

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 29, 2016

Cleveland Building at White Eagle
Hamilton, NY



Present

Rich Henderson, President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Donald Cook

Matt Dombrowski
Tarki Heath
George Kelley
Dean Long

Theresa Mayhew
Rebecca Schneider
John Slater

Absent

Matthew Albright
Jack Baldwin
Bill Harman, Vice President
Jim Cunningham

John Jablonski
Laurel Mann
Bob Rosati
Robert Thill

Kristen Wilde
David Wright

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Scott Kishbaugh, NYS DEC

- 1. Call to Order.** President Rich Henderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- 2. Minutes of the August 27, 2016 Meeting.** John Slater moved, and Don Cook seconded that the August 2016 Board meeting minutes be approved, 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. The balance sheet and income and expense status reports will be distributed to the board. Jan Andersen moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Terri Mayhew seconded, and the motion carried. The investment status had previously been distributed.
- 4. New Board Member Appointed.** At the invitation of Rich Henderson, Matt Dombrowski briefly introduced himself to the board, and expressed his interest in serving as a director. Rich Henderson, with the approval of the board, appointed Matt as a board member.
- 5. Regional Meeting.** Don Cook reported that the October 15 Regional Meeting was successful, and had 52 attendees. A financial update is pending. Next year it will be held at a new location.
- 6. Office Report.** Nancy displayed one of the new FOLA banners. Many recent inquiries were about how to form a lake association, including from some lakes that had experienced HABs. She attended a microplastics workshop and also visited a potential conference site. She is working on the November waterworks and is traveling to NALMS on Monday. We discussed a desire to increase Diet sales and whether they might be used as a gift to speakers.
- 7. CSLAP. 2016** - Scott Kishbaugh reviewed the 2016 program, which had 126 participating sites. About 98% of the potential samples were completed, higher than the normal 90% - 93%. The dominant issue remained HABs, and Scott reviewed some of the partnerships and publicity from HABs. Over 2000 HABs samples were submitted. The rate of HABs occurrence appears stable, in 140 CSLAP lakes. Open water samples triggered HABs in 2% of samples, about 10% of lakes, again fairly steady over

time. Drought impacts unknown, increased concentration perhaps offset by decreased polluted runoff. HABs notification page updates stopped this week, with 42 lakes still on list. The stable CSLAP data set very helpful in analysis. HABs were found in drinking water at low levels, involving both DEC (clean water act) and DOH (safe drinking water). We discussed adding a summary of 2016 BGA to the FOLA web page and highlighting the role of FOLA in detecting HABs. Online data collection by 46 lakes and over 300 session reports. Scott reminded the board that the 2016 reports would be regional, with a small lake specific section. **2017** – As the 5 year DEC – FOLA contract will end in June, work has begun on a new conceptual contract which is now awaiting the Controller's office conceptual approval, and then work will begin on scope specifics. The new structure will be \$200K/year for 5 years to enable the use of any additional funding sources and amounts. In 2017 this funding should allow eliminating the rotational program, absorb the increase in UFI prices, and possibly allow for the reinstatement of the nitrate samples previously removed, and cover overhead. Committee will continue to handle this and any additional resources that come into the program. More lakes can be handled at UFI and through regional and more automated year end reporting.

- 8. Website.** Nancy said that individuals confused FOLA site log in with joining FOLA, and she will follow up with future registrations to send them FOLA membership information. Rich looked into site development, and we discussed the need for easy, ongoing updates. He also looked at search engine optimization but initial and ongoing costs are high. Walter talked about the expense of JotForms. No one really understands all the other web costs we incur. Since users reported difficulty finding things on the site, Tarki Heath moved that Jan Andersen and Matt Dombrowski should be authorized to reorganize the website tabs, John Slater seconded, and the motion passed.
- 9. Recess for lunch at noon: meeting reconvened at 12:50**
- 10. Conference:** We discussed the change in format, dropping the Sunday session, ending the conference Saturday before dinner, and having the banquet Friday night. Rich Henderson will organize a call of the conference committee(s). Topics discussed included fisheries, docks, grass carp, HABs, plant id, state of our lakes report. HABs was suggested as a theme. We also discussed reaching out to town officials on HABs. Onsite wastewater treatment also has updates and new regulations. Jan Andersen moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded, that Walter Dutcher is authorized to sign the White Eagle Contract, and Nancy to discuss food with them, and the motion carried.
- 11. Action Plan for 2017.** The board listed a variety of usual and new tasks, including conference, CSLAP & contract, Waterworks, regional meetings, keep website and Facebook updated, respond to lake questions, attend meetings, grants, dam safety, LRP, fundraising, and start a webinar series.
- 12. Budget.** John Slater moved, and Don Cook seconded, that the board should adopt a working budget that will be flexible and updated as new information is provided. After discussion, the board agreed to adopt the budget that had been presented, with the expectation that the budget would be amended for the changes to CSLAP at our next meeting. The motion carried.
- 13. Appreciation.** Walter Dutcher expressed appreciation to Lou Feeney for his work on the CSLAP website, taxes, and running the Kemmerer repair shop. The board agreed.
- 14. Next meeting.** The date for the next board meeting was not set.
- 15. Adjournment.** Don Cook moved to adjourn at 2:30 pm, John Slater seconded, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA