

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Via Conference Call
July 26, 2014, 9:00 am



Present

George Kelley, President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Jack Baldwin

Donald Cook
Rena Doing
Tarki Heath
Rich Henderson

John Jablonski
Laurel Mann
Kathleen McLaughlin
Jan Shields

Absent

Bill Harman, Vice President
Matthew Albright
Jim Cunningham

Theresa Mayhew
Bob Rosati
Rebecca Schneider

John Slater
Robert Thill
David Wright

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Scott Kishbaugh, DEC

- 1. Call to Order.** President George Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.
- 2. Minutes of the May 2 and 3, 2014 Meeting.** Jan Shields moved, and Don Cook seconded that the May 2014 minutes be approved, and the motion carried.
- 3. Office Report.** Nancy reported that the Waterworks is at the printers, and she is working on this year's hydrilla hunt. She said CSLAP is up and running, and the office is working well. Jan Andersen moved and Walt Dutcher seconded that Nancy should notify the landlord of the intent to renew the office per the lease, and the motion carried. George Kelley said he would get the remaining Diet book inventory for storage at the office.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed our financial status. Our overall position is good. He expects the CPA to finish the an accounting letter for the charities form and will submit the IRS 990 and the Char 500 soon. The investments still leave cash available for running the operations. Walt will distribute reports to the directors separately. Jan Andersen moved and Laurel Mann seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and the motion carried.
- 5. CSLAP Committee.** Scott Kishbaugh reported that all CSLAP lakes had started sampling, although some late starters had only submitted one session. The only issues had been related to a filter problem, and apparently ESF had found a workaround. Filters would be a topic at the end of season review. UFI personnel transition of lab and fiscal managers appeared to be smooth so far. HAB season had started, about 30 lakes had evidence of bloom, but many of the blooms seem less persistent and pervasive this year. HABs seemed to be very site specific. The rotational monitoring program is now in NYC and LI and seems to have found more stressed lakes, and generally more blooms reported from downstate. USI and ESF seem to be working well together, and the courier service is effective. Electronic reporting pilot: 28 signed up but about 18 lakes have reported this way. The electronic supplemental HAB map is especially useful for regional distribution. At season

end the committee will discuss whether to continue or expand this pilot. Scott discussed the DEC contract 3+2 structure and general agreement was for the +2 option rather than renegotiation. Jan Andersen moved and Jan Shields seconded that the board authorize the committee to decide whether there is a need for a special board meeting to consider or approve a new contract, and the motion carried. Scott also said that the committee would consider options for the 2015 lake participation since more lakes would rotate in than out. He also discussed improved reporting. The 2015 conference on Friday will have the opportunity for individual lake review of the CSLAP report. The committee is also working on clarifying the cause of the scorecard ratings.

6. **Hydrilla Hunt.** Scott also reported on the Hydrilla Hunt webinar, which is planned for August 7 at 2 pm this year. In addition to the same speakers and content as last year, they plan to add an update on current projects in Ithaca and the Erie Canal. Both areas were treated in the past two weeks.
7. **Long Range Planning Committee.** Rich Henderson reported that the committee planned its first conference call in August. Based on activity at the conference, Frank Shipp had been added to the committee. Rich said that work would begin on the SWOT (strength /weakness / opportunity / threat) analysis and the question list for the environmental assessment for the committee, board, and members. He also spoke about a need for a better connection between FOLA members and technical advisors and work on how to reach non-members. He would have a deliverable for the next board meeting. We had a lengthy discussion about the new dues structure and how it should apply to Federations with no change to the decisions from the March meeting.
8. **NALMS Conference:** In Saratoga Springs on November 18-21, 2015. Nancy reported that George and Holly had joined her in a meeting with the NALMS rep at the Saratoga conference center to see the site and start discussion on the field trips. Work will need to start soon on program and fundraising. George Kelley reiterated that help would be required on this conference.
9. **Regional meetings.** George Kelley attended Terri's regional meeting and reported that it was terrific. Don Cook reviewed the plans for his meeting. George reiterated the importance of regional meetings.
10. **2015 Conference:** Nancy reported that more help would be needed at the registration desk. Friday will be CSLAP day and Geese management can be a topic. Nancy hoped to get the program planned earlier this year.
11. **Next meetings:** The next meeting was planned for **September 27** at White Eagle, with October 25 as backup in case White Eagle is not available. George asked us to consider whether we wanted more teleconference meetings.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned by common consent at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA