

NCSC September Meeting Agenda

*Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025*

Meeting Called to Order: 9:05 AM

Advisor: Sherri Naumann

Advisor: Jamye Gore

President: Alyssa Faughnan

New Business:

- 1) The board party has been moved to 3 October to hopefully allow more of us to attend.
- 2) The Report of Availability for the new NCSC building has been submitted by Garrison to the NY District USACE to negotiate the license. We should hear about the available date in October.

Old Business:

- 1) Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the Sackets Marathon ESPECIALLY DONNIE AND SHELLY! It was such a fun morning, and we are awesome.
- 2) PLEASE complete your board roster and profile. MWR needs our board roster (I have submitted an incomplete one) and it is helpful for myself, Cait, and Sarah to have your bio info.

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 20

1st Vice President: Allie Iacovelli

New Business:

Flock the Yard -

- Flock the Yard volunteer sign up is live - I have decided to do a sign up month to month since flock will be ongoing. Flock your friends, neighbors, enemies, what have you!
- New legs for flamingos arrive this week, and special occasion signage lands between 9/12-9/16. Patti and I went through all the flamingos in the cage, disposed of a handful of the super tiny ones that were really beat up. We are able to set up 4 flocks that each have 6 really big flamingos, 2 medium flamingos, and 4 small flamingos. I think they look great!

North Country Gala - 11/15/25

- Gala donation letters are done - they look great (thanks Cait!). Jenna printed a bunch for me to distribute both at the fundraising committee meeting and this one.
- **FIRST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING - 9/9 at 7pm at my house (11561A Northern Blvd).** I actually have had a handful of members-at-large who are totally new reply to the email I sent saying they would be joining! That's so exciting to me!
- Lincoln loft is booked for the gala!
- Over the Top catering will be our caterer - the menu will be artisanal meat and cheese board, caesar salads, roast beef, chicken parm, tomato risotto, and garlic green beans.
- Shelly - would you be up for doing cupcakes again?
- Any update on DAR contact info so we could possibly get a sponsorship?
- The auctioneer has been secured and he once again will be doing it for free, so we will be buying his dinner ticket. His wife will not be attending this year.

Chipotle Fundraiser -

- I submitted the paperwork for our Chipotle fundraiser for 10/14 from 4-8pm. I'll let everyone know when that gets approved, hopefully in time for Cait to add it to the newsletter.

Old Business: Blue Star/1st VP spring event? What's the deal with that? Again, happy to help, just worried about Blue Star not getting back to us/funding us like last year and I don't want to make any decisions yet based on that history (i.e., I don't want to plan on an event at the peak, then have them decide they're going to do a movie night again or something and then we bankrupt ourselves trying to host a community event at the peak on our own dime if it's not meant to be a *fundraiser*).

Vote Needed: None

Income: \$40 from flock the yard

Expenses: Lincoln loft - \$720, New flamingo legs - \$72, New flock signs \$97.15

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 17

Added Notes: Volunteers are needed and appreciated for Flock the Yard. Please let Allie know if you would like to volunteer for flocking. Gala meeting went very well and had a lot of interest from members who want to help. Shelly will be making cupcakes for the Gala again. Another Gala meeting will be taking place 9/30 during the day for anyone who wants to attend. Setting up a time for a group to get together to talk and plan more for the Blue Star Families Event. Baskets, crates, and trays are needed for the Gala to group together donation items for the auction, so if anyone has any they aren't using, please donate them. Asking Sub Club leads to take initiative to distribute donation letters to places that they host sub club events at.

2nd Vice President: Alissa Meshesha

New Business:

On my to-do list for this week:

1. Make sure opportunity prizes are good to go
2. I need two more bingo prizes
3. Need to follow up with Brittney to ensure we are doing BOXED lunches

4. Reaching out to Brandon to see when during that day I can grab the keys or if we need to request an additional half hour earlier.
5. Draft agenda (this will be used for us during the meeting, as well as something for Rachel to use for our “meeting minutes”)
6. Set up a volunteer sign up link for September social and send to Cait!

October Social!

Theme: Harvest Hunt

Location: Crescent Woods Community Center (on Harvest Blvd)

Time: 5:30PM-8:30 PM

Catering: 24 Carrots

Requests will get sent to Alyssa F. this week for MWR.

The scavenger hunt places are selected (there are 5 stops as of right now). I’m going to be driving them slowly, staying for 5 ish minutes and moving to the next one to see if we need to add more, or less given our time. I did plan to leave spooky clues (however many per team, I won't know final numbers until closer). I have logistics that I need to figure out around leaving clues. Either we have a volunteer at each location making sure they get their picture and can move on or leaving the clues there and having them take a picture to send back to “headquarters”. I do have concerns about leaving fake skeleton remains at one of the sites. I’d also LOVE ideas for group prizes! My only thought was cheap coldrums filled with halloween trinkets.

Old 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 Vote

Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: \$0

Volunteer hours: 35 (for August)

Added Notes: October 22 for the October Social. Setting up a sign up genius for volunteers to be at each scavenger hunt stop. Will need Mona, Allie and Alissa to keep a running list of things needed for our social and fundraising events so that they are available when needed for our club.

Secretary: Rachel Klahs

New Business: I have an extra mailbox key that I need to assign to someone so that they can be my backup mail-checker.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: Approve last meeting's minutes

Income: None

Expenses: \$2.35 for postage due

Volunteer Hours: 5

Vote: Approve last meeting's minutes

Move: Patti Agard

Second: Whitney McClure

All in favor: 13

Added Notes: Jenna will get the second mail key.

Publicity: Caitlin Lesco

New Business:

- All headshots and current events have been updated on the website. If you notice anything I have missed please let me know.
- **I need all submissions for the October Newsletter no later than Sep. 19th** ○

Alyssa - President's Note

- **Allie** - Cheddar up link to Gala tickets, Chipotle Fundraiser
- **Alissa** - Cheddar up link to Harvest Hunt (*send to me on Sep. 23rd when it goes live*), do you and Morgan have any update on **Member's Day Out?**
- **Whitney** - October Community Outreach
- **Sarah** - VOM write up
- I plan to include special sections in this issue about the SH Marathon - Spirit Champions as well as calling for members to help us solicit businesses that they have relationships with for Gala donations, but I believe I have everything I need for those two.
- If anyone else has something they would like in the newsletter that's not already covered in our normal template or the additions I mentioned above, please submit those to me **by Sep. 19th**

Old Business:

- **NCSC Merch Store is open** – link on website and socials – remains open through September 23rd. Last call for orders will be at the September Social. Orders placed will be ready to pick up at the October Social.

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: none

Parliamentarian: Stafanie Brady

New Business: Are we open to receiving applications for family and friends (especially girlfriends) who live with the servicemember? If so, will be considering them as associate members? (Non-voting)

Old Business: None

Vote Needed:

Income: N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 4

Added Notes: Associate Member requirements are outlined in the constitution, and the thinking is that non-spouse significant others who reside with service members could be considered family members. We could also consider them for Honorary Membership. We can revise the constitution bylaws next year to reflect the decision. Discussed how we would word a potential change. We will advise interested non-spouse significant others to apply as a family member.

Treasurer: Patti Aguard

New Business:

- [August NCSC Finance Statement, August OTBP Finance Statement](#)
- Review Off the Beaten Path Finances
- 2025-2026 Budget:

- [Here](#) is the budget. We need to vote on this to bring to the September social for approval.
- Once approved here, I will send it on 9/15 to all members, along with a reminder to purchase their social ticket
- Jodi - I have the nametags for you
- Alissa - I have the social Bingo backdrop for you
- I will work with Allie to finalize the Cheddar Up for the North Country Gala
- Ordering more paper for ODYD and will go by this week to try and fix the printer

Old Business:

- Please deposit any outstanding checks

Vote Needed: 2025-2026 Budget

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: August: 36 hours

Vote: Approve 2025-2026 Budget

Move: Morgan

Second: Allie

All in favor: 13

Blue Star Family Liaisons: Rachel McBride and Kayla Geblein

No report received

Added Notes: Planning for coffee connect on October 3 at PX. Have the numbers for the ball pitched for last year. Kayla reached out to the Peak and working to verify that everything is the same. Hoping to meet with a committee or a team to get a better picture for the vision for the event for when we take it to Blue Star, since they want to work as a partnership. We will need to do this in the next week or so. Previously the month planned was April, but this is changeable.

