

NCSC August Meeting Agenda

*Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2025*

Meeting Called to Order: 9:03 AM

Advisor: Sherri Naumann

Advisor: Jamye Gore

President: Alyssa Faughnan

New Business:

- 1) We are officially looking for a chairperson for Off the Beaten Path. We do not have a set “open” date, though we will have access to the building on September 12th. I have communicated to MWR and Garrison that we will not open until we have set systems and a leader in place. If you know anyone who has experience in sales, please encourage them to apply!
- 2) We are also going to be looking for a co-treasurer to assist Patti with Off the Beaten Path and to train to takeover next year. Again, if you know anyone that has great attention to detail, is numbers oriented, and would be interested in staying on this year and next year, please have them reach out to Patti and I!

Old Business:

- 1) Thank you all SO much again for all you did for Open House!
- 2) Thank everyone that volunteered to man tables for the various events in August. That free advertising paid off ten-fold!!
- 3) A date to move into our new ODYD/property building is still TBD.
- 4) Tentatively plan for the board party to be 26 September at Sherri Naumann’s house. I did ask Sherri if she would be available 3 October. The theme is “Color Party,” and each team will be assigned a color to dress in and bring that color food (if you want- this is low stress and pressure, just come as you are if that’s easier!!!)

- Please ensure the following people cover:
Allie: Final details for North Country Gala. When do you plan to open flocking and what’s your plan for volunteers to help! Have we ordered the flocking signs and new flock?

Cait: Advertising for property rental, creating flyer for North Country gala, updating the fundraising letter for NCG

Blue Star: What do we need to present to Consuela to request support for the Dandelion Ball?

Donations: We need to send out the tracker (editable only by you, Shelly, myself, and Allie) to share with everyone to start soliciting donations! Let's have a deadline to have letters and tracker out by 24 Aug.

ODYD: Jenna, what steps do you need help to take to start planning for the fashion show? Do you have the 5w's covered yet? So excited for this new event!!!

Property: We dropped a lot of new things off to the cage from Open House. We'll need to inventory and add to the list. Let me know a few days you're looking to do that and I can try to come help!

Reservations: Jodi, is the link live? If not, what's our planned date to open?

Retiree Rep: Shelly, thank you for all the info regarding marathon!!!!

Vote Needed: N/A
Income: N/A
Expenses: None
Volunteer hours: 3

Added notes: Board party is officially scheduled for September 26. Teams will be our board teams already assigned for the board party, and this information will be discussed and posted in the Facebook group.

1st Vice President: Allie Iacovelli

New Business: Tree and Wreath has re-branded to The North Country Gala! This event will be held on November 15th, 2025 at the Lincoln Loft, so mark the date on your calendars! I have a walk-through scheduled for Tuesday so I'll have some more information by the time this meeting is actually happening, but I've reached out to Richard at Over the Top catering as well and he is available on that date, too. I'm looking to start holding fundraising committee meetings once the school year starts back up, as well.

I plan on raising the price of tickets this year slightly, which will help with the fact that the venue only has a 150 person capacity, and will also allow us to have two entree options for food. I also think the event should be at a higher price point than our socials. I'm thinking of having the price be \$30/\$40, maximum \$35/\$45. Thoughts?

Old Business: None
Vote Needed: None
Income: None
Expenses: None
Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 12

Added notes: Discussed pricing for the Gala. Decided on \$35/\$45. Flock the Yard is approved

and ready to start. Goal is to start Flock the Yard on September 1 to go along with Back to School.

2nd Vice President: Alissa Meshesha

New Business:

September Social!

Theme: Bingo & Mingle

Location: Lloyd's Landing (intentionally same location as the open house so that people are familiar with where to go)

Catering: The Peak!

Food Options will be:

- Ham, Cheddar, Granny Smith Apple on Ciabatta
- Turkey, Brie, Blackberry Compote on Ciabatta
- Veggie Wrap (Hummus spread, roasted carrots, cauliflower, tomatoes, broccoli, mixed greens, feta.)
- Harvest Salad (Lettuce Mixture, Roasted Butternut Squash Cubes, Toasted Pecans, Feta, Maple Vinaigrette-if you'd like (and you're member can have) we will add pomegranate seeds as well).

Drink Options will be:

- Water
- Lemonade
- Iced Tea

Community Outreach: NNY Veterans Community Outreach

Opportunity Prizes: TBD

Reservations: It will go live on August 23rd, 1 month prior to the event (this will be the case every month). Catering needs the majority of attendees 1 week prior (September 16). That will be when reservations will need to close. Jodi has met with Patti and they have the cheddar up link mostly set up.

Draft Agenda:

12:00 | Welcome & Grab your lunch (they will get their mingle bingo card at sign in)

12:15 | Welcome & Club Businesses

12:30 | Community Outreach

12:45 | Bingo Round #1

1:00 | Bingo Round #2

1:15 | Bingo Round #3

1:30 | Mingle

1:45 | Opportunity Prizes (we will also draw for a winner for the mingle bingo cards)

Things I will need from the cage:

1. Backdrop stand
2. Letters
3. Buckets for Ice/Waters
4. Pitchers for Tea & Lemonade
5. Bingo Cards

I have started an amazon wishlist to send to Patti for decor for the social.

I need to draft the volunteer request for set up and take down

Old Business:

I've met with my socials team to get on the same page when it comes to deadlines however, due to MWR requiring more information, event forms will now be submitted 1-2 months at a time.

Socials:

September 23, 2025 (12PM-2PM) - Bingo & Mingle

October 22, 2025 (5:30PM-8:30PM)- Harvest Hunt

November - No Social

December 16, 2025 (12PM-2PM) - The Great Cookie Drop-In

January 21, 2026 (12PM-2PM) - Cabin Fever Fix

February 26, 2026 (6PM-8PM) - Valentines Pajama Bash

March 24, 2026 (6PM-8PM) - March Mingle and Mayhem

April 22, 2026 (12PM-2PM) - Trivia in Bloom

May 19, 2026 (12PM-2PM) - Kentucky Derby

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: \$25.13

Volunteer hours: 25 (for July)

Added notes: Club business at the first social will be: going over the budget, Flock the Yard, Merch, next Social, if there are open positions on the board (co-treasurer and OTBP), Members Night Out, Fundraising Committee Meetings, North Country Gala, Chipotle Fundraiser.

Secretary: Rachel Klahs

New Business:

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: Approve last meeting's minutes
Income: None
Expenses: None
Volunteer Hours: 12

Vote: Approve last meeting's minutes
Move: Patti Agard
Second: Whitney McClure
All in favor: 13 (passed)

Publicity: Caitlin Lesco

New Business: Need to finish headshots. If anyone hasn't had their headshot done, please contact me ASAP to schedule that. I will be editing all and updating the website before the end of the month. Please send a bio for each board member. If you have filled out the profile that Alyssa sent out and just want me to use that, that's fine, but you can also submit one directly. Also a reminder that if anyone wants help with graphics for their September events, just email me.

Old business: None
Vote Needed:
Income:
Expenses:
Volunteer Hours:

Added Notes: Working on the September Newsletter. Patti will resend the board profile questionnaire.

Parliamentarian: Stafanie Brady

New Business:

- none

Old Business:

- none

Vote Needed:

Income: N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 3

Treasurer: Patti Aguard

New Business:

- [July NCSC Finance Statement](#), [July OTBP Finance Statement](#)
- 2025-2026 Budget:
 - [Here](#) is the budget as it currently stands. We can revisit it during this meeting, and/or our September meeting. Then our membership votes to approve it at the September Social. Thank you all for the support to get us here!
 - Changes made during budget revision meeting:

- Add \$360 to 2nd VP for social venue options
 - Removed “stationary” for Secretary - it was double listed, decreased postage to account for the amount covered in the preliminary budget
 - Removed Parliamentary “office supplies”
 - Decreased “stickers” in Publicity
 - Removed “supplies for moving” from Property Manager - to revisit when we have more information around the move.
 - Decreased “sub-club support” by \$200 since sub-clubs were not asked to provide items in August. (Year total is \$2,000 which is \$20/month/sub-club)
- Be sure to deposit any outstanding checks you have from NCSC!
 - Flock the Yard Cheddar Up is ready to go whenever we are ready to roll it out

Old Business:

- 2024-2025 Year End Update
 - All scholarship checks have been written, and mailed to the universities and the recipients have been communicated with.
 - Taxes are due October 15, I have signed the documents to have them be e-filed. We owe nothing in taxes for the 24-25 year.

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: -\$61.50 USPS postage for scholarship checks, -\$325 Chamber of Commerce membership, -\$400 Bonding renewal, -\$397.19 Wix Renewal + Domain

Volunteer hours: July: 31 hours

Blue Star Family Liaisons: Rachel McBride and Kayla Geblein

New Business:

We will be partnering with BSF to host the next Coffee Connect on October 3rd as part of their “Blue Star Welcome Week.”

There have been talks of partnering with BSF for a “Storybook/Dandelion Ball” this spring. Consuela has asked us to draft a proposal ASAP, as their budgets are due in October.

Old Business:

Vote Needed:

Income: 0

Expenses: 0

Volunteer hours: Rachel: 9 / Kayla: 11.5

Added Notes: Coffee Connect is at 10AM on October 3. Discussed potential locations for the spring ball and the best way to create a proposal to send to Consuela.

Community Outreach: Whitney McClure

New Business: September Community Outreach we will be working directly with NNY Veterans Outreach Center. What they need as far as donations go is Microwave Items, Canned Goods, Cases of bottled water, Hygiene Products & most importantly Shower Curtains and rings. I would also like to bring up the possibility of posting to facebook once a month directly highlighting the non profit we are working with as well as the items we will be collecting. I know we always include it at the bottom of the Social sign up emails but in order for us to make it worthwhile for our community outreach as well as get the word out to our members I believe it would be beneficial. I am willing to create the template/media to put out there to elevate work load as well.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed:None

Income:None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 21

Donations Coordinator: Rachel Sipperly

No report received

Added Notes: Hope to have the letter by the September meeting.

Historian: Ellie Grippin

No report received

Added Notes: Hoping to create a Google Drive and upload the pictures there so everyone can see them.

Hospitality: Brittany Young

New Business: Very excited for a new year with NCSC. I've started purchasing opportunity prizes for the future socials. Please give me any ideas on some different prizes you guys would like to see this year. I want to make sure people are loving the prizes they can win.

Old Business: NONE

Vote Needed: NONE

Income: \$0

Expenses: \$99.43

Volunteer Hours: 6

Membership: Morgan Sims

New Business:

- I will update the number of members we have at the meeting! I want to thank everyone who helped out with Open House. I could not have done it without you.
- I added the people on the list below to the membership roster, please let me know if you did not receive it.

➤ *President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Parliamentarian, Publicity, Secretary, Treasurer, Reservations, Social chair and Volunteer Coordinator chair.*

- I will be taking the open house opportunity prizes to the winners this week!
- Please sign up for the year if you have not done that.

Old Business: I will start planning more of our Members Night Out events with 2nd VP (Alissa).

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: \$650 on open house materials

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 51 hours

Added Notes: Current member total is 129!

ODYD: Jenna Ladouceur

New Business: None

Old Business: ODYD Deployed 12 dresses this month. I have reached out to the thrift shop to see if they want to collaborate with the fashion show, but I haven't received anything back. Patti and I had a meeting and talked through a budget for the fashion show (it was discussed in the budget meeting). We are looking at Lincoln Loft as a venue. I still need to contact them to see if they are available. I am looking at a date in March next year, depending on the venue, but maybe on a Friday or Saturday, so more people could come. I'm thinking about 20 volunteer models, each could pick out a short and long dress, volunteers for hair and makeup- could advertise a model call and volunteers for this on the Facebook page? We could sell tickets \$10 per person and advertise to military families on and off base, make flyers, possibly? I also planned in the budget to get some snacks and drinks for the event as well. I had a meeting with ODYD national and mentioned the fashion show because they said they wanted to come out and visit the shop, and they said they could also provide some money for the fashion show as well. I need to keep in touch with them once I get more things set up. I plan to also bring some dresses to the event so people can get some dresses there right after the fashion show. If everyone is still on board with this whole event, please let me know, or we could table it for the following year if it's going to be too much.

There is an SFRG event for September 10th, 5-8 pm, for an upcoming ball. I'm looking for 1-2 volunteers who can help me with this event, probably from 4-4:30 pm to 8:30 pm-ish. All you would need to do is help ladies with trying on dresses-zipping up dresses, or tying dresses from behind, greeting people, answering questions they have, or opinions of how they look in dresses, running back dresses, etc. I'm only asking for 1-2 people because it will get crowded and overwhelming. But having extra hands would be great! I can do the check out, but if anyone can help to make sure things run smoothly, that would be amazing.

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself) : 18

Added Notes: Discussed possibility of adding a clothing swap along with the Fashion Show.

Off The Beatin' Path Representative: (Board position open)

Property Manager: Mona Alfaro

Added Notes: Advertising for property rental.

Reservations: Jodi Loblack

New Business: Working on September social cheddar up, Link will close on September 16th.

Waiting on banner for cheddar up and opportunity prize info.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 5

Retiree Representative: Shelly Matthews

New Business: Sackets Harbor Marathon Water Station #10

Myself, Patti Agard and Alyssa Faughnan attended the water station meeting on 8/3.

Currently we have 20 adults and about 7 children/teens volunteering for our team.

Me, Donnie, M.A. & Mark Scott, Patti Agard, Morgan & Trevor Sims, Alyssa Faughnan, Susi/Bella/LJ Romar, Cait & Nate Lesco, Mona & Ryan Alfaro, Rachel McBride, Jenna Ladouceur, Alissa Meshesha, Lindsey Wencil (maybe Myles), Jessica/Mike/Valor/Gabe Williams, Robin Blanton & family, Jamye Gore

The sign-up genius is full but everyone is welcome to come on down and be a part of it!!

WHEN: Sunday September 7th be at location NLT 730am

WHERE: we are the full marathon HALFWAY point stationed at **Taylor Concrete Products Inc. 20475 Old Rome State Rd, Watertown, NY 13601** ***there will be a ROAD CLOSED sign but we will have access to drive to this location and park there (I have made a video on how to get there!)

WHO/WHAT/WHY: NCSC and their families dressed in their favorite and most outrageous Halloween costumes or wear RED and BLUE to represent NCSC. This is also a contest so we want to be LOUD, FUN and we wanna win \$500 🦄 🎉 💰 💰 (consolation prize for each team is \$100)

We will need the adults and teens to hand out water/Gatorade and the smaller kiddos can be cheerleaders/hype people!

Marathon provides:

Garbage can, rake, trash bags, gloves, cups, Gatorade mix, water, water pump, pitcher (2), tables, Gatorade cooler

Things to bring ourselves:

- Pop up tent (NCSC cage has one)
- Extra table (Shelly)
- Bag chairs (everyone bring their own)
- Posters : anything funny/motivating (NCSC cage has a few we made last year)
- Music/speakers (M.A. has big speaker, Shelly has the playlist)
- Noise makers (cowbells, clappers)
- Snacks (Shelly is making breakfast fried rice, cupcakes, water)
- Coolers: at least one cooler needed for ice for the runners (ice is provided by the marathon)
- Lastly, bring A LOT OF ENERGY!!!

Old Business: Can-Am Festival info table traffic was slow but we did meet a few new spouses and were able to tell them about the Open House.

Vote Needed:

Income: None

Expenses:

Volunteer hours : 13

Scholarships: Lindsey Wencil

New Business:

Need to set up a time with Thrift Shop to discuss merging applications

Old Business:

None

Vote Needed:

None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 3

Social: Margaret Ann Scott

New Business:

- I will continue to approve new members.

- Sept 10-Toddler
- Sept 12 - Music
- Sept 13- collab Game/BWS
- Sept 14-Outdoor pursuit
- Sept 16- craft

- Sept 17- Much Bunch
- Sept 20 - Toddler
- Sept 25-fit and fab
- Sept 26-Cooking Club @ 12-2
- -Book @6:30
- Sept 27 - Outdoor Pursuits
- *Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

- October:
- Oct 8- Toddler
- Oct 10 - Cooking
- Oct 15- Game
- Oct 17- Much Bunch
- Book club @6:30
- Oct 21- Craft
- Oct 25 - Toddler
- Oct 30-Fit and fab
- Oct TBD: October fest or winery, BWS
- Oct TBD- music club Ballet Dracula (Syracuse City Ballet)
- *Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

Old Business:

- Helped Morgan with Open House.

Vote Needed:

Income:N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 23

Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Vanderleest

New Business: Getting all of the new volunteers in VMIS and sending out an email on best practices in the coming month! Please don't forget to include your hours volunteered in your board report. I will manually put them into VMIS for you if you'd like.

Old Business: N/A

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: None

Expenses: N/A

Volunteer hours: N/A

Meeting End Time: 9:53 AM