

FINGER LAKES TRAIL CONFERENCE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
September 18, 2021 4:00 pm
Virtual: Zoom-based (26 participants)



Status: DRAFT

Members and officers present: Christy Post , Deb Nero, Pat Monahan , Lori Chiarilli , Pete Hagmire, Donna Flood, Terry Meacham , Dennis Permoda, Tim Holahan, Jo Taylor, Lisa Barrett, Peter Wybron, Roger Hopkins, Tim Wilbur, Dan & Amy Lopata, Laurie Ondrejka , Kristine Frederick, Lynda Rummel, Willa Powell , Tori Andruczyk, Scott Brooks, Larry Blumberg, Irene Szabo, Chris DeGolyer, Jon Bowen , Don Lowe

CALL TO ORDER at 4:00 pm—President, Pat Monahan
MOTION TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE ANNUAL MEETING
1st Barrett, 2nd Wybron >>**Approved**

WELCOME/OPENING COMMENTS — Pat Monahan

- Thank you for attending the annual meeting in this format again
- Zoom etiquette reminders:
 - Remain on mute, unless needed to avoid unnecessary background noise
 - You can use the chat to share questions
 - This session is being recorded, and will be posted to the site at a later date
- Meeting agenda and link to our draft 2020 annual meeting minutes provided in advance; and link to draft minutes also included in the meeting chat window
- Moment of silence to remember Debbie Hunt's recent loss and to reflect on any other personal losses we've experienced this year.

APPROVAL OF 2019 MINUTES—Secretary, Lori Chiarilli

- No discussion or additions.

1st Hopkins, 2nd Meacham >>**Approved**

INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT, OUTGOING, AND NOMINATED NEW BOARD MEMBERS—Pat Monahan

- Thank you to Class of 2021 Board of Manager members completing their terms: Ann Bayley, Rich Breslin, Scott Brooks, Terry Meacham
 - Returning in new terms: Ann Bayley and Terry Meacham
- Introduction of current and recently retired Board Members and officers on the call today.

VOTE ON BOARD MEMBERS PLACED IN NOMINATION

We have 5 nominees moving forward this year: Ann Bayley, Christine DeGolyer, Tim Holahan, Terry Meacham, and Lisette Smith

- Approved by all 26 members present; 0 opposing votes.
- Electronic + paper ballots: 61 + 301 for, 0 opposing votes. >>> *confirmed by the office; after delay in formal reporting due to power outage at the office.*

Motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Class of 2024 Board of Managers: 1st Rummel, 2nd Ondrejka >>**Approved**

VOTE ON PROPOSED BY LAWS CHANGE—Pat Monahan

Proposal #1

Article V, Section 4

1. Annual membership dues will be on a rolling membership renewal schedule.

Rationale

New memberships naturally occur throughout the year. Our updated database system can manage a rolling membership renewal schedule. There are no negative financial implications to the change. Communications for the transition will explain the new rolling membership plan. Members will be solicited for renewal of their dues one year after they last paid. Each member will enjoy a 12 month membership

- Motion approved by all 26 members present; 0 opposing votes.
- Electronic + paper ballots: 62 + 298 votes for; 1 opposing vote. >>> *confirmed by the office; after delay in formal reporting due to power outage at the office.*

Motion to approve proposed by-laws change, 1stFlood, 2nd Ondrejka >>**Approved**

REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS OF FLTC

>>**CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION AND FUND BALANCES** —Treasurer Willa Powell

- 2021 Treasurer’s Report slideshare and summary
 - Rummel: restricted fund is down some?
 - Down slightly from last year as we did not run a capital campaign this year

>>**GENERAL COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES—** VP of Finance Lisa Barrett

- The organization is financially strong with a dedicated core of supporters.

REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITY—President Pat Monahan

- Staying true to our mission, despite on-going challenging circumstances
- Shift of annual meeting to the fall
 - Spring event/activities will be focused on outreach and new member recruitment
 - Fall weekend/event will focus on season recap, recognition and reflection in conjunction with plans for next year and beyond
- Database customization has taken longer than expected, but is still on track and expected to continue to offer valuable communication opportunities.
- Volunteers in leadership positions who have recently retired, pushed us as an organization to re-evaluate our leadership model and needs moving forward

- Now 3 directors: Operations - Debbie Hunt; Marketing/Membership - Christy Post; Trail Development - Michaela Ainey; and an Executive Director - Deb Nero
- Roving crews currently staffed by available volunteers
- We will reach out to membership for feedback as needed and to share news/updates to Financial sustainability plan/strategic plan
- Thank you to all of your ongoing support to the organization

REPORT OF FLTC Activities and Accomplishments—Executive Director Deb Nero

- On-site for the celebration picnic for the conclusion of the County Hike Series this year
 - Next year it Tompkins County - volunteers and participants always welcome (contact Nero or Fuller)
- Hiking 101 - intro to hiking series held monthly; great recruiting tool and awareness build of the trail
- Alley Cat projects this year: Letchworth branch trail and Holland Ravines
- Trail preservation: Hoxie Gorge State Park access; easement outside Solan (Baker State Forest);
- Post: Membership numbers continue steadily, with many new, first-time members
- Map sales continue to increase significantly
- Reminder: Trail Days Event Sat. 10/2/21

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

- No questions

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT at 4:39

1st Flood, 2nd DeGolyer >>**Approved**

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