New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 3 and May 4, 2013

White Eagle Conference Center
Hamilton, NY

Present

Jim Cunningham, President	Rena Doing	Theresa Mayhew
Bill Harman, Vice President	Tarki Heath	Bob Rosati
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer	Rich Henderson	Rebecca Schneider
Janet Andersen, Secretary	John Jablonski	Jan Shields
Matthew Albright	George Kelley	John Slater
Jack Baldwin	Dean Long	Robert Thill
Donald Cook	Laurel Mann	

Absent

Nick Klupacs	Kathleen McLaughlin	Helen Sick	David Wright

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager	Scott Kishbaugh, DEC	Nancy Craft	Don Koppel

1. **Call to Order.** President Jim Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

2. **Minutes of the March 23, 2013 Meeting.** Terri Mayhew made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Bob Rosati seconded, and the motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed the 2013 year to date performance comparedto 2012, and overall FOLA is doing better in all areas compared to last year, although the new CSLAP contract makes the overall budget look worse. Nancy Mueller reported that 105 attended the conference. She indicated that registration workload was burdensome. The board discussed hiring someone to help. Walter Dutcher said that Paypal is ready to process credit cards but an online format for the application needs to be developed, and that the additional fees should be recouped through higher attendee costs. Rich Henderson indicated that a manual approach to registration paperwork is often the most efficient. Walter, Rich, Nancy Mueller, and Nancy Craft will identify approaches to the conference registration concern

g. **Dam:** Bob Rosati reported that new dam brochures were available and he would provide information on how to get them for Waterworks and for the FOLA website.
h. **Nominating Committee:** Bill Harman moved, and Robert Thill seconded, that a nominating committee be established with John Slater as Chair, and authorized him to choose committee members. The committee was asked to propose a set of board member expectations.
i. **NALMS committee:** George Kelley will chair the NALMS committee. Others members from the board volunteered and George will put together the committee. The board agreed to authorize Nancy Mueller to attend the San Diego NALMS conference at a cost of up to $1500, with any monies she did not spend to partially cover George Kelley's expenses if he decides to attend the NALMS conference.
j. **CSLAP.** Scott Kishbaugh reported that the 2013 CSLAP participants will receive their supplies in May. While 34 people are expected for CSLAP training at the conference, additional regional training will be done this year. The training video is being edited with a target rollout later this summer. The committee put together a quiz that will serve as a refresher for experienced volunteers, and it will be tried out at the Sunday session. Scott reminded us that the DEC contract was signed, and that FOLA had received a check for their 2012 program. This contract allows FOLA to determine the lab and structure for the longer term. Scott also indicated that the sequestration has caused some changes. For CSLAP, the 31% cut in funding will be handled by a reduction of the N sampling to alternate samples. The ESF analysis of HABs is also funded by the EPA, and the impact of sequestration on this program is not known. DEC will support this program with $10K, and ESF has agreed to proceed on that basis. DEC will meet with EPA in May to clarify the funding status.

8. **Federation of Lakes:** Jan Shields reported that FOL submitted two letters, one supporting the control of transport of invasive species, and a second in support of a moratorium and increased monitoring of hydrofracking.

9. **Old Business.** Dean Long reviewed the idea of a Hydrilla Hunt in NYS lakes. The concept is to train volunteers by webinar on how to identify hydrilla, and to ask them to search their lakes in late July or early August. He asked who the target audience should be, and indicated a variety of pamphlets might be available for production or use. Scott said that Bob Johnson and he were willing to create a presentation for use in a webinar. We agreed that CSLAP lakes might be logistically the easiest to target. Walter Dutcher moved, and George Kelley seconded, that the CSLAP committee be authorized to hold the hydrilla hunt at a cost not to exceed $2000, and the motion passed.

10. **New Business**. Walter Dutcher asked for permission to explore a bulk fee for all FOLA lakes to use the Contour Solutions product for bathymetry and plant coverage assessments as a FOLA member benefit, and the board encouraged him to do so.

11. Recess. At 5:35 pm Bob Rosati moved, and Rich Henderson seconded, that the meeting should be reconvened at the Cleveland Room

Appendix

Recommended Expectations of
Members of the Board of Directors of
the New York State Federation of Lake Associations

1. Attend as many board meetings as possible.

2. Be a NYSFOLA member, cultivate new members, and communicate with non-member associations about NYSFOLA membership.

3. Attend the FOLA annual conference, and support those who have conference responsibilities with ideas, presentations, or other actions.

4. Serve on at least one committee, keep informed and assist as needed on other committees.

5. Understand the priorities communicated by NYSDEC, and support the CSLAP program for NYS lakes.

6. Support FOLA communications through contributing articles to Waterworks, Facebook, and the FOLA website.