

*Finger Lakes Trail Conference  
Annual Membership Meeting  
May 9, 2009  
Frost Valley YMCA*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** See attendance sheet in FLTC Office

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Reek, Linda Cruttenden, Ray Recchia, Roger Hopkins, Jon Bowen, Terry Meacham, Pat Monahan, John A-X Morris, Cheryl Peluso, Bill Coffin, George Zacharek

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Roy Dando, Jarret Lobb, David Marsh, Ron Navik, Jacqui Wensich

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gene Bavis

**BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS ABSENT:** Rich Breslin, Phil Dankert, Vicki Gaeta, Georgeanne Vyverberg, Irene Szabo, Peter Wybron

A motion was made to open the meeting by Terry Meacham. Ken Reek seconded the motion and the meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

**Opening Comments – President, David Marsh**

David extended thanks on behalf of the FLTC to Larry Blumberg and the Triple Cities Hiking Club for all the effort they put into making this weekend a success. He reported that there were almost 20,000 volunteer hours reported this year which is exceptional. He reported that even though the economy is down, he is pleased that the FLTC is in sound financial condition. David mentioned to the membership that this was a particularly hard year due to the passing of Howard Beye. The board has spent many hours trying to make sure that the roles that Howard played will be efficiently played by others in the future.

**Review and Approval of 2007 Minutes – Secretary, Roy Dando**

Bill Coffin moved to suspend reading of the 2008 annual minutes, and to accept the minutes as presented. George Zacharek seconded the motion and all passed.

**Introduction of Current, Outgoing and Nominated New Board Members – President, David Marsh**

Today the membership, through absentee proxy or voice vote, will choose the incoming Board Class of 2012. Three members of the outgoing Class of 2008, Linda Cruttenden, Terry Meacham and Jacqui Wensich, have agreed to serve another term. Due to the bylaws, Dawn Bennett and Scott Lauffer will not be returning. David introduced the current Board members and the incoming members, Jon Bowen and Bill Coffin. David noted that John A-X Morris was appointed mid-term to complete Claire Ders unexpired Board term

Gene received 320 proxy votes, with 302 in favor of the above nominees, 17 blank ballots and 1 no vote.

**\*\*Pat Monahan moved that Jon Bowen, Bill Coffin, Linda Cruttenden, Terry Meacham and Jacqui**

**Wensich be approved as the Class of 2011 to serve on the FLTC Board of Managers. Ron Navik seconded the motion and with no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

The returning officers and the Executive Director, Gene Bavis, were introduced. David Marsh will not be returning as President of the Board. Pat Monahan will be appointed President at the Board meeting, which will immediately follow the Annual Membership meeting. The position of the Vice President of Trails will remain vacant this year.

David extended sincere thanks on behalf of the Board and the membership to the outgoing Board members and officers.

### **Report of Financial Status of the Finger Lakes Trail Conference – Treasurer, Peter Wybron**

#### **See Written Report**

The FLTC ended 2008 in excellent fiscal health. The FLTC engaged the outside auditing firm of Freed, Maxick & Battaglia, PC to do an audit of our 2008 financial records.

2008 total revenue of \$155,386 reflect an increase in net assets (profit) of \$53,856.00. The largest part of this is attributable to donations and pledges. Unfortunately this increase was offset by a loss of \$65,550 in investments.

Total Assets as of December 31, 2008 was reported at \$379,165

### **Report on the FLTC Board “Moving Forward” proposals – President, David Marsh**

After Howard’s passing, Irene and Lynda kept many of his trail responsibilities current until the board could find ways to spread these responsibilities efficiently to others. At the January retreat the board looked at Lynda’s proposal of 5 “buckets of work” that would need to be tended to.

- 1) Director of Trail Quality (Lynda Rummel)
- 2) Director of Crews and Construction (Quinn Wright)
- 3) Director of Trail Maintenance (Steve Catherman)
- 4) VP for Trail Preservation (Ron Navik)
- 5) FLTC Service Center (Data base management etc) (Gene and staff)

The Trail Management Committee would be abolished and replaced by the combination of the Trail Management Team (3 Above mentioned directors plus the Executive Director) and The Trail Council.

The above positions are non voting positions.

These proposals are to be approved at the board meeting following this meeting.

### **Report of FLTC Activities and Accomplishments – Executive Director, Gene Bavis**

Many thanks to David Marsh for several years of service to the board

Many thanks to Peter, Jarrett and the financial committee for seeing us through hard times

2008 Hike Series – 189 people participated in the Cataraugus series.

End to Enders – Our current number for Main Trail is 268, Branch Trails is 50.

Co-hosted the NCTA Annual meeting in Cazenovia this Summer. This event took the place of our usual Fall campout.

The named hike series went well this year headed by Larry Blumberg.

The GET trail construction is moving ahead nicely under the guidance of Pat Monahan.

The Forever Society has 35 current members with contributions of \$44,591 of which \$32,621 has already been collected.

There were merchandise sales totaling \$21,000 of which \$16,000 were map sales. There have been over 80,000 maps sold since 2006.

Howard Beye passed away September 18, 2009

Harmon Strong passed away September 30, 2009

Membership - We had 1,375 members as of 5/9/09

The office is updating the database on landowners and trail stewards.

The equipment that was kept at Howard's house is now being stored in Mount Morris.

The Fall campout is to take place at Camp Turner in Allegany State Park from 10/16 through 10/18

Ken Reek moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jarrett Lobb seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

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Meeting Agenda

Minutes from May 5, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

Finance/Investment Report