

*Finger Lakes Trail Conference  
Annual Membership Meeting FINAL minutes  
June 18, 2016  
The NYS Academy of Fire Science  
Montour Falls, New York*

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Brooks, Donna Flood, Roger Hopkins, Mike Ogden, Terry Meacham, Deb Nero, Laurie Ondrejka, Wendy Stevenson, Sigi Schwinge

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Pat Monahan, Dave Newman, Lynda Rummel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Quinn Wright

**BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS ABSENT:** Cate Concannon, David Drum, Bob Kremens, David Priester, David Tuttle, Neil Yoder, Matt Branneman, Steve Catherman, Roy Dando, Greg Farnham, Charles Schutt

**CALL TO ORDER by Pat Monahan** at 4:02 PM

A motion was made to officially open the meeting by Terry Meacham, Donna Flood seconded. **Motion Approved.**

**WELCOME OPENING COMMENTS – President, Pat Monahan:**

Pat welcomed all in attendance and thanked The Cayuga Trails Club for Hosting the spring weekend. He acknowledged and thanked Robin Carlisle Peck, coordinator of the weekend events and Gary Mallow, President of the Cayuga Trails Club.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2015 MINUTES**

Copies of the 2015 minutes were made available to those in attendance. There were no corrections or additions forthcoming. Roger Hopkins motioned to accept the minutes with Deb Nero seconding. **Minutes Approved.**

**INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT, OUTGOING AND NOMINATED NEW BOARD MEMBERS–**

**President, Pat Monahan**

Pat introduced current Board Members and officers in attendance by having them stand.

Pat recognized and thanked officers leaving the Board:

Steve Catherman, Vice President Trail Maintenance

Matt Branneman, Vice President Crews and Construction

Replacement candidates awaiting Board approval at the June 19 Board reorganizational meeting were introduced: Paul Warrender, candidate for VP Trail Maintenance and Michael Granger, candidate for VP Crews and Construction

Pat recognized and thanked Board of Managers members with expiring terms: Cate Concannon, David Drum, Donna Flood, Roger Hopkins, and David Tuttle. Roger Hopkins and David Tuttle have agreed to nominations

for another term.

Other introductions were nominees: Donna Coon, Barbara Nussbaum, and Kirk Doyle (not present)

#### **VOTE ON BOARD MEMBERS PLACED IN NOMINATION:**

The slate of nominees for the Board of Managers with terms expiring in 2019 presented to the members by the Nominating Committee were: Donna Coon, Kirk Doyle, Roger Hopkins, Barbara Nussbaum, Dave Tuttle.

There were no other nominations from the membership at large. Tom Reimers made a motion and was seconded by Terry Meacham for the secretary to cast one vote in favor of the Slate of Nominees as presented. Motion approved by all present and 144 absentee ballots in favor and 1 opposed. **Motion approved.**

#### **VOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY LAWS**

##### **PROPOSAL 1**

**The officers of the FLTC shall be President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Membership and Marketing, Vice President of Trail Maintenance, Vice President of Trail Quality, Vice President of Trail Preservation, Vice President of Mapping, Vice President of Crews and Construction, Secretary and Treasurer.**

##### **PROPOSAL 2**

###### **Section 5. Structure:**

**The President shall preside at all meetings of the FLTC and the Board. In the absence of the President, or his/her inability to act, the Executive Vice President shall perform his/her duties. In the absence of the President and Executive Vice President, or their inability to act, the Vice President of Finance shall perform their duties. In the absence of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, or their inability to act, the Vice President of Membership and Marketing shall perform their duties. In the absence of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Membership and Marketing, or their ability to act, the Vice President of Trail Preservation shall perform their duties. In the event that none of the above can perform, the Board, by a majority of those present, shall elect a President Pro Tempora.**

Deb Nero motioned to accept proposed changes to the By Laws: Proposal 1 and Proposal 2. Scott Brooks seconded. **Motion approved by all present and 144 absentee ballots in favor and 0 opposed. Motion Approved.**

Be it noted that Quinn Wright reported results of proxy votes tabulated at the FLTC office:

Vote on Board Members placed in nomination: 144 in favor, 1 against

Vote on proposed changes to the By Laws: 144 in favor, 0 against

#### **REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS OF FLTC:**

##### **CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION AND FUND BALANCES**

Quinn Wright made available handouts: FLTC Profit and Loss for June 2015 – May 2016

FLTC Assets

## **GENERAL COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES –**

Quinn Wright reported that we are operating within our budget in good shape financially.

We had a recent dramatic rise in income due to a \$223,000 bequest.

There are \$589,302 in the Sidote Stewardship Funds restricted for trail preservation.

Quinn reviewed the endowment funds and explained the difference between restricted and unrestricted Funds.

## **REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITY—Pat Monahan**

The board has been active in the search for an Executive Director. Quinn Wright has been covering the position temporarily since the position was vacated. Offers have been made but not accepted. We are still looking.

FLT is in transition, not stagnate. We continue to look at who we are and where we need to be. We continue to maintain and build trail. We are beginning to focus on promoting and protecting the trail forever.

The trail is protected through permanent trail easements. Dave Newman, VP Trail Preservation, actively leads this initiative. It will help address our mission statement to protect the trail forever.

Membership, Marketing, Advocacy: We need to grow our membership. We need to let people recognize the FLT as a recreational asset and promote the trail by advocating with local, state and national government agencies as well as with local and state chambers and tourism bureaus.

Currently, the VP of Membership and Marketing position is vacant. Pat stated that he is calling out to the membership for assist with filling this position. If you know of anyone qualified to fill this position or are in contact with someone who might know of a qualified person please contact Pat.

The FLTC is currently working with the Finger Lakes Land Trust concerning a property of interest.

The Board will be reviewing an MOU agreement with the North Country Trail Association (NCTA). Our five year agreement expired in December. The Finger Lakes Trail hosts 423 miles of the North Country trail. Pat encouraged all members to support the NCTA by becoming an NCTA member.

## **REPORT OF FLTC ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS—Executive Director, Quinn Wright**

Quinn reported that we need volunteers for Advocacy and explained what an advocate does. We are in the process of collecting data including names and contact info of all levels of Government and businesses along the trail. He noted that we are a great organization. Many are not aware that the trail is in their “own backyard” and the opportunities that it can provide. We need to get the word out there.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP** – none

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** by Mike Ogden, Sigi Sshwinge seconded. **Motion approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Coon

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Meeting Agenda

Minutes from June, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting

Profit and Loss Report

Report of FLTC Assets