

FINGER LAKES TRAIL CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
September 17, 2022 4:00 pm  
Grayhaven Motel - Ithaca, NY



**Status: FINAL**

Attending: Sigi Schwinge, Gene Binder, Chris De Golyer, Jo Taylor, David Newman, Ann Bayley, Mark Valites, Shawn Sensiba, Rick Roberts, Dan O'Shea, Carrie Williams, Annette Holohan, Donna Coon, Dave Newlun, Terry Meacham, Bob Cooper, Bob Kremmens, Deb Nero, Lori Chiarilli, Tim O'Brien, Pat Monahan, Roger Hopkins, Scott Geiger, Kim Meacham, Laurel Newman, Willa Powell, Tim Wilbur, Nancy Wilbur, Bryant Adams, Shaun Sensiba, Dan O'Shea and Carrie Williams

CALL TO ORDER at 4:00 pm—President, Pat Monahan  
MOTION TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE ANNUAL MEETING  
1<sup>st</sup> T. Meacham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geiger >>**Approved**

**WELCOME/OPENING COMMENTS — Pat Monahan**

- Thank you for attending the annual meeting
- Thank you to our event organizers that worked so hard to make this weekend a reality; and the wonderful hosts of Grayhaven Motel
- Please note the artwork that captures aspects of the Finger Lakes Trail by Ithaca artist and FLTC trail member/volunteer, Eva Capobianco

**APPROVAL OF 2021 MINUTES—Secretary, Lori Chiarilli**

- No discussion or additions.

1<sup>st</sup> Binder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bayley >>**Approved**

**INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT, OUTGOING, AND NOMINATED NEW BOARD MEMBERS—Pat Monahan**

- Acknowledgement of current board and leadership past and present
- Thank you to Class of 2022 Board of Manager members completing their terms and acknowledgement of of service provided to the organization:
  - Peg Fuller, Scott Geiger, Roger Hopkins, Tim Sweeney, and Peter Wybron
  - Returning in new terms as part of the Class of 2025: Peg Fuller, Scott Geiger and Peter Wybron

**VOTE ON BOARD MEMBERS PLACED IN NOMINATION**

We have 3 nominees moving forward this year: Peg Fuller, Scott Geiger and Peter Wybron

- Ballot tally: 290 for, 0 against, and 25 incomplete ballots

Motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Class of 2025 Board of Managers: 1<sup>st</sup> Nominating Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Holohan >>**Approved**

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS OF FLTC

### **CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION AND FUND BALANCES —Treasurer Willa Powell**

- Mandatory earnings report for the following three Certificate of Deposits (Audrey Jones Memorial Fund, Ervin Markert Memorial Fund and Edward A. Willis Memorial Fund): \$1.94
- Accounting summary and status updates
- Our IRS Form 990 and NY Charities Form 500 filings for 2021 have been granted an extension as we work with our auditors to meet a revised deadline of **Nov 15, 2022** . Following filing, the 990 will be posted to our website.
- Note recent, unreconciled donations: Joe Dabes \$100K; Roger and Whitney Bagnell \$10k. Both donations have been designated for Siddote Fund use.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES— Willa Powell on behalf of VP of Finance Lisa Barrett and Interim Executive Director Deb Nero**

- Note the ongoing process of moving from an all volunteer to a volunteer/professional staff organization
- 2022 budget approved Dec 4, 2021 is underway
- Finance Committee meets monthly to review policies and practices on a regular basis
  - A special thank you to Finance Committee members for their ongoing commitment
- Our current financial position is that we are operating as expected/projected in the Board's strategic plan
  - Note: Director of Trail Development position was a hire sooner than expected with volunteer trail leadership vacancies within the FLTC and Regional Trail Coordinator network
- Discussion topics:
  - Where are our land holdings reflected
  - How/where is the sale of land holdings applied
  - Organizations current financial position

## REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITY—President Pat Monahan

- Willa Powell not only serves as our treasurer, but as our new office manager
- Discussion: membership numbers
  - Noted reporting challenges: renewals, non-renewals and first-time membership - compounded by our recent move from annual to rolling membership cycle
  - Some delays with membership renewal requests will be addressed in the coming weeks
- Top-level volunteer management positions are key to the success of the organization; we continue to seek out qualified candidates through a number of outreach efforts
  - New addition: Chris Proulx is ready to make a 3-year board commitment; did not make the ballot process so was not reflected in the advance slate of candidates
- Recognition of the many Sidote Fund accomplishments within the last year

## REPORT OF FLTC Activities and Accomplishments— Interim Executive Director Deb Nero

- No additions

## QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

- Tim Wilbur: disappointed with the removal of maintainer names on maps

- Hopkins: extensive discussion on the challenges maintaining information and properly acknowledging those volunteers - maintainer info did not carry over to digital maps. Would welcome additional ideas.
- Passport Series status/use
  - Weekly use of digital downloads shows good, consistent use
  - Paper copies continue to be well-received during events
  - Patch distribution/redemption numbers would be helpful to assess impact/follow-through
    - Powell: volunteer to provide an update/summary in a future newsletter
  - Roberts: have we considered issuing patches based on membership?
    - Wegmans partnerships would preclude this from happening
- Newsletter design - outstanding; mirror image use may confound some photo buffs
- Membership card suggestion from Sensiba: consider adding a year as cards are issued to help with renewals - especially with new rolling membership expiration dates

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT at 4:49**

1<sup>st</sup> Binder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schwinge >>**Approved**

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