

# NCSC January Meeting Agenda

*Governing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026*

*Meeting Called to Order: 9:35AM*

**Advisor: Sherri Naumann**

**Advisor: Jamye Gore**

**President: Alyssa Faughnan**

New Business:

- 1) Happy 2026! We are already ½ way through the year! Thank you for your time and effort up to this point. I'd like to do a gentle reminder that board expectations include submitting board reports, attending meetings, attending socials, and pitching in to help with special projects. All of that to say, we are all volunteers. Things come up, and we can't always be at everything all the time. When these times do come up, the most important thing is to communicate. We will all continue to pitch in and fill gaps and pull together, so just be as upfront as you can be to allow us to all help each other! At the end of the day, we are volunteers working to make our community better, and I'm so grateful for everything you all have done.
- 2) Hard to believe, but we are already at the time to start thinking about next year's board recruitment. We will be hosting some board interest events, but please consider talking to some current members about joining the team. Please also start working on your AAR now!!!!
- 3) All of my "new business" will be touched on by others- I'll chime in as needed

Old Business:

- 1) The cage airfield is officially empty!!! THANK YOU AGAIN to everyone who helped make that happen! All cage items are now in the USO space. The next step is to organize this space, which Mona and I have a plan for. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we tackle this next phase.
- 2) The ODYD airfield space has some remaining trash that we need to clear. On Jan 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 we'll do a final team effort to clear it. It would be super helpful if we

- can get 1-2 more trucks/large vehicles that we can caravan to the transfer center (immediately outside of the main gate across from the visitor center) to officially be done with the space on the airfield for good!
- 3) I have the keys to the new space to hand out to Alissa, Mona, and Jenna today.
  - 4) Please please please consider pitching in to assist Allie and the fundraising committee with soliciting for the gala.

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 30

*Added Notes: If you're interested in an exec board position, please start talking to current exec board members. Applications open in March, election is in April. Volunteers of the Month are Whitney and Alyssa. We have nominated TWO Volunteers of the Quarter: Jodi and Mona!*

## **1st Vice President: Allie Iacovelli**

New Business:

### North Country Gala

- Future fundraising committee dates: 1/27 @ 7pm, 2/1 @ 11am, 2/17 @ 7pm, 3/1 @ 11am (basket making), 3/10 @ 6pm (basket making).
- Basket making can and should be an all hands on deck situation if you are able to attend either! They will be at Patti's house. Come for as much or as little time as you can spare.
- Volunteer sign ups for day-of will be going out this week! We especially will need people to fill in the roles of silent auction master, and runners to get to the people who win the live auction items. Set up will need as many folks as possible, as well.
- If you haven't been able to attend fundraising committee meetings but would like to make yourself aware of what the day will look like and what the plan is, you can find our meeting notes [here](#).
- If you would help solicit donations, please reach out to me or to Rachel S. I cannot stress enough how much we need to get out there and get items!
- Mona - I need to get with you about a time to get in the cage and go back through everything we would need for the gala since it's in a new space!
- Ticket sales close 02/28 so make sure to buy your tickets!
- Will be getting with Jenna and Emily to host another dress shopping day at our new ODYD location! Thinking mid-february.
- Chamber has been contacted and given the new dates/information/letters which will go out in their February newsletter. Mary G and I will be giving an interview on the 12pm news on ABC50 on 2/9 to promote the gala. I have a line in to my regular who works at channel 7 and he is going to get our info out on their community page, as well.
- Decor note - the Lincoln Loft will no longer be decked out for Christmas, so we are leaning into a north country/adirondack/mountainous theme. If you happen to have any

decor that would fit that vibe that you would be willing to lend out to us for the event, let me know!!

#### Other News

- Chipotle fundraiser 04/07/2026
- Board recruitment idea - instagram takeover from various board positions, AMA style posts, etc.

Old Business: none

Vote Needed: None

Income: N/A

Expenses: N/A

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 26

*Added Notes: Discussed style of decor and table settings for the Gala. Allie will send out an email to the board with all of the info for the Gala, including the donation letter, important dates, volunteer sign ups, etc. Chipotle fundraiser event will be "Board-ritos," with a focus on board position recruitment.*

## **2nd Vice President: Alissa Meshesha**

### New Business:

Resubmitted February-May Social information to MWR, still pending January (PLEASE by this meeting date can we have approval.... Fingers crossed)

Theme: Cabin Fever Fix

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 12PM-2PM

Set up Time: 10AM-12PM

Take Down Time: 2PM-3PM

**Caterer:** I'll be taking on the catering. I'm making charcuterie cups with both a meat/protein option and a veggie/fruit option. I will have a chicken pasta salad, and a veggie pasta salad and bosco sticks. I will have a few drink options as well.

### **What I need from cage (going wednesday):**

Backdrop Stand

Buckets

Vases

Coozy's

Table Cloths

**Agenda:**

12PM-12:20PM: Welcome, grab food, take/find seats

12:20PM-12:30PM: Club Business (vote on previous three months social minutes, Gala, budget committee meeting, open back up apparel store, new board applications, sub club leads, vote on constitution, save the date for).

12:30PM-12:45PM: Community Outreach

12:45PM-1:45PM: Games

1:45PM-2PM: Thank everyone for coming, verbally let them know about the next social event, an RSVP to come (can we allow them at least?).

Games: We'll have 5 games - high energy, high speed games.

**Old Business:**

None

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: \$0

Volunteer hours: 20 (for December)

*Added Notes: Approval still has not come back for the January social. Added reminder about half price membership, scholarship info and BSF info to the club business discussion during the social.*

*We are changing the date and venue of the social to January 28 from 12-2PM at the Calcium Fire Department, 24527 County Road 138, Calcium, NY 13616, and capping the amount of ticket sales at 40. Board members, please comment on social media posts about the social and share on sub club pages. Ticket sales will open ASAP.*

*The April social will be catered by The Peak, and Shelly will cater the May social. For the February 27 social, we discussed having the hour before the social (5-6PM) be a focus on meeting with the board about position recruitment. Ali has been working to purchase new wooden NCSC letters for a longer-lasting investment. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped with the December social!*

**Secretary: Rachel Klahs**

New Business: October and December social minutes will be voted on at the January social.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: Approve last meeting's minutes

Income: None

Expenses: None  
Volunteer Hours: 5

Vote: Approve last meeting's minutes

Move: Patti

Second: Kayla

All in favor: 16 (passed)

## Publicity: Caitlin Lesco

No report received

*Added Notes: Please look at the descriptions of your board position on the website and give Cait feedback. Will look into getting a new decal for the USO building door.*

## Parliamentarian: Stefanie Brady

New Business:

- Reminder to work on AARs and binders!

Old Business:

- Business after Hours

Vote Needed: none

Income: N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 6

## Treasurer: Patti Aguard

New Business:

- [December NCSC Finance Statement](#), [Final OTBP Finance Statement](#)
- Budget Revision - January 27, 10:00 on Zoom
  - Every position was emailed a copy / explanation of their current budget on 1/11
  - Please respond by **January 20** with your proposed changes!
  - I would like to be on during the “club business” of the social
- Closing OTBP:
  - Next Steps: and who is working on them
    - Alert IRS to the closure - Patti + Bookkeeper
    - Hold vote to update the constitution (membership) and by-laws (governing board) removing OTBP language from both - Stefanie + Alyssa
    - Cancel OTBP P.O. Box + put in a mail forwarding - Patti
    - Deactivate Facebook Page - Alyssa + Cait

- Submit proof of closures + funds to MWR / Garrison - Patti + Alyssa
  - Done:
    - AmeriCu Bank account was closed and the \$856.08 remaining balance was transferred to our operating account and earmarked for our grants distribution.
    - Liquidation: We liquidated \$1,966.50 from store inventory. This is earmarked for our grants distribution.

Old Business:

- Silver - I am going this week to pick up the silver and start working through selling it.
- If you have any outstanding items that need reimbursed please get with me
- Items that require signature: Jenna, I need a signature on a form that was turned in

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: December - 45 hours

### **Blue Star Family Liaisons: Rachel McBride and Kayla Geblein**

New Business:

We will be hosting two BSF Coffee Connects this quarter. These are located at the Fort Drum Starbucks. Coffee Connects are a space for military connected families to build relationships, share information, and learn about community events. Starbucks will be providing coffee, and we will have some additional treats and activities.

-January 23rd @ 9:30am

-March 18th @ 9:30am

-This event is part of BSF's national "Nourish the Service" initiative

Old Business:

Sadly, NCSC does not meet the minimum requirements to become a Blue Star Families Outpost due to our current 501 c4 status and they have declined our proposal.

Vote Needed:

Income: 0

Expenses: 0

Volunteer hours: Rachel: 4 / Kayla: 4

*Added Notes: Next year, it is recommended that we will discuss continuing our partnership with BSF and the benefits of continuing. Board members are encouraged to attend Coffee Connects.*

### **Community Outreach: Whitney McClure**

New Business: Saint Lawrence County Office for the Aging is who we are supporting this month for donations. They are collecting Walmart gift cards, dollar store gift cards, blankets, hats ,gloves,puzzle books,handheld games, bath towels, chocolates.

Still waiting on the Valentine's Day donations from DAR.

Old Business: Our visit to Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living was 10/10 success. It was a great experience for everyone all around. Thank you to MA, SHELLY & MORGAN who came to help me entertain and hand out the items we collected from our December donations. We would love to do something there again & they were interested as well.

Vote Needed:None

Income:None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 14 hours

*Added Notes: Whitney will reach back out to St. Lawrence County for the Aging to confirm they can still attend the social on the new date. Would like to set up another volunteer event not social-related with Meadowbrook Terrace. The Children's House of Jefferson County is the slated outreach for March. Since there will not be a social, we will collect hygiene items at ODYD, BSF, and sub club events throughout the month of March, to be delivered early April.*

### **Donations Coordinator: Rachel Sipperly**

Did not receive report

*Added Notes: please refamiliarize yourselves with the donation tracker. Rachel will resend emails to businesses that had already committed to donating, especially about seasonal donations like wreaths, ski passes, and ornaments, as well as businesses that could not donate in the calendar year last year but may be able to donate this year.*

### **Historian: Allie Skeens**

New Business: Will take pictures at Cabin Fever Fix Social

Old Business: None

Vote Needed:None

Income:None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 2

*Added Notes: putting pictures in an album on Facebook. Continue to put pictures in Photo Circle!*

### **Hospitality: Brittany Young**

New Business:

- Thank you to the board members that donated prizes from their small businesses

Old Business:

- Really loved being able to give the members a small Christmas goodie. Thank you to

everyone for being on board with it

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: \$125

Expenses: \$77.82

Profit: \$47.18

Volunteer hours: 6

*Added Notes: Discussed using DAR donations for the February social door prizes.*

## **Membership: Morgan Sims**

New Business:

- We have 179 members! 🎉
- Membership is now half off for the rest of the season!

Old Business: NONE

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses:

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 4

*Added Notes: We now have 180 members as of this morning!*

## **ODYD: Jenna Ladouceur and Emily Buennemeyer**

New Business: Thoughts on getting a drop-off donation box and putting it outside the shop? I have found a new rack to purchase since one of them is missing pieces from the move, as well as a holder for the plastic garment bags. I plan to go over prices with Patti at the budget meeting. Emily and I talked about (also mentioned to Alyssa) adding things to the cork board outside ODYD, I have a Cricut I was going to cut out “Operation Deploy Your Dress” and “North Country Spouses’ Club” on paper and put it on the cork board, as well as a flyer explaining what ODYD is, how to donate and volunteer, etc.

Old Business: We deployed 8 dresses for December and got 15 donations in. Hours for the month are always pinned to the top of the Facebook page as well as up outside the shop on the corkboard.

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself) : 26 for Jenna/ 10 for Emily for Dec

*Added Notes: Discussed logistics of a donation bin. Will collaborate with Cait on information to put on the corkboard outside ODYD.*

### **Property Manager: Mona Alfaro**

New Business: We are completely moved into the USO, yayyyy!!

Old Business: None

Vote Needed:None

Income:None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 15

*Added Notes: We have set aside January 26 at 9:00AM to do one last push moving from the former ODYD space at the Airfield.*

### **Reservations: Jodi Loblack**

New Business: Waiting for the approval to send out January social email once approved

Old Business: N/A

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 3hrs

### **Retiree Representative: Shelly Matthews**

New Business: Nothing significant to report

Old Business: N/A

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 2 hours

### **Scholarships: Lindsey Wencil**

New Business:

- We are waiting for confirmation on whether or not our scholarships will be available to spouses only pending the upcoming vote at the January social.
  - In preparation, the scholarship application has been adapted accordingly.
- The application cycle will run from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- I am in the process of selecting the scholarship and judging committees.
- Will be setting up a meeting with Publicity once the application is ready to go to have it added to our site as well as determine the best way to market our application if it is to be changed to spouses only.

Old Business:

- We are not combining our application with the Thrift Store.
- We voted on whether or not to change our application to spouses only for this application cycle – this is now pending a vote at the January social.

Vote Needed: None

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 5

*Added Notes: Encourage people to apply even if they are unsure if they will qualify. May 16 is the ceremony date.*

## **Social: M. A. Scott and Candy Marr**

New Business:

- I will continue to approve new members.
- We have new Co-chairs for the Toddler club.
- We are still looking for a Co-chair for the Book club.
- We are letting Fit & Fab fade-out. (They will not have anymore events this year)
- January
  - Jan 11- munch bunch
  - Jan 13 -Craft
  - Jan 16-cooking club 12-2
  - Jan 22-toddler club
  - Jan 24-music
  - Jan 30- outdoor pursuits
- \*Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30
- February:
  - Feb 6 - Game
  - Feb 7- music
  - Feb 12-Munch Bunch
  - Feb 21-BWS
  - Feb 26- collab book/craft club
  - Feb 28- outdoor pursuits
- \*Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

Old Business:

Sub Club Info:

- Craft Club
  - Jenna Ladouceur 216-406-7729 [jladouc28@gmail.com](mailto:jladouc28@gmail.com)
  - Mona Alfaro 931-801-3212 [Ramonaa74@bellsouth.net](mailto:Ramonaa74@bellsouth.net)
- Outdoor Pursuit
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Vote Needed:

Income:N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: M.A.: 14hrs

Candy Marr: 4hrs

*Added Notes: Discussed people RSVPing yes to events and not showing up, especially when supplies have been bought. Sub-club leaders will reach out to their club members to remind people not to RSVP unless they know they can attend and change it if they can no longer attend. Sub-club leaders, please get MA and Candy your event dates by the deadline!*

## **Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Vanderleest**

New Business:

1. Please don't forget to include your hours volunteered in your board report. I will manually put them into VMIS for you!
2. We nominated TWO amazing volunteers for Volunteer of the Quarter awards:
  - a. Jodi LoBlack
    - i. I am proud to nominate Yornalis (Jodi) Loblack for Volunteer of the Quarter for her outstanding dedication and behind-the-scenes leadership

with the North Country Spouses Club. As our Reservations Chair—fondly known as the “Ruler of RSVPs”—Jodi plays a vital role in ensuring our socials and events run smoothly. She consistently keeps track of event attendance with precision, helping our leadership team plan successful, well-organized, and welcoming gatherings. Jodi brings a warm, positive presence to everything she does, and her genuine love for helping events succeed is felt by all who attend.

This quarter, Jodi’s impact was especially evident during our Off The Beaten Path storefront move. She stepped up without hesitation to assist with logistics, moving boxes and totes, and coordinating the borrowing of materials to support the team during the transition. In addition to her role as Reservations Chair, Jodi helps plan many of our monthly socials, creating fun and inclusive experiences for our spouses, and she also serves as co-chair of the Cooking Club. Jodi has a hand in many of the moving parts that keep our club thriving, often working quietly behind the scenes. Her reliability, enthusiasm, and commitment make her truly deserving of Volunteer of the Quarter recognition.

b. Mona Alfaro

- i. I am proud to nominate Ramona "Mona" Alfaro for Volunteer of the Quarter in recognition of her exceptional dedication and service as the North Country Spouses Club's Property Manager. Known affectionately as the club's "Human AirTag," Mona is truly our inventory extraordinaire—she knows where everything is and ensures all club property is accounted for, organized, and ready when needed. This quarter, Mona's impact was especially significant during the move from the Off The Beaten Path storefront and the reorganization of our storage unit. She dedicated dozens of hours—literally—sorting inventory, organizing supplies, and reducing clutter to make our storage space more functional and efficient. Her contributions went far beyond planning and oversight; Mona was hands-on every step of the way, lifting and moving boxes and providing essential logistical support throughout the process. In addition to her tireless work behind the scenes, Mona is always willing to open her home to the club for gatherings, further demonstrating her generosity and commitment to fostering a welcoming community. Her reliability, physical effort, and willingness to step up wherever help is needed make her an invaluable asset to the club. Ramona Alfaro's dedication and selfless service truly embody the spirit of Volunteer of the Quarter.

Old Business: N/A

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: None

Expenses: N/A

Volunteer hours: N/A

*Meeting End Time: 10:56AM*