

*Finger Lakes Trail Conference
Annual Membership Meeting Final minutes
June 2, 2013
Alfred University*

MEMBERS PRESENT: See attendance sheet in FLTC Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Flood, Roger Hopkins, Donna Coon, Terry Meacham, Doug Cunningham, Laurie Ondrejka

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jarret Lobb, Pat Monahan, Roy Dando, Ron Navik, Quinn Wright.

STAFF PRESENT: Dick Hubbard

BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS ABSENT: Gail Merian, Cate Concannon, Jon Bowen, David Drum, Scott Bahantka, Melanie Okoniewski, Sigi Schwinge, Greg Farnham, Phil Dankert, Steve Catherman, Lynda Rummel, Matt Branneman, Peggy Coleman

A motion was made to open the meeting by Nick Mangarovic and Gene Binder seconded Pat Monahan called the meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Opening Comments – President, Pat Monahan:

Pat thanked everyone for coming to the annual meeting today. He wondered whether pushing the time back to 4:00 PM to allow more hikers to attend had helped?

Review and Approval of 2012 Minutes – Secretary, Roy Dando

Copies of the 2012 minutes were made available to anyone in attendance. Donna Coon noted that she was in attendance last year. Roy will make that change. Nick Mangarovic moved to suspend reading of the 2012 annual minutes, and to accept the minutes as presented. Gene Binder seconded the motion. **APPROVED.**

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 2016. Four members of the outgoing Class of 2013, Cate Concannon, David Drum, Gail Merian and Donna Flood agreed to serve another term. Pat introduced the current Board members and the incoming board member David Tuttle who could not be in attendance today. Pat also thanked the outgoing board member Phil Dankert of the class of 2013 for his dedicated service

There were no nominations from the floor. Dick Hubbard received 301 proxy votes in favor of the above nominees, 3 against and 53 left blank.

A motion was made by Terry Meacham and seconded by Gene Binder for the secretary to cast one vote to accept the nominations as presented. **APPROVED.**

*Pat informed the membership of the board's desire to make the Director of Trail Inventory/Mapping along with the Director of Crews and Construction into Vice President roles. He noted that these roles have become more complex over time and this move is necessary. For this change to the bylaws to occur the membership at large must approve it. Dick Hubbard received 274 proxy votes in favor of this change, 3 against, 26 blank and 3 void. Pat asked for conversation on the matter but none was forthcoming.

*Doug Cunningham motioned to accept the change in the bylaws, Laurie Ondrejka seconded and the change was **APPROVED**. The bylaws will be updated to reflect this change.

Report of Financial Status of the Finger Lakes Trail Conference – Treasurer, Quinn Wright and Jarret Lobb, VP of Finance

*Quinn was happy to report that the FLTC ended 2012 in excellent financial health. The net income through the first 4 months of 2013 is approximately \$60,000. This is enough to cover operating expenses without touching investments. The investments at this point are around \$700,000.

*Quinn also noted that the change from Community Bank to M&T Bank is almost complete and that M&T marveled at our position of financial strength.

*Jarret Lobb handed out hard copies of the conferences financials. Operations are going well this year and last year produced a surplus. The auditors gave us a clean opinion.

*Jarret noted that the Finance Committee is very active as well as the 5 person Investment Committee.

*Jarret stated that the conference had a return, net of expenses, in 2012 of \$53,000 or 11%.

*Lastly, Jarret asked those in attendance to feel free to discuss their opinions on financial/investment philosophies with him or anyone else on the committee.

*Pat thanked Quinn and Jarret and the Finance Committee for all of its work.

Report of FLTC Activities and Accomplishments – President, Pat Monahan and Executive Director, Dick Hubbard.

*Pat noted that the board has decided to make landowners full members of the FLTC.

*Trail easements have always been and will continue to be a major priority for the board of managers.

*This year will mark the first Gerry Benedict Award. This award is in honor of Gerry who lost his life while volunteering on an Alley Cat project last year.

*The AANR agreements that protect volunteer workers on state land will shortly cease to exist and will be replaced with VSP (Volunteer Service Program) agreements.

*The Crystal Hills Trails is within ½ mile of being complete. This should occur very shortly.

*Finances are sound with the asset balance rising for all of the past 11 years.

*The Forever Society had 2 new members this year.

*A new fund has been created for the purpose of building 20 new lean-to structures on the trail in the foreseeable future. It is called the “Buy a Log Program”. Each new structure costs approximately \$3500 for materials so 35 separate “Logs” will be sold to fund each shelter. Currently there have been enough logs sold to purchase 2 entire lean-to structures. One of these was completely funded by board members, officers and office staff.

*The Amazing One Day End to End hike of the entire main trail was accomplished on June 2. Over 550 hikers walked portions of the trail that day with one of the 75 different hike leaders. That is almost exactly one hiker per mile! Over 250 people attended 5 different post hike get togethers across NY State. It is hoped that this event will increase awareness in the trail now and in the future. Much media attention was give to this event.

*The summer edition of the FLT News is out and should be in your mailbox shortly. If anyone knows of someone who would like to become the editor, please contact Pat Monahan, Dick Hubbard or myself as this will be Jo’s last edition.

*Dick Hubbard has become the new Executive Director. He was hired in March, started training with Gene on April 1 and officially took over the job on June 1.

*There will be a raffle and a silent auction held tonight after dinner.

New Business:

*Pat officially thanked Gene for his devotion to the trail for 11 years as its Executive Director and yielded the floor to Dick.

*Dick said that the Forever Society currently has 47 members and he has made it his goal to raise that to at least 50 in honor of the 50th anniversary. At that point Lynda Rummel and Rolf Zerges joined as #48, Stephanie Spittal as #49 and Phil and Tammy Metzger as #50!

Q&A:

Bill Coffin gave a brief statement regarding the destruction of trail on the NCT in Madison County. He asks that the Board of Managers pay special attention in the future to stopping the push for multi-use trails.

Pat Monahan thanked the membership for their monetary and volunteer service throughout the year.

Mary Domanski motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 3:47, Melanie Okoniewski seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

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Meeting Agenda

Minutes from May 21, 2011 Annual Membership Meeting

Finance/Investment Report