

Squam Lakes Association "Conserving the Squam Lakes for the Public Benefit since 1904"

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members August 4, 2018

I. The meeting was held at the Squam Lakes Association ("SLA") Fisher Family Barn, 534 Route 3, Holderness, NH and was called to order by President Bob Lucic at 4:05 p.m. on the above date. A quorum was present. Bob welcomed the members to the 114th Annual Meeting of the SLA and reviewed the agenda and procedures for the meeting.

II. President Lucic asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2017 SLA Annual Meeting of Members. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted.

III. President Lucic then made remarks about current SLA activities, including the new exhibit, *Voices of Squam: Living and Working Around the Lakes*. The exhibit is located in the SLA Great Room, and he encouraged all members and donors to see it this summer. He thanked Jane Beck, Interviewer and Curator, and Will Twombly, Exhibit Designer, for sharing their time and talent in creating the exhibit. Bob then thanked and introduced the SLA Board of Directors.

IV. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, President Bob Lucic presented the slate of officers to be elected for the following year:

- President Robert Lucic
- First Vice PresidentSandra Lehner
- Second Vice President Carolyn Tolles
- Treasurer Sandy Harris
- Secretary Sue Smith

Bob then identified the new nominees being proposed for election to the Board of Directors and the incumbent directors proposed for re-election to a second three-year term. He referred the members to the biographical information concerning these nominees on the SLA website and in the written materials for the meeting.

New Directors - Steve Woodsum, Susan Speers Hume, Richard Lynch and Morgan Jones

Re-elected Directors – Annalee Ableson, Barry Gaw

Bob noted that the election of officers and directors could be made by voice vote. A motion was made to elect the nominated officers and directors and to re-elect the incumbent directors as presented for the indicated terms and that motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

V. Sandy Harris gave the Treasurer's report. He advised the members that in calendar year 2017 the SLA had again ended the year with a surplus due to a combination of program fees, contributions from members and donors, and the SLA investments. Sandy reported that our goal is consistency in our revenue streams, and that our draw from investments is 4% per year. He concluded his report with recognition of the new Board Investment Committee Chair, Susan Speers Hume. The SLA financial statements, audited by Rowley and Associates, are current through 2017 and can be reviewed by visiting the SLA website.

VI. E.B. James gave the Executive Director's report. He started with a review of the SLA operations and activities over the past year, and he recognized the passing of SLA Office Manager Priscilla Bartholomew. SLA is thankful for her twelve years of service, and she is greatly missed. EB recognized the legacy staff members, Brett Durham, Director of Operations, Rebecca Hanson, Director of Conservation, and Melissa Leszek, Community Engagement Coordinator. He introduced staff who joined SLA more recently, including Clayton Smith, Office Manager, Pam Smith, Director of Development, and Leigh Ann Reynolds, Director of Education. EB recognized the JSLA and CYSP staff, and congratulated them on a successful year. He explained that these individuals are responsible for introducing new generations of people to the lake and watershed.


EB reported that with this new and growing staff, SLA has an increased presence and impact in our community, on the lakes and on the trails. Our outreach and educational programming has increased, and there are more frequent opportunities to interact with SLA, to volunteer and to help support our mission. SLA is moving forward with increased efforts on complex conservation issues, such as the watershed management plan, water quality, invasives and contaminants.

EB reported that one of the most significant changes to the SLA is our entry into the world of AmeriCorps and the ramifications that it has had to our work. Working with AmeriCorps has been an amazing process for SLA and for the capacity of conservation in the region. EB introduced Katri Gurney who has been instrumental, invaluable, pivotal and absorbed in the creation of this program. Katri shared information and experiences about the Lakes Region Conservation Corps AmeriCorps program.

EB shared important program updates with the members, including successful ongoing partnership collaboration with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, Lakes Region Conservation Trust and Loon Preservation Committee, among others. Education programs are growing, and SLA is working with Camp Hale, the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and the Holderness after school program engaging students in conservation work. SLA is making progress in exploring the contaminants issue, and working closely with partners, including LPC, PSU and DES/EPA. SLA will be working with Geosyntec, environmental consultants and experts in contaminants to develop a plan to better understand contaminants.

EB closed his report by sharing that SLA is experiencing increased ability for positive impact for the lakes and watershed. He thanked all members and donors for supporting the SLA mission, making protection of the lakes and watershed possible, and he thanked the growing number of volunteers for their time and important work. EB then introduced a short video that showcases the work of the SLA, created by Stevie Raymond, former SLA intern.

VII. President Bob Lucic asked all to join the social hour behind the SLA main building, and offered that staff and board members will be available for questions. He called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and unanimously supported.

Respectfully submitted,  Susan Smith, Secretary