

## **Minutes of the Annual Membership Meetings**

### **New York State Federation of Lakes, Inc. and New York State Federation of Lakes Associations, Inc. Saturday, April 30, 2021, held virtually**

**Welcome:** Tarki Heath, President, welcomed everyone to the annual FOLA conference which was converted to a virtual format due to the Covid-19 pandemic. She thanked FOLA office staff Nancy Mueller and Owen Zaengle for all their hard work in moving from an in-person to online conference and the Center for Sustainability Community Solutions/Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center for their invaluable help and online technical assistance. Don Cook moved and Theresa Mayhew seconded that the minutes of the NYSFOLA 2020 annual meeting be approved. Motion carried via poll vote.

**Federation of Lakes, Inc. (FOL)** Tarki Heath called the FOL annual meeting to order at 11:40 am. Tarki asked for new business. Nancy Mueller noted that the AIS Transport Law's annual renewal is slated for May 31, 2021. She's seeking input from membership regarding mandatory inspections, better enforcement and what's being spent on watershed steward and/control costs at their lakes so a FOLA position letter can be drafted. With no further business, Don Cook moved and Walt Dutcher seconded that the FOL annual meeting be adjourned. Motion passed via poll vote and the meeting ended at 11:47 pm.

**NYS Federation of Lakes Associations, Inc. (NYSFOLA)** Tarki Heath called the NYSFOLA annual meeting to order at 11:47 am.

**Treasurer's Report:** Walt Dutcher, Treasurer, reviewed the 2019 financial report. He indicated that members could also access the 990 report. Don Cook moved and Tarki Health seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried via poll vote.

**Office Manager's Report:** While it's been a challenging year, Nancy Mueller acknowledged that membership support has been terrific. She especially thanked all the CSLAP volunteers, Stephanie June at NYSDEC, Upstate Freshwater Institute as we mark the largest CSLAP yet – 179 sites at 160 lakes. DEC is making some data changes and 2020 reports are coming. We had 15 entries in the newsletter contest and a record number of Lake Steward Award submissions. She concluded by thanking our conference sponsors along with Owen Zaengle and the Board of Directors for all their assistance and support.

**Board Nominations:** Tarki Heath thanked Rich Henderson, who resigned from the board, and Gene Bolster (who elected not to run again) for their service. She noted the previous board appointment of John Jablonski to fill the balance of Rich Henderson's

term. The board nominated Ina Cholist (from Roaring Brook Lake) and renominated Jan Douglass, Bill Harman, Tarki Heath, Dean Long, Theresa Mayhew, Rebecca Schneider and Robert Thill to the board. Walt Dutcher moved and Tarki Heath seconded that the slate of nominees be approved as presented. Motion carried via poll vote. Nominating chair Don Cook thanked Nancy Mueller and Tarki Health for their assistance and congratulated all those elected for their willingness to serve on the board.

**Regional Activity:** The Western NY Regional Conference is slated for October 23 via Zoom and will explore the topic of designing a sustainable future. Check the FOLA website for updates on this and other regional conference announcements.

**New Business:** Member lakes are encouraged to participate in the educational outreach programs being conducted by PRISMs across the state.

**Adjournment:** The NYSFOLA annual membership meeting was adjourned on a motion by Don Cook that was seconded by Bill Harman. The meeting ended at 12:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Theresa Mayhew*

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