

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 26, 2015
Saratoga Hilton
Saratoga Springs, NY



Present

George Kelley, President	Donald Cook	Rebecca Schneider
Bill Harman, Vice President	Rich Henderson	Jan Shields
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer	Dean Long	John Slater
Janet Andersen, Secretary	Laurel Mann	
Matthew Albright	Theresa Mayhew	

Absent

Jack Baldwin	John Jablonski	David Wright
Jim Cunningham	Bob Rosati	
Tarki Heath	Robert Thill	

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager	Scott Kishbaugh, DEC	Nancy Craft	Jeff Schloss
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- 1. Call to Order.** President George Kelley called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- 2. Minutes of the May 1 and 2, 2015 Meeting.** Jan Shields moved and Dean Long seconded that the May 2015 Board meeting minutes be approved, and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report and Budget.** Walter Dutcher reviewed our financial status year to date 2015. The balance sheet shows we have adequate funds on hand and invested. He also discussed an income and expense status. We discussed the status of lost checks. Jan Andersen moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Don Cook seconded, and the motion carried. We also reviewed the investment status and year to date returns.
- 4. Nominating Committee.** George Kelley reported that the potential board member from the Adirondacks had decided that his prior commitments would not allow him to serve on our board.
- 5. NALMS Conference Update.** Jeff Schloss from NALMS joined us. We are a little low compared to past conferences on sponsorships. Registration appears on track although we will know more about registration on Monday. Hotel registration lagging slightly. Target is 400 to 500. We discussed the need for volunteers. Jan Shield discussed plans for the Tuesday night dine around.
- 6. Office Report.** Nancy reviewed her outreach for NYSFOLA memberships to the 25 known lake associations that are not FOLA members. She explained the difficulty of finding associations. Nancy also suggested putting together NYSFOLA "branded" info to answer some of the questions frequently asked by lake associations, including how to hire a lake consultant and forming a lake association. She indicated that now people had a better understanding of the dangers of HABs but often did not understand that FOLA and / or DEC were often already very involved with lakes in bloom. Also lakes and regions are competing for funding for HABs and invasive species activities.
- 7. Tour.** Kathy McGlynn of the Hilton gave a tour of the facilities where NALMS activities will occur.
- 8. Regional meetings.** Jan Andersen reported on the July 24 regional meeting at China Pond, in Kent (Putnam County), with 93 attendees. Terri Mayhew reported that about 30 people from 7 lakes attended her regional meeting at Robinson Pond (Columbia County). Don Cook reviewed his plans for the 21st western meeting at Moonwinks on October 17.

9. **Gift Committee.** Rich Henderson reported that they had received the names of four lake associations from Bill Harman and used the grid and tie-breakers to evaluate them. We agreed to reword one question. The students this year chose DeRuyder and Mohegan. Rich Henderson moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that FOLA gift money to the Oneonta Foundation for the second year of funding for Truesdale and the first year of funding for DeRuyder Reservoir, and the motion passed. Bill Harman and George Kelley disclosed their interests and abstained from voting.
10. **CSLAP Committee.** Scott reported that the 2015 season was winding down with sampling ending on September 30 for the 122 sites in the program, who had collected 875 samples to date. Chloride sampling (2x) was added this year to address road salt concerns. HABs samples at 866, with 139 from CSLAP lakes. About 28% of CSLAP lakes had HABs, similar to prior years. 120 lakes were on HABs notification list this year, increase in numbers because of improved reporting. Many HABs samples come from partnerships with individual lake organizations or groups other than FOLA such as NYC Parks. The HABs program uses logistics through UFI but can be otherwise separate from FOLA involvement. The DEC notification page updates on Fridays, DEC reports to lake associations within 24 hours. Scott added that HABs may be part of State of the State and so DEC has prepared a request for additional budget funds to sustain the current HABs program and possibly expand. Scott reported that DEC had hired a new HABs coordinator. This led to a group discussion of our desire for more resources (dollars and people) to help lakes handle these issues, including but not limited to HABs. Rebecca offered to follow up with further communication. Online data entry pilot has 47 lakes (39%) participating, provides Scott with close to real-time data. Scott also reported that in 2016 we expect approximately 130 lakes in the program, and the committee will pull levers to keep the program at about breakeven or hopefully better. One lever is lake participation fees, and Jan Andersen moved, and Jan Shields seconded that the lake fees be raised by \$10 to \$370 for shallow and \$470 for deep sites, and the motion was approved.
11. **Long Range Planning.** Rich Henderson reported that the committee had completed the SWOT analysis which is to design the request for information. The committee had begun work on the questionnaires for three audiences: board, current members, and non-members.
12. **Budget Discussion.** Jan Andersen first asked for any questions on the 990EZ form for 2014 which had been distributed and would be submitted to the IRS and NYS Charities Board. She also reviewed the budget which showed that we anticipate a loss in both 2015 and 2016. The board discussed some possible cost reductions. We agreed to send out a year-end fundraising letter. Rich Henderson offered to draft the letter.
13. **FOLA Conference 2016.** 4/28 – 5/1/2016. The tentative theme is “The water’s great in New York State”. Nancy asked board members to provide willing speakers and topics. Several board members agreed to contact potential speakers.
14. **Sea Grant Advisory Committee.** Rich Henderson offered to serve and the board thanked him.
15. **Website.** Nancy said that we were unable to process credit cards and on-line registration and without those functions we would probably have fewer attendees at our conference.
16. **Next meeting.** Our next meeting will be on March 19, 2016 at White Eagle.
17. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA