantly more than "Swiped Right" charged. After learning this additional information, Kirk Westring rescinded his motion regarding the meal.
 - o Discussion continued regarding alternative options given the meeting is two months away. A motion was made to not offer

the catered meal at the 2024 annual meeting due to cost, but continue to talk with the Ramada about other cost effective food options including reserving the hospitality room. The motion was made by Mark Ulferts, second by Kirk Westring. Motion passed by majority vote.

- o Directors agreed that they would still like to see some kind of entertainment after the meeting. A motion was made to continue seeking entertainment options, not to exceed \$1,500. This motion was made by Mark Ulferts, second by Lynden Rathje. Motion passed by majority vote.
- Randy shared with directors their assigned tasks during the annual meeting. These are just a guideline and can be adjusted as needed.

New Business:

Directors were encouraged to seek out other venue options for the 2025 annual meeting. Although the meeting has been held at the Ramada in Columbus for several years, there is no contract signed for 2025 yet. The 2025 annual meeting will also be the NAA's 30th anniversary.

Dredging the Home front pond has not happened yet as they are waiting for frost.

New apparel company discussion was tabled until a later date.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kirk Westring, second by Dustin Feyerherm. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.



2024 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!

- Watch our Facebook page for more updates and details! •


| DATE | EVENT |
|-------------|--|
| April 27th: | 10:00 am, Homefront Cleanup. Contact Randy Fetrow 402-276-0437, Matt Shaw 402-720-0007 |
| June 2nd: | 1:00 pm, Directors Meeting @ Homefront |
| June 15th: | Poker Run at Fremont Hwy 77 Bridge. Sign up 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Contact Randy Kassmeier 402-615-0103 |
| July 20th: | Veterans Rides @ Homefront. Setup 9:00 am, rides 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Contact Randy Fetrow 402-276-0437 |
| July 26th: | Weekend Kickoff Party @ Homefront |
| July 27th: | Columbus Run |
| Sept. 8th: | 2:00 pm, Directors Meeting @ Hay Barn Bar & Grill in Beemer, NE |
| Dec. 8th: | 2:00 pm, Directors Meeting @ Location to be announced |
| Feb. 1st: | 2025 Annual Meeting @ Location to be announced |

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airboat could reach. From hauling hay to stranded cattle, to getting trapped homeowners to high ground. Airboaters rose to the occasion to lend a helping hand. Their efforts were much appreciated and will never be forgotten!



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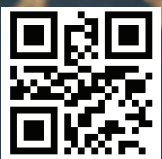
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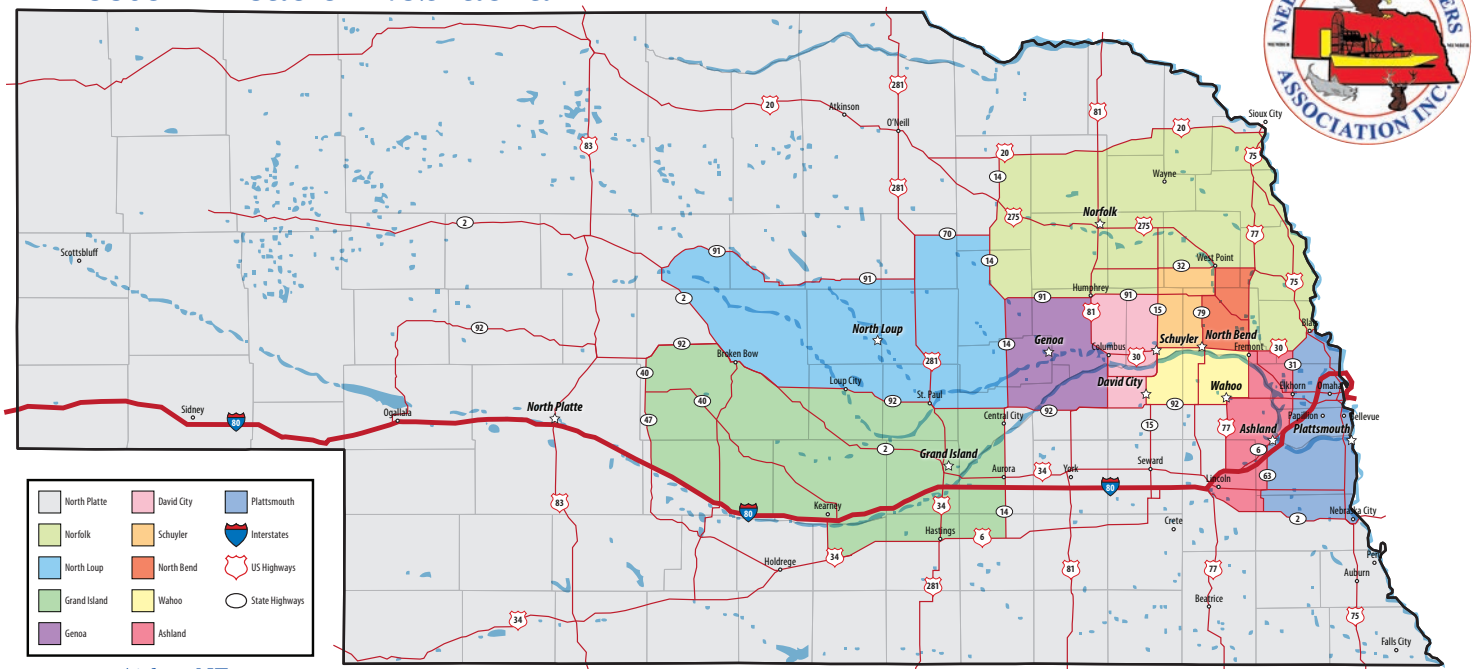
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President Randy Fetrow
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HOMEFRONT DREDGING

Sawyer Construction and Wiese Plumbing worked together on digging out the pond at the Homefront. This project was funded by Columbus Run T-shirt sales.



Knox Kern was the first one with his airboat in the freshly dug out lake at the Homefront.



Photos from 2024 Annual Meeting

Photos by Kim Merrill

The 29th Annual Meeting was held on February 2, 2024 at the Barrel House in downtown Columbus. Lifetime Membership plaques were handed out, as well as scholarship certificates.

A great turnout!



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