

*Finger Lakes Trail Conference
Annual Membership Meeting draft minutes
May 30, 2015
Elk's Club
Norwich, NY*

MEMBERS PRESENT: See attendance sheet in FLTC Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Hopkins, Mike Ogden, Donna Coon, Terry Meacham, Deb Nero, Wendy Stevenson, Sigi Schwinge

OFFICERS PRESENT: Pat Monahan, Roy Dando, Quinn Wright, Dave Newman

STAFF PRESENT: Dick Hubbard, Steph Spittal

BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS ABSENT: Cate Concannon, David Drum, Scott Bahantka, Greg Farnham, Steve Catherman, Lynda Rummel, Matt Branneman, Peggy Coleman, Neil Yoder, Dave Tuttle, Donna Flood, Laurie Ondrejka, Charlie Schutt

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

Opening Comments – President, Pat Monahan:

Pat asked for all to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Ed Sidote who passed away recently.

Pat thanked all in attendance for taking the time out of their busy day to attend the annual meeting and the festivities here in Norwich.

Review and Approval of 2014 Minutes – Secretary, Roy Dando

Copies of the 2014 minutes were made available to anyone in attendance. No questions were forthcoming so Terry Meacham motioned to accept the minutes with Quinn Wright seconding. **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 2018. Three members of the outgoing Class of 2014, Terry Meacham, Laurie Ondrejka and Scott Brooks have agreed to serve another term. Pat introduced the current Board members in attendance and noted that the newly nominated board members Bob Kremens and David Priester could not be in attendance. Pat also thanked the outgoing board member Donna Coon of the class of 2015 for her dedicated service. He also noted that Roger Hopkins would be appointed to fill the vacancy in the class of 2016 created by the resignation of Gene Bavis.

There were no nominations from the floor. Dick Hubbard received 212 proxy votes in favor of the above nominees, 0 against and 57 left blank.

A motion was made by Larry Blumberg and seconded by Gene Binder for the secretary to cast one vote to

accept the nominations as presented. **APPROVED.**

Report of Financial Status of the Finger Lakes Trail Conference – Treasurer, Quinn Wright

*Quinn noted that it was a trying year for the Treasurer as he had to juggle monies constantly to make the large grant given to membership and marketing work.

*Quinn also noted the conference was only \$10K short of reaching the \$1 Million mark in assets with approximately \$200K being tied up in real estate.

*Quinn said that there was a large balance in the Sidote Stewardship fund that must only be spent on the funds specific mission of trail preservation.

*Quinn pointed out that the conference has approximately \$250K in spendable cash.

*Quinn also pointed out that the conference was very well positioned for the future as it basically has no debt.

*Pat told all that the Finance and Investments committees were stocked with lots of extremely knowledgeable folks who have put in a huge effort over the years to make sure the conferences' finances were in good order.

*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.

*There have been many upgrades to the technology needed to keep our conference viable in the 21st century including a new website.

*Much work has been done to create a broader presence in the social media platforms of Facebook and Instagram.

*Trail preservation has taken a front seat this year with many “key” parcels of land being identified for the purpose of trying to get permanent easements. Many individuals have made sure that many of these easements are now in place. Many hours of Board of Managers discussions have occurred revolving around the question of how to fund this endeavor in the future.

*Work has begun on the task of separating the Membership aspect of M&M from the Marketing aspect. They are both crucial to the success of the conference and together make too large a job for one committee.

*The office in Mount Morris has undergone a face lift of sorts. Painting, cleaning and reorganizing has made it a more efficiently running and inviting space to visit.

*We are overhauling what a Business Membership to the FLTC means.

Q&A:

*Jacqui Wensich was very happy with the increased presence on Facebook.

*Rick Roberts made a proposal to change the Eastern Terminus to from Denning Road to Slide Mountain.

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

Gene Binder motioned that the meeting adjourn and Colleen Townsend seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM

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Meeting Agenda

Minutes from June, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

Finance/Investment Report