**Minutes for the July 19, 2017 NYSLC Representative Assembly Meeting, Landings, Jones Beach State Park, Long Island, New York**

Present:

Executive Board Officers: Bruce Meirowitz, Ryan Clark, Matthew Hout, Tim Mondello, John Weber, Joe Clerici,

Allegany Region: Cory Tomlin

Central New York Region: Tyler Lewis

DEC:

Finger Lakes Region: Caitlin Rejman

Genesee Region: Nicholas Hout

Long Island Region: Richard Malen, James Rooney, Kevin Woods, James Hammill

New York City Region:

Niagara Frontier Region: Bryan Collins

O.P.W.D.D.:

Palisades Interstate Region:

Saratoga/Capital Region:

Taconic Region:

Thousand Islands Region: Kris Shirley

Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps President: Derrick Agermeyer

Call to Order:

* The meeting was called to order at 1:33pm by President B. Meirowitz
* Thanks were extended to all who attended

Opening Remarks

* B. Meirowitz acknowledged all people who are in public service and who are serving overseas and in the US, Lifeguards, Police, Fire Fighters and Military personnel
* Took a moment of silence for all that were lost including a 12 year old Centerport Long Island boy who lost his life in a boating accident
* Introductions were made for the 17 members in attendance
* The minutes from 1/28/17 Representative Assembly meeting were reviewed by T. Mondello
* *Motion by R. Clark to accept the minutes, second by M. Hout (Passed unanimously)*
* B. Meirowitz states that the minutes should be sent to all Representatives prior to the next Representative meeting and to N. Hout to be posted on the website

Budget

Treasurers Report

* Refer to pages 9-14 of the Representative Assembly Manual for the budget which was adopted at the 1/28/17 Representative Assembly Meeting
* Adjustments were made to TLC, Return to Chapters and the National Heritage Trust
* M. Hout and the Western Region will receive $3,300 for return to chapters which is down from $3,400 from 2016
* The Western Region’s current balance for the budget is $200
* The Western Region has not yet received money for return to chapters
* Green Lakes State Park usually receives $3,300 from the TLC Grant for the NYS Lifeguard In-Service Training Competition. This is the last year for NYSLC to grant the money through TLC since the budget is now $500.
* Next year is the 50th year for the NYS Lifeguard In-Service Training Competition
* Green Lakes can’t have money to run the NYS Lifeguard In-Service Training Competition and also get return to chapter money, it is one or the other
* Central Region is entitled to $3,000 in return to chapter funds with approximately 150 lifeguards
* NYSLC will pay $1200 for only the JBLC participants for the Jones Beach Lifeguard Tournament

UUP Fees

* Fees increased from 2% to 8% for UUP
* NYSLC paid $12,000 plus $3,500 for the election last year
* R. Clark is trying to get the UUP fee cut to 3% or 4% or a flat rate
* If the rate is 4% then NYSLC would pay $10,000 a year to UUP and save $2,000 yearly

Bylaws

R. Clark

* Refer to pages 15-23 of the Representative Assembly Manual for bylaw corrections
* *Motion by R. Clark to eliminate NYSUT Delegate Positon, second by N. Hout (Passed unanimously)*
* Refer to page 17 Representative Assembly Manual Article VI lines 52-57. By eliminating the NYSUT position the 1st Vice President will also be the NYSUT Delegate and the 2nd Vice President/Western Regional Officer will be the Alternative NYSUT Delegate if the meetings are in the Western District Area
* Resignation letter from J. Clerici for his positon of NYSUT Delegate, refer to attachment
* *Motion by R. Clark to eliminate Delegate Southern Region title and Positon, second by M. Hout (Passed unanimously)*
* Refer to page 19 of the Representative Assembly Manual Article VI Line 129 letter C was added which is similar to the JBLC Bylaws. In case there is not a mid-summer election if one of the executive board member does not pass the requalifying exam
* B. Meirowitz will call UUP and at the January NYSLC Representative Assembly Meeting bring Article VI Line 129 letter C back to the table to be put into the Bylaws
* Refer to page 22 of the Representative Assembly Manual Article XII, Elections Number 3 Letters A, B, C Lines 231-238. This was added into the Bylaws after the January 28, 2017 NYSLC Representative Assembly Meeting. This change was also posted on the website.
* *Motion by R. Clark to accept Bylaw changes with the exception of Article VI Number 11 Letter C, second by C. Rejman (Passed unanimously)*

Elections

* JBLC Election Forms are now the same as the NYSLC Election forms. Refer to pages 32-33 of the Representative Assembly Manual

Communications

* Refer to pages 34-42 the Representative Assembly Manual for Constitutional Convention information
* Discussed the Constitutional Convention- The New York Constitution provides that, every 20 years, New Yorkers must vote by referendum on whether to hold a convention to amend the Sate Constitution. (Article XIX, Section 2)
* If passed it could cost taxpayers millions of dollars and The New York State Constitution can be amended currently without the convention
* Vote NO on November 7, 2017
* Employees and employers pay for their pensions

Contracts

* Refer to pages 43-58 the Representative Assembly Manual
* Must work 3 years as a lifeguard for an exit interview
* Negotiation talks are going well and meetings are scheduled into the fall. Hopefully the contract is finalized by November 2017
* CSEA agreed to 2% increase for 5 years as well as retroactive pay
* NYSLC will get retroactive pay for the 2016 and 2017 summer. Lifeguards must be on payroll and work in summer of 2018 in order to receive retroactive pay

Agency Fee

* In the future, membership may not roll over year to year. Lifeguards will need to sign up each year by paper to become a member.

Inter-Agency Transfer

* A four year upstate lifeguard 2 transferred down to Long Island and Long Island honored her four seasons and her placement went from 50 down to 35 in the draft

Regional Reports

* Niagara-M. Hout
  + B. Collins, M. Hout and T. Mondello have all gone to parks in the region for membership drive and to hand out NYSLC water bottles, stickers and shirts
* Finger Lakes- C. Rejman
  + Under staffed, with lots of lifeguard shuffling between parks so that parks can open with staffed lifeguards on duty
  + C. Rejam’s park is fully staffed
  + Gorge parks need to test the water after rain to see if swimming is acceptable
  + Parks are shut down
  + Finger Lakes Region sends a couple of teams to compete at the NYS Lifeguard In-Service Training Competition at Green Lakes State Park
  + The Region will have two triathlons again this summer
* Central-T. Lewis
  + Under staffed at parks
  + NYS Lifeguard In-Service Training Competition at Green Lakes State Park is August 8, 2017
* Thousand Islands K. Shirly
  + Beaches lost a lot of sand this past winter and spring due to rain and snow
  + Created a new position Chief Lifeguard/Assistant Water Safety Coordinator, which is the position K. Shirly is in
* Allegany-C.Tomlin
  + Have enough guards at their beaches
  + Season is off to a good start
* Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps D. Agermeyer
  + JBLC Elections is this summer
  + Inter Beach Competitions August 4th-5th
  + New lifeguard stand construction. Aluminum with a wooded seat. The feedback has been positive
  + JBLC have new samples for uniforms
  + New buoys are being tested, the feedback has not been positive with them
  + New position- Captain/Lifeguard

President Bruce Meirowitz thanks everyone for coming

Winter Representative Assembly Meeting will be held on 1/28/18 at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs, NY

*Meeting was adjourned at 4:10, R. Clark made a Motion to adjourn, seconded C. Rejman (Unanimous)*