

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 17, 2022
Videoconference Meeting via Zoom



Present

Tarki Heath, President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Matthew Albright
Donald Cook

Jim Cunningham
Jan Douglass
John Jablonski
Dean Long
Theresa Mayhew

John Murad
Robert Thill
Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Bill Harman, Vice Pres.
Ina Cholst

Rebecca Schneider
Kristen Wilde

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller
Owen Zengle

Eric Randall
Mark Teece

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 10:32 am. Board materials had been distributed previously.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Robert Thill moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the minutes of February 11, 2022 as amended, and the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Walter Dutcher distributed results to date. He noted that the investment accounts were down, as was the market. Excess cash on hand from CSLAP fees and membership had been invested as recommended by Robert Thill's. Conference funds arriving. Janet Andersen moved and John Jablonski seconded to accept the treasurer's report, and the motion carried.
4. **Office report.** Nancy Mueller reported that the 2022 CSLAP registration program paperwork was all completed and she was working on training schedules. The conference is now the major action. Owen Zengle is helping with the program and other conference paperwork. Nancy reported on some questions that came into the office and described issues around the use of herbicides in ADK.
5. **CSLAP 2022.** Nancy described some of the protocol changes for 2022, including new bottles, freezing chorophyll a filters, and a new data entry system provided by DEC.
6. **Conference.** Nancy described the status of the conference and reviewed the agenda outline. Some sessions will be mixed in person & virtual. Not yet finalized includes moderators, staff at desks, laptops and projectors combos, credit card machine. Walter will provide a cash box. The silent auction will have a "buy it now" feature. Robert Thill suggested filming the conference and making it free to members; others commented on the difficulty and would encourage charging for it. The general members meeting at the conference will vote on a slate of returning and new board members: Matt Albright, Kristen Wilde, Laurel Wolfe, Eric Randall, Mark Teece.
7. **Regional Conferences.** Jan Andersen moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that NYSFOLA authorize 5 regional conferences for insurance coverage and authorize \$250 for each. Tentative schedules are: Lower Hudson June 3, Indian River June 10, Columbia Greene August 12, Central NY August 26, Western October 22. The motion carried. We noted an ADK alliance meeting is on August 5.
8. **DEC contract update.** Tarki Heath reported that she had been working through the new contract issues with Jackie Landrum (DEC). Jackie remains the contact although she has moved to a new

position, and is replaced at DEC by Mark Klotz. We expect an updated proposal shortly, with funding of \$400K for the first two years, and \$350K for the final 3 years. The contract would allow two programs, one with eight sampling sessions, and one with 4. The disadvantaged communities would be in the 4-sample program and the major difference would be that they would not pay a participation fee. DEC clearly sees a transition from 8x to 4x sampling over the course of the contract. UFI is doing a study with 5 lakes to test sample preservation by acidification vs freezing to obtain a waiver from acidification requirements, as this creates concerns about our volunteers. We discussed going to legislative contacts to ask for more funding but this is largely a program and policy decision, not a financial one. Terri will craft talking points about the two programs.

- 9. Committees.** Tarki Heath reviewed the major committees through which much of NYSFOLA's work is done. Nancy and Walter both indicated the gift committee needs to refine the approach.
- 10. Next meeting:** Thursday, April 28, 2022, 4pm, at Lake George and by zoom. We will have a meeting after the conference to elect officers and for wrap-up on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 2pm.
- 11. Adjournment.** Robert Thill moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that the meeting adjourn, and the meeting ended at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA