

## Annual Membership Meeting

Tompkins-Cortland Community College - Dryden, NY

June 10, 2017

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**Members and Officers Present:** see attached sign-in sheet

**Call to Order at 4:02 p.m.** – President, Pat Monahan

**Motion to Open the Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Meachum, T., 2<sup>nd</sup> Good, P. >> Approved

**Welcome/Opening Comments** – Monahan

- Thanks to ADK Onondaga and TC3 for coordinating and hosting this year's event
- Another good year, exciting new challenges as we move forward

**Board/Officer Updates** – Monahan

- Thank you to class of 2017 **Board of Manager** members completing their terms: Flood, Ogden, Nero, Schwinge, Stevenson
- Acknowledge remaining and active board members
- Welcome to new and returning **officers** (pending BOM approval on 6/11/17): President—Pat Monahan; Secretary—Lori Chiarilli; Vice President of Finance—Charles Schutt; Vice President of Trail Preservation—David Newman; Vice President of Membership and Marketing—vacant; Vice President of Trail Maintenance—Melanie Okoniewski; Vice President of Trail Quality—Lynda Rummel; Vice President of Mapping—Greg Farnham; and Director of Crews and Construction—Mike Schlicht, Treasurer— Linda Hopkins

**Vote on Board of Managers Members Placed in Nomination** — Flood, Nero, Newlun, Ogden and Stevenson.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hopkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meacham
- No further nominations from the general membership
- Motion approved by all members present; no opposing votes
- Absentee ballots: 247 yes, 1 against, 7 incomplete
- >> Motion Approved

**Vote on Proposed Changes to the By Laws**

### Proposal 1:

#### **Article VII – OFFICERS**

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### Proposal 2:

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Brief discussion from membership re: the impetus for change and how positions would be handled moving forward:

- Treasurer appointed by president; approved by the board for a one-year term consistent with our by-laws for BOM.
- Why wouldn't secretary position follow the same rationale? (Rogers)
  - Fall meeting will be used to review and plan for possible revisions to board structure during the fall meeting.
- Rationale for the by law changes were to lessen demands on this position; less board work/meetings; more focus on position specifics. (Newman)
- Two proposals are related (Rummel)

Motion to approve both by law changes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Townsend
- Motion approved by all members present; no opposing votes
- Absentee ballots: 231 for, 10 against, 12 incomplete
- >> Motion Approved

### **Report of the FLTC Activities and Accomplishments – Executive Director, Quinn Wright**

A 10 year review indicates:

- We're operating within our budget and continue to see growth with a net income that is on point with our non-profit status.
- We're moving positively to preserve the trail with 18 additional protected properties.
- 13 (14) additional lean-tos to support trail use.
- Non-paved hiking trails contribute \$231,799/mile to the NYS economy

Membership questions and comments:

- Clarify that protected properties contain parts of our trail
- At least 600 private parcels of land intersect the trail (Newman)

### **General Comments on Financial Activities – VP of Finance, Charles Schutt statement via Monahan**

- Continual growth; in alignment with mission/vision
- Very generous donations this last year allowed us to address staffing, IT, and trail
- Total assets \$237,000 approx. (18.19%)
- Addition of full time executive director position
- Net operating income day to day minus ops costs, over \$35K surplus
- 2016 audit was very good, with no issues noted

Membership questions and comments: none.

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### **Report of Board Activity – Monahan**

- Personnel, reorganizing how we deliver services to both members and the general public
- Executive Director full time position now in place 5-6 months
- Newly hired office support has been beneficial in staffing the center and in day to day support
- Board changes have impacted continuity; membership commitments have been difficult
- Our organization now takes more than 5 or 6 people to manage
- Successful conservation endeavor with Finger Lakes Land Trust partnership for the Vaeth property in 2017
- Sidote trail fund for preservation has seen incredible growth, approx. \$650K (note different than our endowment funds; so we are free to spend this money in alignment with our mission)
- Would like to continue our work in trail preservation

### **Membership questions and comments:**

- What sections of trail are determined to be “key parcels” (Hopkins)
- Board definition helped define “key parcels” > significant road walk if we are kicked off and no other significant alternative key routes. (Newman)
- Private lands that we cross are mostly handshake agreements. An area we need to address to protect the trail moving forward with trail easements. (Monahan)

### **Review and Approval of 2016 Minutes – Secretary, Lori Chiarilli**

- Copies of 2016 minutes were available for review
- No changes requested
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Binder >> Approved

**Motion for Adjournment at 4:41 p.m.:** 1<sup>st</sup> Nero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooks. >> Approved

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### **Materials Distributed**

- 2016 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes – Draft
- 2017 Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

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