

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 29 and 30, 2016



Appley Conference Center at White Eagle
Hamilton, NY

Present

Rich Henderson, President
Bill Harman, Vice President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Jack Baldwin
Donald Cook

Jim Cunningham
George Kelley
Dean Long
Laurel Mann
Theresa Mayhew
Kristin Rohne

Bob Rosati
Rebecca Schneider
Jan Shields
John Slater

Absent

Matthew Albright
Tarki Heath

John Jablonski
Robert Thill

David Wright

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

- 1. Call to Order.** President-Elect Rich Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.
- 2. Minutes of the March 19, 2016 Meeting.** Bob Rosati moved, and Laurel Mann seconded that the March 2016 Board meeting minutes be approved as amended, and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** 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. He reported that the accountant was working on the 990 and NYS Char 500 and expected to file on time. Jan Andersen moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Jack Baldwin seconded, and the motion carried. Rich Henderson reviewed the investment status.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy reviewed the conference status: cabins fully booked and 26 rooms at Wendt. The how to hire a lake manager brochure was handed out at the conference and included in dues notices. In response to requests to investigate alternate venues, she reviewed the current negotiations with Otesaga. John Slater moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that Nancy should renew White Eagle for another year and be empowered to negotiate and commit with Otesaga for future years, and the motion carried. Walter Dutcher reminded the board that we may want to increase conference registration fees based on the increased bank fees for the use of credit cards. Dean Long suggested that FOLA consider combining with other organizations for a stronger voice.
- 5. Nominating Committee.** John Slater reported that the terms of Matt Albright, Laurel Mann, and Jan Shields were up, and that Matt and Laurel had agreed to stand for re-election, but that Jan Shields had declined. The board expressed their appreciation to Jan for her many contributions. John Slater also announced that Kristin Rohne had agreed to be nominated for a board term. Jan

Andersen moved that the board nominate Matt, Laurel, and Kristin for the board, Rebecca Schneider seconded, and the motion carried. John indicated the need to find a President-elect.

6. **2016 Conference update:** Nancy indicated that we had 210 – 220 attendees. Terri Mayhew reviewed the newsletter contest and recommendations for changes for next year. Jan Shields reviewed the media award and that asking members to nominate media stories was successful.
7. **Regional Conferences:** After discussion, Dean Long moved that we authorize 4 regional conferences, including those run by Don Cook, Jan Andersen, and Terri Mayhew, with a budget of \$250 for each, Rebecca Schneider seconded, and the motion carried.
8. **Budget.** Jim Cunningham indicated that he would work on a budget for 2017 for consideration in the fall, and the board gave guidance that the target should be to have a balanced budget.
9. **Long Range Planning Committee.** Rich Henderson reviewed the status. Member questionnaires were in attendee packets and will be discussed in the Sunday conference session.
10. **FOL vs FOLA.** The sense of the board was that we should keep FOL but that letters on legislation could be sent out of FOLA. Nancy and Rich will draft letters on pesticides and rapid response.
11. **WMAC.** Rebecca Schneider offered to be the NYSFOLA representative to this DEC committee.
12. **Documents Retention Policy.** The board reviewed and tabled the proposed policy.
13. **Conflict of Interest Policy and Whistleblower Policy.** The board was reminded of FOLA's conflict of interest policy and members who were present signed the annual certification form. The board tabled the proposed whistleblower policy.
14. **NALMS.** Walter Dutcher moved that the board authorize up to \$1500 for Nancy Mueller's attendance at the 2016 NALMS conference, Terri Mayhew seconded, and the motion passed.
15. **CSLAP.** Nancy Mueller reported that bottle packing would start soon. Because some of the phosphorus results were unexpected in 2015, only new bottles will be used for P. Also, next year the CSLAP report format will change to state or regional reports with short lake appendices. Jim Cunningham will reach out to the DEC to ask them to start working on the next CSLAP contract.
16. **Display.** Nancy Mueller proposed a new NYSFOLA display. Terri Mayhew moved that Nancy be authorized to obtain one, Jan Shields seconded, and the motion carried.
17. **Recess.** At 5:00 pm Terri Mayhew moved, and Don Cook seconded, that the meeting should be reconvened after the general membership meeting on April 30 at 4:45 pm, and the motion carried.
18. **Meeting Reconvened.** Rich Henderson reconvened the meeting on April 30 at 4:48 pm.
19. **Election of officers.** Laurel Mann moved, and Bob Rosati seconded, that the board should waive the two term limit for the continuing officers, and the motion passed. Terri Mayhew moved, and Don Cook seconded that the officers should be Rich Henderson, President, Bill Harman, Vice President, Walter Dutcher, Treasurer, and Janet Andersen, Secretary, and the motion carried.
20. **Nominating Committee.** John Slater reported that Don Cook had joined the committee.
21. **Adjournment.** Laurel Mann moved for adjournment at 5:00 pm, Bob Rosati seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA