

Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 19, 2016
Appley Conference Center at White Eagle
Hamilton, NY

George Kelley, President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Jack Baldwin
Donald Cook

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that FOLA pay these, and the motion carried. Rich abstained. We agreed that the conference should have a formal welcome each day to orient attendees. Rich was asked to do that orientation. Dean Long will appoint moderators for each session. We agreed on measures to encourage the return of feedback forms. Walter will work on the getting the credit card machine ready for use during the conference.

Nancy Mueller was optimistic based on her work with an agent to find a new location. She will visit Otesaga in Cooperstown and report at the May meeting.

John Slater reported that the current board members up for reelection are Matt Albright, Laurel Mann, and Jan Shields. A new board member has been suggested and received strong endorsement from Nancy Mueller. The board agreed that these four members, assuming they are all willing to stand for reelection, will be the board nominees for directors. John Slater also mentioned that, assuming that Rich Henderson becomes President, we need a President-elect, and he solicited interest.

Jim Cunningham

understand the effect of changes in various line items in the budget. He indicated that our outlook is for another loss this year. He introduced the concept of spreading the cost of N across the various programs. We reviewed the effect of the increase in membership fees. We talked about publicity to reach Bass Masters and other audiences to increase our attendance at the conference, although we are currently at capacity.

Scott Kishbaugh reported that in 2015 the CSLAP program had 120 lakes and 123 sites, with 933 bloom samples. The HABs program extends beyond CSLAP lakes. Scott has completed 90 CSLAP reports. New in 2015: chloride sampling and growth of the on-line data entry, which was used by lakes for about 1/3 of the 931 reports. These came from 47 lakes (39%). This had value beyond freeing Nancy from typing, as it gave immediate information, in season feedback to the lakes, fewer data errors and questions, and can support DEC data input. In 2016, 126 lakes and 129 sites will participate in CSLAP. Scott discussed rising state attention to water issues (Water Task Force, PFOA). Rebecca Gorney is working on a HABs Plan, and Scott reported that UFI has a grant to study the rich data set provided by CSLAP. Scott also said that two new things were coming in the future: Regional reports will replace individual lake reports as more sustainable, and we are adding an AIS protocol for volunteers. Walter stated that the board had directed the CSLAP committee to manage to breakeven without office costs. We also reviewed that the DEC contract would end after this year, and Jim Cunningham, Jan Andersen, and Walter Dutcher were asked to begin working on a new contract with DEC.

Rich Henderson reported on the information that had been distributed on the board questionnaire. He sent out 20 email member questionnaires as a pilot, and received 5 back. He plans to put the member survey in the conference packet. The process continues to move forward.

The board went into executive session. Upon coming out, the board reported that Nancy Mueller would be given a raise for the FOLA payroll from \$1,100 to \$1,200 per two week period, effective April 1.

The board discussed that although this is a valuable program, it might not be affordable. We could not agree on the process or timing.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meeting will be on April 29, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA