


# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 7, 2012  
6:30 AM  
Twyss, NY  
6300  
Boa

Jack Baldwin  
Donald Cook  
Rena Doing

Rich Henderson  
John Jablonsky  
George Kelley  
Dean Long  
Theresa Mayhew  
Kathleen McLaughlin



## Absent

Matthew Albright  
Bill Harman, Vice President

Nick Klupacs  
Barbara Marko

Helen Sick  
David Wright

## Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Scott Kishbaugh, DEC

- 1. Call to Order.** President Jim Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:11 am.
- 2. Minutes of the October 22, 2011 Meeting.** Dean Long made a motion to accept the minutes, Rich Henderson seconded, and motion carried.
- 3. Budget Process.** Jim Cunningham indicated that together with Walter he was working on putting together a budget to project the annual income and spending on FOLA related activities and CSLAP activities, in part to allow us to better evaluate the proposed DEC – FOLA contract.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher presented the balance sheet, showing that our total assets as of the meeting are \$201K, including \$18K of books. He pointed out that conference, membership, and CSLAP funds came early in the year, and many of the expenses follow later, although some CSLAP expenses may not come in until the following fiscal year. He noted that it is costing us more than we make to have an inventory of books at Amazon, but it is a necessary part of that marketing venue. Investment income is modest based on low interest rates: this generated a conversation about alternate investments and Walter, Rich Henderson, and Bob Rosati. All revenue was \$109K, cost and expense \$86K, net income \$22K. We made about \$7K on the 2011 conference. Walter commented that it appeared that CSLAP may be subsidizing FOLA's office expenses, part of the rationale to compile the budget. Walter said that he did not expect any difficulties getting the 990 submitted by the required May 15 date. Walter will distribute some financial documents by email. Bob Rosati moved and Robert Thill seconded to accept the financial report, and the motion carried.
- 5. Web Site.** Guest Dan Cronin, of MyLakeTown.com, presented the newly launched web site and features available to members and associations: associations can have a group page. Members will be getting login instructions soon. He discussed what information is generally available, and then what is

public and private for members who log in to the system. He reviewed the capability to upload videos and do surveys. He also discussed some payment and registration vehicles: there are fees associated with using them. Our goal will be to have them available for next year's conference. He identified that

association could pay for a Lake Management Plan, to be matched by the school, and a corporate donation may supplement. No action was taken at this time.

**Federation of Lakes** – Jan Shields asked for board input on the invasive species law. Nancy said we should support the new law number 9422 sponsored by Sweeney. Rebecca Schneider offered feedback.

**Regional Meetings** – Don Cook reviewed the plans for the Western Regional meeting. Janet Andersen, Kathleen McLaughlin, and Terri Mayhew reviewed less structured ideas for a Downstate meeting piggybacked on Terri's Columbia County lakes activities. Robert Thill moved and Richard Henderson seconded that the board authorize Don Cook to hold a regional meeting at an expense not to exceed \$200. The Downstate meeting will be reviewed in May.

**9. CSLAP Report.** Scott Kishbaugh distributed a list of accomplishments and continuing discussion items. An updated CSLAP protocol will be posted to the web and distributed to CSLAP volunteers. The 2011 individual lake reports and the 2010 statewide report should be released within the next two weeks: Scott is awaiting additional ESF data. Scott reviewed new CSLAP webpage content and asked board members for updates for revolving stories. He also reviewed the HAB work between DEC, ESF, and DOH and attempts to publicize when suspect information came in, including by Google map bubbles. He agreed to work to make it clear that FOLA and CSLAP were not the sole source of information, that any alerts would be distributed in a variety of ways, and to ask DEC legal for appropriate disclaimers. Jan Andersen moved and Dean Long seconded a motion as follows: WHEREAS the second edition of Diet for a Small Lake was jointly authored between NYSFOLA and NYSDEC with the understanding that NYSDEC would provide website access to Diet for a Small Lake, and

**11. 2012 Conference awards** were discussed and agreed. The board approved the two day commuter rate again, and we agreed that unregistered walk-ins may not get lunch. Nancy and Jim will work on the publicity and wording of commuter advertising.

**12. Hosting NALMs conference.** Nancy discussed the inquiry from NALMs of our interest in hosting the conference, and distributed a NALMS work plan. No action was taken.

**13. Invasive species bill support.** We discussed our interest in supporting the Invasive Species bill. Terri Mayhew moved and Rena Doing seconded that FOLA would buy an eighth of a page in the Legislative Gazette in support of this bill, and the motion carried.

**14. New business.** Kathleen McLaughlin asked about the court case on the ability of a town to regulate boathouses, and we agreed to ask David Wright to cover that as part of his lake law talk this year.

**15. Next meeting date.** The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 5, at 3pm at the Appley Center.

**Adjournment.** John Slater moved and George Kelly seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 pm, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA