

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 25, 2017

Cleveland Building at White Eagle  
Hamilton, NY



## Present

Rich Henderson, President  
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer  
Janet Andersen, Secretary  
Matthew Albright  
Jack Baldwin  
Jim Cunningham

Tarki Heath  
John Jablonski  
George Kelley  
Dean Long  
Laurel Mann  
Theresa Mayhew

Bob Rosati  
Rebecca Schneider  
John Slater  
Robert Thill  
Kristen Wilde

## Absent

Donald Cook  
Matt Dombrowski

Bill Harman, Vice President  
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 10:05 am.
- 2. Minutes of the October 29, 2016 Meeting.** Walt Dutcher moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that the October 29, 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. Laurel Mann moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Dean Long seconded, and the motion carried.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy reported that the conference agenda was ready. We have two sponsors. The new conference format has received good feedback. She also mentioned that copper sulfate permits in region 3 now required sediment sampling, a costly issue for lake associations. She reviewed the CAFO concerns and communications. Rebecca Schneider described her research on woodchip bags and her drive for highway departments to focus on water, and requested feedback.
- 5. CSLAP.** Scott Kishbaugh reviewed the 2016 program, which had 126 participating sites. The current budget has sufficient funds to suspend the rotational schedule and expand to about 145 sites in 2017. He described the change in the 2016 **report format** to regional reports with short individual lake reports, driven by a need for sustainability and future automatic formatting from the DEC DOW filemaker pro database. The individual reports are written and the format for the 9 regional reports is being created. **Contract.** Our prior sole source contract between DEC and FOLA will end after 5 years so a new contract is needed by June. This was underway but was recently reworked to allow the expansion of CSLAP to cover the Finger Lakes (FL). This would increase the contract to an upper limit of \$1.5M over 5 years – this is above what FOLA would actually get. This is a priority of DEC as seen by the creation of a FL HUB. This will mean an increase in the number of CSLAP sites towards 160 and additional funding. This has ramifications for data collection, logistics, and reporting, and

details are still TBD. DEC requires data to come from programs with ELAP labs and quality control, which CSLAP has. We discussed the importance of Nancy as the program expands. The board directed the CSLAP committee to evaluate the funding and whether it allowed hiring a part time assistant for Nancy. Nancy was also asked to create standard operating procedures (SOPs) for her tasks to see if an assistant could operate from them. Despite adequate 2017 funding we continue to be alert for potential future EPA funding cuts. The board also recognized Scott and Nancy for their continued dedication to this successful program.

6. **Nominating Committee.** John Slater reported that all of the directors up for reelection in 2017 had agreed to stand for another 3 year term, with the notable exceptions of Jack Baldwin, who has served for about 25 years, and David Wright, who has counseled us on the operation of our organization and served as a resource to lake associations. John agreed to ask a lawyer who supports Lake Moraine if he would be interested in joining the board. Later, the unresolved question of a president elect was revisited, and any interested board member was asked to contact John. Board members standing for reelection are Janet Andersen, Don Cook, Jim Cunningham, Walt Dutcher, Rich Henderson, John Jablonski, George Kelley, John Slater, and Robert Thill.
7. **Conflict of Interest Certification 2017.** Jan Andersen collected signatures of those in attendance.
8. **Recess for lunch at noon.** Meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm.
9. **Legal support to FOLA for DEC contract.** Dean Long moved, and John Jablonski seconded, that the board hire legal counsel to review the DEC contract at a cost not to exceed \$2000, and further, that since David Wright had been the counsel before, that he be the first lawyer approached, and the motion carried.
10. **2017 Conference.** We continued to discussion some impacts from the new format, including the silent auction, wine auction, and member meeting times. We do not have anyone to run the media award in the absence of Jan Shields. John Slater moved, and Jim Cunningham seconded the nomination for the Lake Tear of the Clouds award, and the motion passed. Jim Cunningham moved and John Slater seconded that in return for registration services, FOLA would pay for Jason's room and meals, and the motion carried. Bob Rosati reported on acquiring wines, and Laurel Mann asked to know who to recognize in the program.
11. **2018 Conference.** Nancy again reiterated the difficulties finding an alternate location, and continued to ask for ideas. The board anticipates that if no alternate location is found by the time of the conference, we will contract with White Eagle for another year.
12. **Regional conferences.** Bob Thill moved, and George Kelley seconded, that the board approve \$250 for each of 4 potential regional conferences, and the motion carried.
13. **Diet prices.** Tarki Heath moved, and Bob Rosati seconded, that the prices for Diet for a Small Lake books be changed to \$10 for paperback and \$15 for hardback, and the motion carried.
14. **Committees.** The board asked for the most recent list of committees and members to be distributed.
15. **Finance Committee report.** Robert Thill reviewed the report, which was distributed by email.
16. **Gift Committee:** Jan Andersen noted that no check was in the finances and asked if the student had chosen the designated lake. Walter Dutcher will investigate.
17. **Next meeting.** Our next board meeting is 3 pm Friday May 5 at the Kastens room at Appley Center.
18. **Adjournment.** Laurel Mann moved to adjourn at 2:30 pm, John Slater seconded, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA