



NYLCA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Maura Dibble's
Batavia, NY

Meeting was called to order by President David Rule at 4:15 pm.

Roll Call: David Rule, Linda Rule, Derek Decker, Jeff Phair. Derek Cassiano

Also Present: Maura Dibble, Courtney Kleinbach

Minutes – Derek Cassiano made the motion to accept the printed minutes from the June 8, 2024, meeting seconded by Jeff Phair. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Rule made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit and pay Maura's expenses. Seconded by Derek Decker. Carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Membership & Dues:** - only about 50 unpaid members to date. 2nd dues notice going out next week. 162 members in the Safety Group.
- **Digital Marketing and Website** – this was worth a try; other states were also trying it out – to no avail. We did not get a single member out of this. The 6-month contract is up. The website will revert to the previous one with Sandhills.
- **GLOW with your Hands** – this year had even more kids and participants. David and Maura Dibble went, and Tyler Hale from Tompkins also attended for a part of it. The kids seemed to really enjoy the remote-controlled excavator and dump truck and sand. We sometimes had a line waiting to try it out. We gave out T-shirts, sunglasses, and candy and didn't have much left at the end of the day. The consensus is that we will attend again next year.
- **Nursery & Landscape Association** – held in Albany 2 weeks ago. Maura Dibble attended, and Jerry Biuso also came to help. It was held in the convention center – nice venue. It was also attached to the hotel. Don't think there were as many attendees as anticipated, due to the wonderful weather, but a lot of vendors. We interacted with many of them and in the end, we were able to sign up 5 new members. Maura and Jerry, both thought it was important to be there to get our name out and talk with so many people. Derek Cassiano made the motion to attend again next year, seconded by Derek Decker. Carried
- **Golf Outing** – most successful to date. The best part was that we had so many of our members attend. Hope that we can get even more members to attend. We are scheduled to have it again on Friday, September 5, 2025.

- **LICA Summer Meeting in Pittsburg** – it was a good meeting, and the tours were interesting and informative. The Flight 93 memorial was awesome, but also emotional. The attendance was low, only a couple of people from PA attended.

New Business

- **NYLICA Annual Convention** – to be held at the Holiday Inn in Auburn on January 13 & 14. I have spoken to the Soil and Water in Cayuga county. They said that they will work with us as far as the cost for the Erosion & Sediment. What else can we have? Derek Cassino made the motion to pay for the Board Members rooms, seconded by Linda Rule. Derek Decker made the motion to have Free registration for the convention, seconded by Linda Rule. Derek Decker made the motion to have Free Erosion & Sediment Control Certification for member & 1 person for free, Seconded by Linda Rule. Anyone who is not a member is charged full price, but if you join that day, it is free.
- **Hard Hat** – scheduled to go – it will be March 19 & 20, 2025
- **LICA Winter Meeting – Jacksonville** – it will be February 11-15, 2025. Linda Rule made the motion to pay a stipend of \$1,500.00 for any director to attend. Derek Decker seconded the motion. Carried.
- **Next meeting** –in January at the convention in Auburn.
- Derek Cassiano made the motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm seconded by Linda Rule. Carried

Respectfully Submitted, Maura Dibble

Addendum – On December 4, 2024 a motion was made by Linda Rule via phone calls to award more scholarships this year for a total of 7, due to the amount of applications received. Again, by way of phone calls, the second was by Derek Decker. Vote for this – Ayes – David Rule, Linda Rule, Derek Decker, Jeff Phair, Derek Cassiano. Dennis Bliss recused himself. Motion carried.