

SLA Annual Meeting Minutes, August 5th, 2023

10am Meeting Called to Order by Bob Lucic, Past President, for Barry Gaw.

Bob welcomed the membership, gave an overview of the agenda, and invited Treasurer Morgan Jones to give the first report to the membership.

Morgan gave the Financial Report noting the financial strength of the organization and the stability of the income streams supporting the mission- donations, grants, and fee for services making up the majority of the income. In 2022 the SLA had revenues of 1,233,970 and expenses of 1129432 for a net revenue of 104,538. The total net assets of the organization are 9,445,224.

Executive Director EB James followed Morgan with a programmatic update of the SLA. All programs of the SLA continue to be robust- the education expansion to weekly adult and family programming, and the continued high enrollment and success of the long lived JSLA summer program. In addition to the annual maintenance work, protecting the Rattlesnake trails from over-use has been a primary focus of the SLA. The SLA also had a strong and growing focus on improving both water quality science and the direct and rapid implementation of protective measures to ensure the long term health of the lakes in the face of climate change. This growth, too, is in addition to the annual slate of water quality monitoring and milfoil removal.

After the Executive Director Report, Jon Harris (1st Vice President) and Steve Siek (Campaign Chair) gave an introduction to and update of the Research Plan Act Campaign for Squam. This is the first full year of the campaign which we expect to be 2-3 years in duration. The campaign has a focus on water quality and the infrastructure to support the rapid implementation of the watershed plan. The campaign and the campaign deliverables are underway including major restoration occurring in Sandwich this summer.

After the Campaign report Bob Lucic moderated a question and answer segment. Questions included issues around wake boats, marine patrol presence, and the “quiet lake” nature of Squam.

Following the question and answer period Bob Lucic moderated the business of the Association in approval of the 2022 minutes and the election of board members and officers. For one year terms the officer slate was

President Jon Harris

1st Vice President Steve Siek

2nd Vice President Lindsey Paskalis

Secretary Annalee Abelson

Treasurer Morgan Jones

The slate was approved.

Following the election of officers was the election of renewing board members for one 3-year term.

Jerrell Cox

Following the election of renewing board members the new board members were elected for one 3-year terms.

Lyndsee Stepp

Peter Desloge

Emily Andresen

Both slates were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.