



New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Saturday March 20, 2010
10:00AM – 3:00PM
Cleveland Building
White Eagle Conference Center
Hamilton, NY

Present

Helen Sick, President
Bill Harman, Vice President
Don Keppel, Treasurer
Walter Dutcher, Secretary
Janet Andersen

Jack Baldwin
Donald Cook
James Cunningham
Rena Doing
George Kelley

Dean Long
John Slater
Robert Thill
Bob Rosati
Theresa Mayhew

Absent

David Wright
Barbara Marko
Nick Klupacs

Kathleen McLaughlin
Philip Utter
Matthew Albright

Rebecca Schneider
Jan Shields

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager
Scott Kishbaugh, DEC

Nancy Craft

Holly Waterfield (SUCO
BFS, NALMS)

1. Call to Order & President's Remarks – Helen Sick
2. Minutes of the October 17, 2009 Meeting, Notes amended to reflect correction: Item 7 - Motion to appoint Jan Shields (not Janet Anderson) to assume James Hood position on NYS Federation of Lakes, Inc. Also, showed John Slater as president (Helen Sick). Motion to adopt the October minutes as amended by Robert Thill, Janet Anderson 2nd – passed
3. Treasurer's Report – Donald Keppel, see treasurer's report. Accounting for CSLAP income and expenses continues to be difficult due to overlapping accounting intervals. Janet Anderson-Any issues with Tax return?, Don - no problems. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report as given by Robert Thill, Teri Mayhew 2nd - passed. Don informs the board he will have to resign as of July 1st 2010. Macular degeneration has set in and is affecting his ability to perform these tasks. Board members expressed their thanks to Don for his years of work. How long? Don has been a member of NYSFOLA since the founding. And since '93 as Treasurer.
4. Office Report – Nancy Mueller - On track for conference, CSLAP lakes are in on schedule (for 3/15 deadline). The conference bags hold "Diet" nicely. Rte 96 power and paddle will be a new exhibitor this year, and a dock builder will also

be there. Jan Shields mother has died this week (Nancy will send condolences). Aqua Marine is not coming as an exhibitor this year due to a death in the executive team. With several new exhibitors plus past exhibitors the exhibit space will be filled again this year. "Diet" sales were good through 2009 then slowed down in Jan-Feb, now orders are picking up again. Jim Cunningham suggests sales on Amazon, Nancy wants to do some advertizing. Some suggestions are FingerLakes Times, Conservationist (wouldn't take ad before), NALMS (tried twice, didn't produce any sales). George Kelley asks about the DEC agreement to use "Diet" electronically. George is worried that e-distribution is already widespread. Nancy has sold hard copies to several DEC people and Scott Kishbaugh states electronic distribution is limited. Many libraries have also been made aware of "Diet". Don Cook asks about using independent bookstores (College bookstores) for sales perhaps with a bulk discount? Most college bookstores are not interested unless the book is needed for a class. Nancy does not have time to market books and do the conference and CSLAP. At the conference, ask people to take a copy home to their town hall and library. Dean Long volunteers to do the artwork for ¼ page and ½ page ads. Dean will send out the ad copy to Nancy and Nancy will then send out as needed. Teri Mayhew has offered to help market "Diet".

5. DEC WMAC Appointment Jim Cunningham attended the Water Management Advisory Council meeting in Albany on behalf of NYSFOLA. DEC department directors and many environmental groups (inc NYSFOLA) were in attendance. DEC's economic state (bad news) was discussed and painted as dismal due to money, attrition, and work load. DEC does get 1% of all stimulus monies flowing through the state, worried about what happens after. But (good news), lots of work is happening on renewable, green projects; and the funding to go with. Some items include: Intended use plans; principal forgiveness on some loans (becomes grants); Technical Operating Guidance (TOGS) like on mercury levels – measured in parts per trillion levels; Stormwater management - Construction MS4 permit program (numeric limits will affect large projects like gas well drilling). State requirements are now to catch up to 90% of yearly runoff. DEC working on faster permitting, better enforcement, and larger fines. Jim mentioned a web based site to check for non-compliances in Conservation code by geographic area. Jim put in a plug for the DEC/NYSFOLA alliance on CSLAP. Hydrofracking comments are in; but we do not know when the report will be out. TDS (Total dissolved solids) of waste water is too high in hydrofracking to put on ground or send to a water treatment plant – effectively stopping drilling for now. Don Cook mentioned that the State of NY has purchased the Canadice/Hemlock reservoir property from the City of Rochester. By agreement this property will stay forever wild; usage and tax rates etc should stay the same.
6. Board Resignation, Helen Sick read a letter from Phil Utter offering his resignation as of February 28th, 2010. Motion to accept Phil's resignation and send our appreciation for Phil's efforts over the year's by John Slater, Don Cook 2nd - passed. The board needs to think about increasing Western NY participation after this resignation, Don Cook will work on this.

7. Board Term Expirations- Terms that are expiring this year are: Matt Albright, Rena Doing, Don Keppel, Kathleen McLaughlin, Helen Sick. All plan to renew for another 3 year term.
8. Diet- Need an ad design—Dean Long will provide this based on original artwork supplied by Nancy Mueller.
9. 2010 Conference Update – the agenda is set, checks and registrations are coming in. Book bags will be given as tokens to attendees.
 - o Friday night speaker? Do not have one lined up. Bill Harman will do Q/A forum Friday night. Dinner should be crowded.
 - o Saturday speaker- Mark Wilson, Lake Placid Assoc – did cartoons for “Diet” and is a cartoon journalist. Nancy Mueller has given him a wide field for his presentation.
 - o Media Award – Several entries to choose from! Jan Shields and Nancy Mueller have received entries including at least one on hydrofracking. The Lake George Pulitzer prize winner published editorial on water quality has also been submitted.
 - o Lake Steward Award(s) – Marge Schaefer, Black Lake Association, Marge Hillback, Butterfield Lake Association.
 - o Sunday – Welcome to my lake association, this is my lake – need more volunteers to show off their lakes, only Black lake signed up now. Invasive Species – Scott Kishbaugh working on several topics – floristic quality index report; <http://pleasantvalleyconservancy.org/fqi.html> (plant ranking) quantifying that the Nature conservancy is working on. Scott believes this will be useful for Lake Inventory work and ranking. Altogether – 4 presentations related to invasive species (plant surveys, ranking, etc) at ½ hour each for 2 hours.
10. Lakescaping Contest – Demonstration at Lake Moraine? (see October minutes) There is nothing going on yet and probably too late now to have anything ready for the conference. The presentation of last year’s award will be done Friday night (Honeoye Lake).
11. Dam Safety Update – Bob Rosati looked into funding for dam owners and found no funding available. NJ and Pennsylvania dam owners have found funding through collectives. Dam owners – some are trying to comply, some will not comply – drain my lake if you must! Need to update the NYSFOLA lake list with associated dam classifications. Maybe 8 NYSFOLA lakes are high hazards for dams. The CanalCorp potentially could abandon some dams (this especially affects Madison county and central NY) This raises all kinds of questions of ownership, future funding issues, etc.

LUNCH AT NOON

12. Treasurer – Walter Dutcher volunteered to take over treasurer responsibilities as Dan Keppel phases out; Janet Anderson volunteered as replacement Secretary. Robert Thill comment – we need to plan more in advance for transitions. Robert would be a volunteer successor for any executive office at a future date. The Board will need to make an appointment to fulfill Don’s term of office – one year). Robert Thill and Nancy Mueller will work up the wording for a motion to be presented at the annual meeting May 1st, 2010 to effect this change.

Meanwhile, Walter will work on having his signature added to the checking account and getting up to speed on the bookkeeping.

13. Yankee Lake Case – update from Dave Wright – presented by Nancy Mueller, this concerns the collection of dues from Association members for dam repair. Some members have refused to pay. The Lake association went to court and lost. Dave wants to file a friend of court brief on the appeal, appeal filed 3/15/2010. Once the appeal is accepted, Dave would file the brief. He feels this is an important enough case to take an interest, upends a lot of case law and puts funding for Associations that are dam owners in question.
14. CSLAP 2010 & Beyond Scott Kishbaugh – DEC – has discussed current funding issues in budget, stimulus, etc with his superiors and told to proceed with CSLAP for this year as if funding established at last year's levels. NYSFOLA's CSLAP committee has met to discuss the evolution of CSLAP, contingency plans are already in the works. The CSLAP reports this year will be very different – 110 separate reports currently, moving to a hybrid state wide report; 4 regional reports and an appendix for each lake (consisting of multiple pages). Scott is working this change out for this past year's reports. Scott wants to move CSLAP into a new direction based on what we have learned and base the next steps on specific needs by lake, region, etc. One outcome will be more responsiveness to specific needs as they develop. CSLAP program problems – there is a 17 lake waiting list – we just don't have capacity, only through attrition. Strategy – short term – establish a CSLAP lite program including SECCI disk and algal bloom study and aquatic plant monitoring. This is being investigated before being offered to waiting list lakes. Longer term – original agreement was a lake participated for 5 years then rotates out. Proposal – core set of lakes that would always be constant to track regional activity. These would be called Index lakes – they would participate every year, and pay the fee every year. Rotating lakes – all other lakes would be in for 5 years and then out for 1 year, letting new lakes come in. The committee will be presenting recommendations in May to the board for approval. Index lake criteria - Regional distribution (6 regions represented); size (vary); depth (vary); trophic state (vary). Lake associations with strong past participation would be preferred as index lakes.. Scott wants the committee to get the authority to pick index lakes and establish the rotational policy from the NYSFOLA BOD. Bill Harmon moves to authorize this action, Janet Anderson 2nd Discussion – would there be input from outside the committee? On an informal basis. George Kelley raises 'coeducational' issue as a possible index lake criteria where lakes are educating local residents. John Slater worried that some criteria too subjective, but OK if applied just for index lakes. Don Cook – should we consider the problem with Finger Lakes? Each lake has its own identity and has also not been very involved with CSLAP so far. Motion passed without amendment.. Scott – keeping existing list of 120 lakes is not sustainable, especially for analytical services. The CSLAP program needs to raise funds, fees could be raised to ? (this item referred to the May board meeting). Ideas - charging shallow lakes less than deep lakes and for UPS vs USPS lakes. An Option for new bottle sourcing has been found and is being tried this year - UFI is packing and shipping bottles this year for \$2000. All 2009 lakes are back in for

2010 except for 3 Middletown lakes (voluntarily left), 3 new lakes have been added from the waiting list. 25th CSLAP celebration? DEC plans have been downsized due to severe budget constraints, A DEC Conservationist article is still in negotiation.

15. News from NALMS Holly Waterfield has taken over for Matt Albright as region 2 NALMS director to fill out his term. NALMS remains active on membership promotion, last symposium was in Hartford, next in Oklahoma City - November 3rd - 5th. Student affiliate memberships are new; a policy statement on Asian Carp will be issued, NALMS hosting a member forum through Yahoo. Nancy Mueller is open to going again this year to represent us.
16. Board of Director Profiles – Nancy Mueller – need picture and bio, catch up at the conference in May since we are out of time here.
17. Other topics – Don Cook – There is a need to form an alliance around Finger Lakes for invasive species, shale hydrofracking, etc to move their (Finger Lakes) agenda along using demonstration projects, etc. Formation group is worried they would step on NYSFOLA toes and has invited Don to be involved as liason. This year's Regional meeting will be 10/16/2010 at Cuba Lake, the agenda is set. Topics include this new alliance(s) and other updates...
Janet Anderson – is working with a group looking for general input to feed to EPA forum on watersheds and management
Bill Harman has replaced James Hood on NY's Invasive Species Council – this is an active group. The council is working on recommendations for allocation of resources (\$'s and agencies).
Scott – As it stands, SPDES permits will be required for pesticide application in water bodies, NY will have a permitting process by April 2011. DEC seeking work groups to participate in designing this process, Bill Harmon interested.
Don Keppel recognition - Nancy will work on this with others for the conference.

Meeting adjourned – 2:45 on motion by George Kelley and 2nd by Don Cook passed.