

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
10 am, September 29, 2012  
White Eagle Conference Center  
Hamilton, NY



## Present

Jim Cunningham, President  
Bill Harman, Vice President  
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer  
Janet Andersen, Secretary  
Jack Baldwin

Donald Cook  
James Cunningham  
Rena Doing  
Tarki Heath  
Rich Henderson

John Jablonski  
George Kelley  
Theresa Mayhew  
Jan Shields  
John Slater

## Absent

Matthew Albright  
Nick Klupacs  
Dean Long

Barbara Marko  
Kathleen McLaughlin  
Bob Rosati

Rebecca Schneider  
Robert Thill  
David Wright

## Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Scott Kishbaugh, DEC

Nancy Craft

- 1. Call to Order.** President Jim Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and welcomed new board member Tarki Heath.
- 2. Minutes of the May 4 and 5, 2012 Meeting.** Bill Harman moved to accept the minutes as written, Rich Henderson seconded, and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher presented the balance sheet and monthly income and expense numbers as well as pie charts that show our sources of income and expense. He was asked to distribute the information to the board members. He also reported that the 990 for 2011 had been filed. George Kelley moved and John Jablonski seconded that the report be approved: the motion carried.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy Mueller reported that the summer had been busy with HAB related issues. New lake association formation also generated questions. Waterworks is in progress. Nancy attended a recent Hydrilla meeting. She has made travel arrangements to NALMS. She also plans to visit the Lake Placid Conference Center as a potential site for the NALMs conference.
- 5. President-elect.** Janet Andersen moved, and Rich Henderson seconded, that Walter Dutcher should be appointed as the President-elect. We discussed potential Treasurers to replace Walter. Knowing quickbooks and 990 reporting would be a help. Walter will talk to Robert Thill, and other potential treasurers were discussed.
- 6. CSLAP report.** Scott reported on several items from the CSLAP committee:

- a. DEC – FOLA Contract. Scott reviewed that this contract approach allows the use of UFI as a lab, ensures Nancy is paid, and lays the foundation for a sustainable future. The 3+2 year contract is close to done: state signatures are required. We discussed what evidence was necessary to give to DEC to get paid under the contract.
  - b. 2012 CSLAP was a slightly smaller program as a large class of lakes rotated out. Busy because of HAB sampling.
  - c. HAB: from the end of June, Scott updated the DEC website weekly with suspicious or confirmed blooms. The best way to implement public notification remains a broad issue within the DEC. Rich Henderson reviewed his HAB experiences on Black Lake during the summer and emphasized education and communication needs. Tarki Heath shared her rapid response team approach and echoed the need for more education. Her lake association had invited Greg Boyer to present. John Jablonski indicated that his lake successfully relied on DOH to communicate the messages. Discussion included potential you-tube educational videos, or education on rapid response team models. Scott indicated that future ESF funding would probably have multiple sample spots on a lake. He distributed the FAQ sheet. There was more discussion about how to inform the public that the bloom was gone. Topics suggested for the annual conference included how to use the DEC website and rapid response techniques. Scott indicated that the DEC was looking at a way to show the universe of sites that were tested.
  - d. *Hydrilla*. Scott reported that the CSLAP committee was looking at better ways to encourage plant sampling and the search for *Hydrilla*. We agreed that we should continue to search even if the resources for control and eradication were not available. In small areas, benthic barriers can be used, and if *Hydrilla* is found, adjacent lakes can be warned. This led to a discussion of lake stewards at boat launches. Paul Lord put together a good lake steward manual for the Catskill Center that might be useful to post on our website. Nancy will follow up.
7. **Scholarship.** Bill Harman reviewed the six students and the lakes they had chosen. He had approved all the lakes for suitability. Rich Henderson represented the scholarship committee to recommend that the scholarship be given to the students working on Green Lake and Lake Moraine, and Jan Shields seconded. After discussion, the board passed the motion, with John Slater (Lake Moraine) and one other board member abstaining. John Jablonski moved and Rena Doing seconded that the scholarship committee refine the criteria and process for 2013.
8. **2013 Conference.** Nancy Mueller reminded us that our 30<sup>th</sup> conference is upcoming. Suggestions for theme, topics and speakers should be mailed to Nancy. Jan Shields suggested “Lurking Lake Threats”. We need to get requests out early for any state government speakers. In addition to topics suggested earlier, alternate waste treatment was suggested as a topic.
9. **NALMS.** Nancy Mueller reviewed an extensive list of people she had contacted from businesses and academia to be on the NALMS committee, as NALMS wants both commercial and academic representation on the committee. That paperwork is a first step. We are anticipating hosting in 2015 or 2016. Rich Henderson joined the committee. Nancy is looking at Lake Placid, Saratoga, and Sagamore on Lake George as possible locations. Bill Harman said that Matt Albright, himself, and four students were attending the NALMS conference and would assist in planning the future NALMS meeting.
10. **CAFO.** Nancy Mueller reported that she had received a flurry of calls from lakes concerned about reports that the size of an unregulated herd could go from 200 to 300, and that regulations would

be relaxed for CAFOs in general. Nutrients could threaten waterbodies. Jan Andersen moved and John Jablonsky seconded that FOLA should direct FOL to write a letter expressing our concerns. Discussion indicated that we should be mindful of the economic pressures on small farmers as we wrote this letter. The motion carried.

**11. Next Meeting: Set for March 23, 2013.**

**12. New business.** John Jablonski spoke of the potential for a regional conference at his lake. He will work with Don Cook to see if it makes sense to coordinate two meetings in the west of the state.

**13. Executive Session.** George Kelley moved and John Slater seconded that we move into executive session for the discussion of an employee request, and the motion carried. The same two persons also moved and seconded that we come out of executive session and the motion carried.

**14. Employee merit raise.** Bill Harman moved and Don Cook seconded that FOLA would increase Nancy Mueller's pay as requested from \$225 per week to \$275 per week, starting with the next pay period, and the motion carried. To fulfill our responsibilities as an employer, we also asked Nancy to prepare a general job description of her FOLA role for our next meeting.

**15. Adjournment.** Rich Henderson moved, and John Slater seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 pm pm, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA

Subsequent events:

**Scholarship:** Through Nancy Mueller, Bill Harman informed the board that the student who had planned to work on Lake Moraine was no longer a candidate for a scholarship. The board voted by email in October to substitute Canadarago Lake for Lake Moraine. The board anticipates that Lake Moraine will be a strong candidate at the next funding cycle.