

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 2 and 3, 2014

White Eagle Conference Center
Hamilton, NY



Present

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

Rena Doing
Tarki Heath
Rich Henderson
John Jablonski
Dean Long
Laurel Mann
Theresa Mayhew

Bob Rosati
Rebecca Schneider
Jan Shields
John Slater
Robert Thill

Absent

Jim Cunningham
Nick Klupacs

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 3:25 pm.
- 2. Minutes of the March 23, 2014 Meeting.** Laurel Mann moved, and Dean Long seconded that the March 2014 minutes be approved, and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed the financial data. Our available cash is increased by a CSLAP prepayment from DEC. Conference attendance is down, processing was enhanced by online forms and credit cards. Paypal takes about 3% of credit card payments. For 2013, we must have an accounting letter for the charities form, so while that is being obtained, we will file an extension for both the IRS 990 and the Char 500. Jan Andersen moved and Robert Thill seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and the motion carried.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy said that 150 people had registered for the conference, many through online forms, and registration was earlier than normal, and many people are attending CSLAP training. The office helped efficient preparation.
- 5. CSLAP Committee.** Scott said CSLAP forms will be piloted in electronic form. The board agreed to redo a hydrilla hunt during invasives week of July 6 to 12. Jan Andersen moved and Robert Thill seconded that the CSLAP committee be delegated the ability to hire a courier to transport HAB samples from UFI to ESF for a cost not to exceed \$1000: we expect it to cost about \$20 per trip. The EPA seems inclined to fund HABs testing in 2015 & 2016. George Kelley expressed formal appreciation to Tarki Heath for getting our funding concerns expressed to legislators.
- 6. Long Range Planning Committee.** Rich Henderson said that he had no report at this time, pending meetings with members during the conference.

7. **Nominating Committee.** John Slater announced that 12 directors had terms that were expiring. He recommended the board put a slate of 11 of those directors to the members for reelection. His motion was seconded by Robert Thill, and the motion carried. Robert Thill will write a description of the director role for Waterworks.
8. **Bylaws committee.** Robert Thill brought a motion to update the bylaws to allow email and postal service notification to members and directors, Janet Andersen seconded, and the motion carried. The new bylaws will be posted to the website. Robert Thill moved to accept the conflict of interest policy, Bill Harman seconded, and the motion carried. Directors signed the certification form.
9. **NALMS Conference:** Nancy announced that the conference will be in Saratoga Springs on November 18-21, 2015. The sponsorship package has been sent out. Ideas for field trips are needed. Walter Dutcher was asked to inform our insurance company.
10. **Finance Committee:** Robert Thill provided a report of returns from the Wellington account. Robert Thill moved, and Rich Henderson seconded, that \$80K be invested in the Wellesley account. After discussion, the motion carried.
11. **Personnel Committee:** Dean Long reported that the additional hours worked well for Nancy in preparation for the conference. He reviewed a number of items that might increase efficiency in the office and other aspects of FOLA business. One aspect was to form a Newsletter Committee. Terri Mayhew agreed to lead this, with Rebecca Schneider, Jan Shields, and Tarki Heath agreeing to provide articles. John Jablonski moved, and Bill Harman seconded that Nancy Mueller should be paid for 20 hours per week until otherwise decided by the board, and the motion carried.
12. **Recess.** At 4:55 pm Laurel Mann moved, and Walter Dutcher seconded, that the meeting should be reconvened after the general membership meeting on May 3 at 4:45 pm by the silent auction area, and the motion carried.
13. **Meeting Reconvened.** George Kelly reconvened the meeting on May 3 at 5:00 pm by the silent auction.
14. **Election of officers.** Since the officers now serve for two years, and no president-elect candidate has been identified, no vote for officers was required. Continuing in their roles for a second year are George Kelley, President, Bill Harman, Vice President, Walter Dutcher, Treasurer, and Janet Andersen, Secretary.
15. **Regional Meetings.** Jan Andersen moved and Dean Long seconded that the board would again approve funding of \$250 each for up to 4 regional meetings, and the motion carried.
16. **PRISM.** The board agreed that Janet Andersen could investigate joining the Lower Hudson PRISM as a NYSFOLA regional partner.
17. **Next meetings:** The next meeting will be at 9:30 am on **July 26**. In person attendees may meet at the FOLA office, and others can join by teleconference.
18. **Adjournment.** Rich Henderson moved for adjournment at 5:15 pm, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA