

Flowage Preservation Alliance

2015 Annual Meeting - July 4 - Conover Center

The Flowage Preservation Alliance Annual Meeting was held at 9:00am, attended by over 50 people. President Rich Ruffalo led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, especially important on this date. There was a moment of silence to honor members who have passed away during this year: George Bright and Tom Sloane.

Tom Christofferson (in the absence of the Recording Secretary Joanie Green) read the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, which were then duly approved as read.

President Rich Ruffalo reminded the group of the importance of the Flowage Preservation Alliance, to continue to exist as a group, even though the Lake District has been formed. Major reasons that he cited:

- The Alliance, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has fund-raising abilities beyond the reach of the Lake District
- The Alliance is a more inclusive group than the Lake District, including children and grand-children of cottage owners, fishermen who use the Flowage, and other Conover residents. Many friendships have been forged during this process, which will continue.

Tom Christofferson (in Joanie Green's absence) gave the Membership Report: There are 95 new memberships for 2015. This includes people who donated money last fall to the matching fund. We currently have 122 active members, including renewals. Those who have not paid their 2015 memberships are urged to do so, to stay on the active list, and help defray the costs of printing, mailing, post office box rental, and other expenses.

Election: There were three openings for the Board of Directors, to serve for a three-year term. The Board had nominated Ron Schultz, Ken Gurski, and Bob Vogt. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor of these three.

Jay Richman, who works at Hahn Printing, reported that the company will print either of the two Flowage T-Shirts for \$6.00, if you bring in your own T-shirt. One pattern is "Save Tammy", the other is the beautiful map of the Flowage in a circular pattern. (Hahn Printing is located in Eagle River, one block west of Shop-Ko.)

Treasurer's Report: Ken Gurski reported that the Alliance bank balance at last year's Annual Meeting was \$2,420.87. Since then, there were 21 deposits totaling \$15,361.26, from memberships, donations, and other fund-raising. At the June 28th Taste of Conover, the Alliance made \$125 on the 50/50 Raffle, \$120 in donations, and a swim raft donated by the Holloways sold for \$325. Withdrawals totaled \$12,226.95. Expenses included postage, raffle permits, post office box rental, membership subscriptions, and government reporting fees. The major portion was transferred to the Lake District to start conducting business for the reconstruction of the Flowage dam: legal, insurance, and engineering design costs. The current balance stands at \$5,555.18. The Treasurer's report has been audited and found to be in order.

President Rich Ruffalo reminded everyone that the Lake District Annual Meeting follows, including a report on the design of the dam reconstruction by Engineer Chris Goodwin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Holloway (writing in Joanie Green's absence)