



Squam Lakes Association

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Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members July 30, 2016

- 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 Eve Porter-Zuckerman at 4:10 p.m. on the above date. It was determined that a quorum was present and Eve Porter-Zuckerman welcomed the members to the 112th Annual Meeting of the SLA.
- II. Eve Porter-Zuckerman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2015 SLA Annual Meeting of Members. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted.
- III. President Eve Porter-Zuckerman then made some remarks concerning activities of the SLA during the preceding year and the priorities for 2016. She described to the members the strategic planning process that had been undertaken by the Board of Directors, noting the actions that had been taken to date and the future strategic planning activities that had been scheduled for the balance of the year.
- IV. EB James gave the Executive Director's report. He reported on the continued success in removing invasive Milfoil from the lakes and from the Squam River, noting that successful removal efforts had extended all the way to the dam. He reported on the SLA initiative to upgrade the water quality monitoring of the lakes and described the "lake friendly" bass tournaments run by the SLA. He described the weed watcher program to train residents and lake users to identify milfoil and other invasive species to extend the SLA's reach in combatting milfoil. He highlighted the numerous partnerships with other conservation organizations, local universities and state and local government organizations, describing the purposes of the major partnerships. He discussed the SLA's trail management activities highlighting the intense use of Rattlesnake Mt. throughout the year and the SLA's vigorous efforts to enforce the trail closure during the spring mud season and the continued use of trail hosts in the Rattlesnake parking lot. At the conclusion of the Executive Director's report, EB addressed the question concerning the SLA's position with respect to the Northern Pass proposal raised at the 2015 Annual Meeting. He referred to a draft statement that was on the SLA website, noting that the new statement was more specific than the SLA's previously published position. He invited members to review the statement and provide feedback and specified the schedule for releasing the final statement.
- V. Sandy Harris gave the Treasurer's report. He advised the meeting that the SLA had ended 2015 with a significant surplus due to a combination of strong increase in program fees and vigorous expense management. He concluded by reporting that the SLA financial statements had received a clean audit report from Rowley & Associates and answered questions from the members concerning the financial condition of the SLA.

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

President Eve Porter-Zuckerman
First Vice President Bob Lucic
Second Vice President..... Barry Gaw
Treasurer..... Scott Littlejohn
Secretary..... Peter Walcott

The Nominating Committee Chairman then noted that there were no new directors being proposed for election to the Board and that John Coolidge who was rotating off being an officer was being proposed for election for the remaining year of his second term.

A motion was made to elect the officers and director as presented for the indicated terms and that motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

VII. President Eve Porter-Zuckerman introduced Rebecca Hanson, the SLA Conservation Director to report on the project to update the Squam Lakes Watershed Plan. Rebecca started by providing history of the prior plan, adopted in 1991, and reviewed the successful implementation of a number of the recommendations included in the prior plan. She then described the philosophical approach to preparing a new watershed plan and detailed the actions taken to date and the schedule for completing the new watershed plan.

VIII. President Eve Porter-Zuckerman then opened the meeting to questions from the members. Eve and E.B. then answered a number of questions from members.

IX. President Eve Porter-Zuckerman asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously adopted.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Walcott, Secretary