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. David Nunez will be attending our social to speak about NNY Veterans Outreach.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed:None

Income:None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 5

Donations Coordinator: Rachel Sipperly

New Business:

- 1) The fundraising letter for the Gala is ready to be widely disseminated! Start that soliciting!!
- 2) But wait! In order to ensure we aren't double-tapping business and so that we can be sure to track things accurately, here is the system for how soliciting will work:
 1. Look at the donations tracker (will be shared with each of you following this meeting).
 2. Decide where you're going, and let me know! I'll put your name next to it. We only give a few people the ability to edit the doc to minimize confusion.
 3. Print the letter and the info form and take it with you.
 4. Once you go, I'll follow up and see what you were able to get (or if they asked you to come back etc.) This ensures we're following up when needed.
 5. Donations physically will be dropped off to Allie.
 6. If you want to go somewhere/know someone/email a business etc. just let me know! I'll add it to the tracker.

Old Business:

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 2

Added Notes: Donations are already coming in. Text Rachel (315)-427-0076 to update the tracker spreadsheet. Be sure to leave a copy of the form with businesses and organizations when you go to them and get it back when you pick up the donation.

Historian: Ellie Grippin

No report received

Hospitality: Brittany Young

No report received

Added Notes: Had a question of if we can sell opportunity prize tickets at the social. Per MWR rules we cannot. Is there a tracker for small businesses who would like to donate opportunity prizes?

Membership: Morgan Sims

No report received

Added Notes: We have 17 new members, 146 total! Morgan and Alissa have been talking about a MNO Bowling event October 14, 5-8 PM on post. If anyone still is missing their NCSC shirt, please reach out.

ODYD: Jenna Ladouceur

New Business: None

Old Business: ODYD Deployed 20 dresses this month.

-I have decided to put a pin in the fashion show, due to some life changes it's just not feasible this year. Possibly hold off until next year?

-If we are able to move the ODYD shop to the new location, I figured we could maybe do a donation/clothing swap as a kick off to opening?

-Keep promoting ODYD shop online, possibly mention it at socials? Even say something about getting a dress for the Gala at ODYD? Thoughts?

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

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

Added Notes: Possibly thinking of a fall date for the fashion show next year and putting plans already brainstormed in the AAR for next year. Advertise in the newsletter for someone to help with ODYD and takeover for Jenna in April. We can remove the Fashion Show from the budget but keep some money in the budget for a "Grand Reopening" when we have the building. Possibility of partnering with the Thrift Shop during Prom season.

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

Property Manager: Mona Alfaro

New Business: I returned the pop up and the poster boards from the marathon event. I also put away thing left out on the table.

Old Business: Morgan Simms checked out the 4th of July box but there is no return date and it is not marked out, I just need to know if it was returned, I didn't see it on the shelf.

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Added Notes: sign in and sign out on the sign out sheet in the cage.

Reservations: Jodi Loblack

No report received

Retiree Representative: Shelly Matthews

New Business: Stay tuned for the results from the Sackets Harbor Marathon

Old Business: Sackets Harbor Marathon water station

Income: None

Expenses:

Volunteer hours : 33 hours

Added Notes: WE WON!! We received a lot of compliments on the station about the enthusiasm

and positivity! The marathon next year will be Sept 6, 2026 if we want to do the same water station.

Scholarships: Lindsey Wencil

No report received

Added Notes: Discussed with Thrift Shop merging application.

Social: Margaret Ann Scott

New Business:

- I will continue to approve new members.
- Sept 12 - Music
- Sept 13- collab Game/BWS
- Sept 14-Outdoor pursuit
- Sept 16- craft
- Sept 19- Much Bunch
- Sept 20 - Toddler
- Sept 25-fit and fab
- Sept 26-Cooking Club @ 12-2
- -Book @6:30
- -Music
- Sept 27 - Outdoor Pursuits
- *Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

As of right now dates still might change but will have info to Cait by the 15th.

- October:
- Oct 4-BWS
- Oct 8- Toddler
- Oct 10 - Cooking
- Oct 12- Outdoor pursuits
- Oct 15- Game
- Oct 17- Much Bunch
- Book club @6:30
- Oct 21- Craft
- Oct 25 - Toddler
- Oct 26th-Music
- Oct 30-Fit and fab
- *Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

Old Business:

- N/A

Vote Needed:

Income:N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 9 hours

Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Vanderleest

No report received

Meeting End Time: 10:05 AM