

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 1 and May 2, 2015

Appley Conference Center at White Eagle
Hamilton, NY



Present

George Kelley, President
Bill Harman, Vice President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Jack Baldwin
Donald Cook

Tarki Heath
Rich Henderson
Dean Long
Laurel Mann
Theresa Mayhew
Bob Rosati

Rebecca Schneider
Jan Shields
John Slater
Robert Thill

Absent

Matthew Albright
Jim Cunningham

John Jablonski
Kathleen McLaughlin

David Wright

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Scott Kishbaugh, DEC

- 1. Call to Order.** President George Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.
- 2. Minutes of the March 7, 2015 Meeting.** Don Cook moved, and Laurel Mann seconded that the March 2015 Board meeting minutes be approved, and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report and Budget.** Walter Dutcher reviewed our financial status. The balance sheet shows we have ample cash on hand and invested. He also discussed an income and expense status, and showed a budget update. Bob Rosati moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Bob Thill seconded, and the motion carried.
- 4. Conflict of Interest Policy.** The board was reminded of FOLA's conflict of interest policy and members who were present signed a certification form.
- 5. Long Range Planning Committee.** Rich Henderson discussed the status of this project. He stated that the SWOT analysis step was not complete. He independently developed some questions for FOLA members and asked the board for their feedback by the end of May. He will distribute a softcopy to the board to enable these comments.
- 6. Conference Report.** Nancy reported that conference attendance is breaking records and thanked Laurel Mann for her help. Registration went smoothly until the very end when people tried to register after the end date. Nancy said that we were on the last year of our three year contract with White Eagle and she is concerned we are outgrowing the site. Bob Rosati said that he had looked for other locations but that the need for CSLAP training limited options and all other places would be three times more expensive. Dean Long moved that we sign a contract for one year with a one year option, and continue to look for another venue, Rich Henderson seconded, and the motion carried. Tarki and Jan S. offered to help Bob R. investigate other central NY locations.

- 7. Scholarship / Gift Committee.** This committee recommended dropping the scholarship name since FOLA gives a gift to the Oneonta Foundation. The process description and draft criteria with weighting and application has been distributed to the board. The board slightly modified the criteria and determined that only the top scoring lake would be nominated each year. If no student chose that lake, FOLA would not give a gift that year. Jan Andersen moved, and Laurel Mann seconded, that FOLA should continue to give this gift, that the criteria as modified to drop the size criteria should be used, that a lake application form should be used and publicized, and the committee is delegated to designate the lake for the gift by August 31. After discussion of the expectations of the students, the motion carried. Bill Harman abstained.
- 8. CSLAP Committee.** Nancy and Scott reported that all of the 2014 reports were completed and on the web, the 2015 boxes were ready to be shipped, that training would take place, that the electronic data entry has moved to an online pilot. The ESF / DEC HABS process will continue. Training videos were posted on the DEC website.
- 9. NALMS.** Nancy reviewed the NALMS conference plans for November 17 – 20. Tuesday is workshops and field trips. She also encouraged the board to identify new exhibitors and sponsors.
- 10. Nominating Committee.** John Slater reported that the committee had contacted many members and is pleased that all of the board members whose terms were expiring were willing to stand for reelection. These are: Bill H, Dean, Tarki, Terri, Bob R., and Rebecca. The nominating committee also recommended that the slate of officers for election after the membership meeting should remain the same as the current officers, with the addition of Rich Henderson as the President Elect. Robert Thill reminded the board that they would need to waive the two term limit for officers.
- 11. FOL.** Don Cook reported that a draft letter on microbead legislation would be distributed to the board for comment and then sent. The board also asked Don to write a letter opposing the gas storage in salt caverns at Seneca Lake, and another to support more staff and resource allocation to DEC. Jan A moved, and Jan S seconded, that Don should circulate these letters for review and then send them to the appropriate legislative contacts, and the motion passed.
- 12. Regional Conferences.** Robert Thill moved, and Rich Henderson seconded, that FOLA authorize up to four regional conferences, including those run by Don Cook, Jan Andersen, and Terri Mayhew, and would fund each conference up to \$250, and the motion carried.
- 13. Next meeting date and location.** We agreed that the next meeting date would be September 26, with an alternate date of October 3. Nancy will investigate the cost of holding it in Saratoga.
- 14. Recess.** At 5:05 pm Bob Thill moved, and Jan Shields seconded, that the meeting should be reconvened after the general membership meeting on May 2 at 5:00 pm, and the motion carried.
- 15. Meeting Reconvened.** George Kelly reconvened the meeting on May 2 at 5:00 pm
- 16. Election of officers.** Laurel Mann moved, and Don Cook seconded, that the board should waive the two term limit for the continuing officers, and that the officers should be George Kelley, President, Rich Henderson, President-Elect, Bill Harman, Vice President, Walter Dutcher, Treasurer, and Janet Andersen, Secretary. Motion carried. All were thanked for their continued service.
- 17. Adjournment.** Rich Henderson moved for adjournment at 5:10 pm, Don Cook seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA