IABA Meeting Minutes November 3, 2026

The meeting was held at Screamen Eagle. Thank you to Sharon Miller for hosting this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Jill Marsh. In attendance were Jill and Karl Marsh, Adele Burnett, Connie Perry, Bonnie Lutz, Toni and Greg Rudd, Sharon Miller, Janet and Ray Cardella, Margie and Bruce O'Hara, Stephen Young and Jennifer Blakeman, Beth Kellogg, Jane Slack and Holly Koeppe.

There were no new attendees.

Regular Reports

- **Chair:** Jill reminds us to vote if we haven't already done so. Jill reports that she attended a webinar sponsored by the Northern Forest Center, Building the New Forest Future, about boosting rural downtown development. She felt it was useful; she and Adele will have information regarding future programs. Jill also reports that ANCA is getting started with some e-commerce programs. Jill has proposed an annual report to all members; plans in progress.
- **Vice Chair:** Lynn was not present
- **Treasurer:** Jane reports that we have completed the transition from Adirondack Bank to the new ownership of Arrow Bank.
- **Secretary:** Holly has nothing new. Minutes of the last meeting were approved by all.
- **Membership:** Janet reports nothing new. One person has paid 2027 dues (Karen Kessler).
- **Member at Large:** Connie has nothing new to report.
- **Information Office and Town of Inlet Updates:** Adele reminds us to vote if we haven't already done so. She reports that the Town Board passed updates to their current vendor ordinance, which does not include fees. Fees will be set at the January Town Board organizational meeting. She reports that the new 911 address numbers are actually being released and we all should expect them soon. She reminds us that if we forget the new number in an emergency situation, all emergency responders will have the old address number in their systems for at least a year. Christmas on Main Street is coming soon. Please let Adele know of your plans for opening and/or activities. Snodeo will be the second week of December.

Prior Business/Action Review

Actions from October meeting: $300 donation to HASCA was approved. Jane reports that check is going out tomorrow.

No Bull Line Dancers need locations for winter line dancing. Notify Jill or Adele if you want to host them.

General Topics

Nominations for 2027 Board members are: Jane Slack for Treasurer, Lynn Durkin for Vice Chair, Janet Cardella for Membership. With a motion by Jill, seconded by Holly, the board agreed to excuse the by-laws limiting terms. Volunteers are needed for Deputy Treasurer and Membership. The board proposes potential by-laws updates, potential annual meeting, possibly in September. Discuss and bring up again in early 2027.

At December meeting: validation for Nominees, membership and board vote, announcement of deputy positions.

New Committee: The Project and Budget Committee (preliminary name) to increase IABA's impact. Chair of this committee is Ray Cardella. Please contact him if you are interested. This will be thoroughly discussed at the December meeting.

Kite Flying: Jill will contact Woods Inn regarding possible donation of rooms for kite flyers in February.

Champagne Bus: All agreed that IABA should pay for the Champagne Bus on New Year's Eve. Adele will confirm cost and notify the board for approval.

2026 Annual Report: in progress; all agree to go ahead with it

CAA: Trae not present

BFC Update: Adele reports the next meeting is Nov. 20

Business Topics

RERC (Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Effort) Contacts listed on the agenda handout. They can assist Inlet with the Fern Park redevelopment project, and more.

Cloudsplitter Effort: Dan Kiefer-Bach will host a meeting on 11/12 @ 11am to determine how we can create a more cohesive methodology for the way we do the work, mapping skill sets, capacity, areas of focus and identifying overlaps and gaps. Location TBD.

NEW: Provide business updates and win a change for a business promotional package. See Adele for form to complete.

Public Comments

Sharon Miller proposes a community Halloween candy give-away, manning storefronts with volunteers to allow children to trick-or-treat up and down the main street rather than having

parents drive from place to place. This idea was met with enthusiasm by all and logistics will be planned in future meetings.

Daiker's will be open for Veterans on Saturday, 11/7

The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2026 at 6:30pm at Screamen Eagle.

With a motion by Jill, seconded by Greg Rudd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.