



**2020 Annual Voting Members Meeting  
MINUTES**

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**In attendance:**

Barbara Piombino  
John Magerlein  
Walt Daniels  
Jane Daniels  
Deborah Padula-Genna  
Andy Garrison  
John Mack  
Carolyn Hoffman  
Velma Williams  
Kevin Bukowski  
John Jurasek  
Beth Ravit  
Denise Jarvis  
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Sharyn Reiner  
Charlotte Fahn

Daniel Chazin  
Eddie Saiff  
Carolyn Hoffman  
Denise Jarvis  
Steve Gruber  
William Burns  
Pat Malodobry  
Charlie Gadol  
Patsy Wooters  
Richard Jobsky  
Michael Rosenthal  
Doug Sohn  
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Kathleen Bezik  
Josh Howard

Welcome & Introductions: Josh Howard welcomed the Voting Members and thanked them for such a great turnout.

Approval of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes: Ms. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gadol, to approve the November meeting minutes. All were in favor.

Board of Directors/At-Large Voting Member Nominations: Mr. Howard presented the candidates for a one-year term as At-Large Voting Members. In addition, Mr. Howard presented the candidates for the Board of Directors serving three-year terms. John Magerlein, Andy Garrison, and Beth Ravit will renew their terms on the board. Mr. Tripp motioned and Ms. Fahn seconded the approval of nominations. All were in favor.

New Club Members: Mr. Howard introduced the new member clubs of 2020. The new member clubs are Trail Dames, Inc. and Manitoga/The Russel Wright Design Center.

Treasurers and Executive Director's Report: Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of the year including ongoing and completed projects. As the Trail Conference entered into our centennial year we have experienced a record number of trail users. Since the start of the pandemic, as volunteers were refrained from using trails, the Trail Conference launched an Online Learning Library as a digital engagement platform. Over 10k people have engaged with our webinars that included topics from Trail maintenance, invasive species, to less-traveled trails and more. Mr. Howard provided an update on the incredible recruitment season for volunteers using our online platform. Catskills trail chair vacancies were at 60% in prior years and we have now achieved a 5% vacancy rate. In addition, the Trail Conference is working hard to become financially stable.

New Business: Mr. Howard presented the proposed changes to our bylaws. Changes are outlined on our website and include the following: changing the voting structure, changing the fundamental purpose of the Trail Conference as reflected in the certificate of incorporation, and moving the charter from New York to New Jersey. Mr. Howard explained that as the organization's scope of work expands, our audience is not limited to just hikers. Our bylaws and the proposed changes aim to align our mission with our guiding documents.

Mr. Daniels motioned, Mr. Magerlein seconded and all were in favor of the proposed bylaw changes.

Mr. Howard thanked Board Members, Eddie Saiff, Dave Stuhr, and Walt Daniels for their tenure on the board. Their leadership and dedication has been crucial in helping the Trail Conference navigate this process. Each member will continue their support on different committees.

The next spring delegates meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. All were in favor.

*Recorded by Kathleen Bezik.*