



Squam Lakes Association

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Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members August 5, 2017

- 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 4:05 p.m. on the above date. It was determined that a quorum was present and Eve Porter-Zuckerman welcomed the members to the 113th Annual Meeting of the SLA and reviewed the agenda and procedures for the meeting.
- II. Eve asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2016 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 the SLA strategic plan describing the four "pillars" of the plan: to upgrade the water quality monitoring activities; to improve the trails managed by the SLA, to improve the SLA campus to illustrate the SLA's values and conservation; and to broaden the SLA's educational programs. She briefly reviewed the proposed amendments to the By-Laws intended to support the implementation of the strategic plan. Eve announced to the meeting that the SLA had hired its first Development Director and introduced Ms. Pam Smith, who will be starting in September. Eve then introduced the SLA Board of Directors and staff.
- IV. E.B. James gave the Executive Director's report. He started with a review of the SLA operations and activities in the five years that he has been Executive Director. He reported on the SLA initiative to upgrade the water quality monitoring of the lakes, the success of the efforts to control invasive milfoil and then 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 current trail management activities highlighting the intense use of Rattlesnake Mountain 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. EB described two grants that the SLA had just received, the first being a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to support the development of the revised watershed plan described to the members at the 2016 annual meeting, and noted that the current watershed plan had been developed in the 1990s. The second grant was from AmeriCorps to fund a staff of conservation workers to support the work of the SLA which will expand activities to a near year-round basis. EB summarized the success of the JSLA and sailing programs operated by the SLA. He advised the meeting that in addition to supporting implementation of the Strategic Plan the proposed By-Law amendments

would also provide SLA with the resources to promptly respond to threats to the lakes and their watershed.

V. Scott Littlejohn gave the Treasurer’s report. He advised the meeting that in calendar year 2016 the SLA had again ended the year with a significant surplus due to a combination of strong increase in program fees and vigorous expense management. He reported that the SLA financial statements had received a clean audit report from Rowley & Associates and answered questions from the members concerning the financial condition and investments of the SLA. Scott then reviewed in detail the proposed By-Law amendments and explained the reasons for each proposed change. He noted that the text of the proposed changes had been posted on the SLA website for review by the members for some time. The proposed amendments had been approved by the Board of Directors and reviewed at an informational meeting for SLA members earlier in the summer. He also advised the members that the proposed changes had been discussed with and supported by past presidents of the SLA. Scott answered a number of questions from members concerning the proposed By-Law changes and their expansion of the use of the Squam Lakes Fund to support operations. It was proposed by former SLA president Earl Jenkins that the amount of the quarterly draw under the proposed By-Law amendments be reported to the members periodically. This suggestion was agreed to by Scott. Eve thanked Scott for his report and noted that the proposed By-Law Amendments needed to be approved by written ballot by a majority of the members voting and that the ballot was included in the meeting written materials available at the sign-in desk. Eve asked the members to mark their ballots for or against the proposed By-Law amendments sign and date the ballot and deposit it in the cardboard box being circulated around the meeting. She stated that the results will be announced promptly after tabulation.

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

- President Robert Lucic
- First Vice President Barry Gaw
- 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

Lyle Fulkerson
Lyndsee Paskalis

Re-elected Directors

Joe Boyer
Charlotte Kingham

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.

VII. Bob Lucic, newly elected SLA president, thanked the officers and directors who were retiring for their service to the SLA and then made some comments concerning his commitment to the SLA and the Squam Lakes and his vision for the coming years.

- VIII. At the conclusion of Bob's comments, outgoing President Eve Porter-Zuckerman asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously adopted.
- IX. Subsequent to adjournment, during the post meeting social hour, President Bob Lucic announced that the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws had been approved by the members by a vote of 70 in favor and 2 opposed and that, in accordance with the terms of the amendments, they would take effect immediately.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Walcott, Secretary