

*Finger Lakes Trail Conference  
Annual Membership Meeting  
May 22, 2010  
Alfred University, Alfred, NY*

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cathy Concannon, Ray Recchia, Roger Hopkins, Jon Bowen, Terry Meacham, John A-X Morris, Bill Coffin, George Zacharek, Phil Dankert, Phil Metzgar, David Drumm, Sigi Swinge, Pat Haynes

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Pat Monahan, Roy Dando, Jarret Lobb, Ron Navik, Jacqui Wensich, Peter Wybron, Steve Catherman, Lynda Rummel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gene Bavis

**BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS ABSENT:** Donna Flood, Gail Merian, Ken Reek, Quinn Wright,

A motion was made to open the meeting by Terry Meacham. Gene Binder seconded the motion and the meeting was called to order at 3:00PM.

**Opening Comments – President, Pat Monahan:**

Pat thanked Ron Navik and the Genesee Valley Hiking Club for sponsoring this Spring weekend. He thanked all landowners for allowing the footpath to cross their land and thanked the membership for its support, financial and otherwise. The 5% growth rate of the membership was achieved in 2009.

Pat reviewed the progress on the GET in Steuben County. 20 of the proposed 45 miles have been completed to date and the trail is on target for a completion sometime in 2013.

Pat also made the members aware of the new website that is just about ready to be launched.

**Review and Approval of 2009 Minutes – Secretary, Roy Dando**

Copies of the 2009 minutes were made available to anyone in attendance. No comments were pending. Ray Rechia moved to suspend reading of the 2008 annual minutes, and to accept the minutes as presented. Gene Binder seconded the motion and the minutes became final.

**Introduction of Current, Outgoing and Nominated New Board Members – President, Pat Monahan**

Today the membership, through absentee proxy or voice vote, will choose the incoming Board Class of 2013. One member of the outgoing Class of 2010, Phil Dankert agreed to serve another term. Due to the bylaws, George Zacharek, Cheryl Peluso and Georgeanne Vyverberg will not be returning. Pat introduced the current Board members and the incoming members, David Drum, Cathy Concannon, Donna Flood and Gail Marion.

Gene received 311 proxy votes, all in favor of the above nominees.

**Pat summarized the proposed changes to the bylaws to the members. There was no discussion so a motion to accept these changes was made by Sigi, seconded by Terry and the changes were approved.**

The returning officers and the Executive Director, Gene Bavis, were introduced. New officers include Lynda Rummel (Vice President of Trail Quality), Steve Catherman (Vice President of Trail Maintenance). New directors include Joe Dabes (Director of Trail Inventory and Mapping) and Quinn Wright (Director of Crews and Construction)

**Report of Financial Status of the Finger Lakes Trail Conference –  
Treasurer, Peter Wybron: See Written Report  
Vice President of Finance—Jarret Lobb:**

Jarret discussed the two purposes our funds are invested for.

- 1) Endowment funds: Approximately 3% are slated to be used for the day to day operations of FLTC
- 2) Stewardship: Funds to be used for trail maintenance projects as well as to potentially acquire land

Jarret mentioned that 2008 was a bad year for all investors. We were not hurt as badly as we had reserved more cash than some. 2009 was a better year with an average fund balance of \$330,000. The yearly return was 12% and not quite as good as some other investors due, again, to having extra cash in place.

Jarret also reported that the FLTC has hired a professional investment firm to help with future investment decisions.

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

\*Gene pointed to the ever increasing membership base. The 5% annual growth was achieved in 2009 and he hopes for at least that in 2010. This would mean a membership up from 1372 this year to 1441 by December.

\*Gene pointed out that the county hike series as well as the new hiker series helped with these membership numbers.

\*The Forever society was discussed. There are currently 39 members with \$43,000 of the \$51,150 due already collected.

\*Thanks to the GVHC for this Spring conference and the Foothills Hiking Club for hosting the Fall (Winter!) campout this year.

\*There were over 500 individuals who logged some 20000 hours of time maintaining the FLT this past year.

\*3 maps for the new branch trail (GET) will be available next week for purchase.

\*Gene thanked Jo Taylor for all her excellent work as editor of the Finger Lakes News.

\*The new website should be up and running within the month

\*Gene introduced the membership to the upcoming unveiling of the Passport to hiking project. There will be 12 different hikes between Rte 81 and Letchworth SP. If hikers complete 4 of the 12 they will receive a patch and some sponsor coupons. If they complete more than 10 they will be entered into a drawing for more valuable prizes.

Pat discussed the an MOU was hashed out between the FLTC and NCTA recently and was approved by the board of managers.

George moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phil D. seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

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Meeting Agenda

Minutes from May 9, 2009 Annual Membership Meeting

Finance/Investment Report