

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 27, 2014

White Eagle Conference Center  
Hamilton, NY



## Present

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

Jim Cunningham  
Tarki Heath  
Laurel Mann  
Theresa Mayhew  
Bob Rosati

Rebecca Schneider  
Jan Shields  
Robert Thill

## Absent

Bill Harman, Vice President  
Matthew Albright  
Rena Doing

Rich Henderson  
John Jablonski  
Kathleen McLaughlin

John Slater  
David Wright

## Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Scott Kishbaugh, DEC

Nancy Craft

- 1. Call to Order.** President George Kelley called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- 2. Minutes of the July 26, 2014 Conference Call Meeting.** Robert Thill moved, and Don Cook seconded that the July 2014 Board meeting minutes be approved, and the motion carried.
- 3. Office Report.** Nancy reported that the fall had been active with many questions of a general nature about lakes and setting up organizations. She attended a winter roads maintenance seminar and felt more data was needed, but some streams reported higher chloride levels. Concerns about liabilities from icy roads are lessened by the need for notice in writing, and offset by reasonable efforts. She's also been busy on CSLAP, NALMS, and membership. She is starting the next issue of Waterworks and she reminded the board that articles are due to her by mid-October.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed our financial status. Our overall position is good. Our assets are down slightly year to year reflecting increases in scholarship and operational costs. The CSLAP prepayment from DEC is invested in the funds and will be withdrawn this year. The book inventory continues to decline with sales. In 2013, our P&L was \$4,668 negative. The Board expressed their appreciation to Walter for handling the review process and submitting the IRS 990 and the NYS Char 500 reports. Walt will distribute reports to the directors who request them separately. Robert Thill summarized the investment report that he distributed. Jan Andersen moved and Dean Long seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and the motion carried. Dean Long moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded, that a budget be prepared for the March meeting,

and it was approved. Jan Andersen and Jim Cunningham offered to help Walter prepare the budget for 2015.

5. **2015 NYSFOLA Conference.** Because of the workload of the NALMS conference, Nancy asked for help on the annual FOLA conference, and George requested members to step up. Dean Long volunteered to chair the conference committee, and to work on getting speakers and organizing the program sessions and physical set-up. Laurel Mann offered to handle all the printing and envelope stuffing tasks, and will print the program again. Tarki Heath offered to help at the office on weekends before the conference if specific tasks are identified. We agreed to emphasize online registration, and recognized that many calls would continue to come to the office. We agreed that the theme should be “Advancing Citizen Science”.
6. **Long Range Planning Committee.** In the absence of chair Rich Henderson, Jan Andersen presented the report. Jan Andersen moved, and Jim Cunningham seconded that the membership fee for foundations be set at \$100, and the motion carried. The four steps to the Long Range Planning Process include Mission and Values/Principles as Foundational Elements (Current state); Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat (SWOT) Analysis; Voice of the Customer; surveys; and Future State Vision. Jan Andersen moved, and Don Cook seconded, that we accept the Foundational Elements document that was distributed, and the motion carried. Jan also requested that board members send Rich their inputs on to the SWOT analysis for incorporation into the next step of the process.
7. **DAM Users Group.** George Kelley reported on a subcommittee that he had put together to prioritize the activities in 2015. This led to a discussion of Bob Rosati’s proposal that NYSFOLA sponsor a user group for Dam Owners. The major concerns were the size of the group (6800 NYS dams), that they may not share lake concerns, that they might push the group towards lobbying for funding. The major benefits were thought to be a new source of members, a match with our roles of education, outreach, and protecting water resources. Members also welcomed the idea of a clearinghouse for information and support. Alon Dominitz (DEC) is willing to provide a contact list. If email addresses are available, suggest invite those contacts to take an online survey about wants & needs. If no email addresses are available, we might mail information directing them to an online survey. Jan Andersen moved, and Laurel Mann seconded, that Bob is authorized to work with Alon and spend up to \$3000 on this initiative, and the motion carried.

**Lunch.** The board recessed for lunch at noon and reconvened at 12:35 pm.

8. **Invasive Species.** Tarki Heath publicized an invasive species conference.
9. **Scholarship Committee.** While the board expressed general interest in continuing to support students, we were disappointed in the lack of student articles in Waterworks or participation at the conference, both of which were conditions of the scholarships. The scholarship committee will be asked to review the potential candidates and to provide a recommendation of the single new candidate to be sponsored, if any, together with the rationale.
10. **CSLAP Committee.** Scott Kishbaugh reviewed accomplishments in 2014 and 2015 outlook. In 2014, 110 lakes and 114 sites are participating, slightly down from 121 sites in 2013. HABs seemed to be less prevalent in usual lakes in 2014, although the increased number of non-CSLAP partnerships, including SUNY Stony Brook, DEC in NYC, and Chautauqua, Sodus Bay, Honeoye and Seneca has broadened the base and increased the absolute occurrence of HABs findings. Media

coverage more positive. HABs focus also increased by Toledo water supply interruption. The August 7 Hydrilla hunt reached 20 lakes. One new NYS hydrilla location in 2014 in Prospect Park (NYC). For 2015, the maximum number of sites in 2015 could be 130, and Scott discussed affordability options. He also reviewed that 15% of lakes were in the electronic forms pilot, and discussed reasons to increase that: it allows Nancy to focus on more meaningful work, Scott gets data earlier, errors can be corrected immediately, and process can provide quicker feedback to participants. Committee is also working on reports in and post season. Nancy said that UFI will use a checklist of protocol issues to be returned with cooler. Robert Thill moved, and Jan Shields seconded, that the 2015 CSLAP program implement a September 30 cut-off date for sampling, and increase the participation fee by \$10 per lake, to \$360 for shallow and \$460 for deep, and the motion was approved.

- 11. DEC update** Scott Kishbaugh also reported that the WAVE program that samples stream invertebrates would be expanded in 2015 and we need to explore how and if that will fit with CSLAP. He also said that more DEC retirements had occurred, and the agency now has critical fill needs and may be authorized to hire a limnologist to work on CSLAP/HABs. Scott also reviewed the workgroup results to date on alum, which had been diverse across the state. However, the pesticides authority defines any substance introduced into the lake that controls algae as a pesticide, and so both alum and phoslock (and perhaps more treatments) meet that criteria. The division of water intends to appeal this decision, as it means tools for controlling the effects of internal sources of phosphorus could be limited.
- 12. Regional meeting.** Don Cook reviewed his planned October 18 Western Regional Meeting. PRISM will present, also foundations and lake presentations. About 60 attendees are expected.
- 13. NALMS meeting.** Nancy reported that committee conference calls were continuing. She thanked Holly Waterfield for her work on the log. Work remained to be done on field trips and the pub crawl ('Toga toga). Speakers were discussed. A potential sponsor list was sent to NALMs, who will send out exhibitor packages. Local volunteer will handle 5K race and permits. Terri Mayhew moved and Jan Shields seconded that up to \$500 be spent on save the date notices to educational institutions, and the motion carried. NALMs will send out the call for presentations. George and Nancy will also advertise at Tampa.
- 14. Board participation.** We discussed a need for active board members, and agreed the nominating committee would write a brief description of the board role for water works, and then would interview and vet any candidates. George Kelley also called for participation and responsiveness to committee chairs that asked for board inputs.
- 15. Next meeting:** The next meeting was planned for **March 7** at White Eagle. If we need an interim conference call meeting we will schedule it in the future.
- 16. Adjournment.** Jan Shield moved for adjournment at 2:15 pm, Don Cook seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA