



HIGHLANDS  
BIOLOGICAL STATION

Annual Membership Meeting  
June 22, 2019 3pm

In attendance: Julia Grumbles, Martha Stibbs, Jennie Stowers, Ken Conover, Lynda Anderson, Cookie Patterson, Linda Barlow, Karen Patterson, Amy Patterson, Jim Costa, Charlotte Muir, Rosemary Stiefel, Alice M. Nelson, Ruthie Oliver, Marianne Jenkins, David Martin, Melanie Mauldin, Lucy Trawick, John Mitchener, Leigh Brooks, Diane Tuttle, Stephanie Reeves, Bill Reeves, Paul Vonk, Paige Engelbrektsson

Meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by President Julia Grumbles.

**President's Report, Julia Grumbles**

Grumbles welcomed everyone and made comments about the importance of people and how they support and shape the work we do. She especially thanked our trustees for their work and contributions.

**Treasurer's Report, Amy Patterson**

Treasurer Amy Patterson reviewed the past year's financials. She spoke that \$9600 was spent on storm recovery in December in the Garden. FY1819 had lots of "Special Projects" be completed that were funded in prior fiscal years. We show this as "Other Income" to show a balanced budget.

**Director's Report, Charlotte Muir**

Muir gave an overview of the past year at the Station including the laboratory, garden, and Nature Center. She emphasized the successes of our outreach and family programming. Other highlights included summer camp registration success, special events like the Soiree and Oyster Roast, and the amount of scholarships given to researchers at HBS. HBS offers educational opportunities for the entire family, from preschool to grandparents. Paige Engelbrektsson also spoke on what is going on at the Nature Center including in-house programs and other organizations that come to us.

**Election of Trustees, Charlotte Muir**

Two trustees (Alexa Foreman and Greg Gregory) are rolling off the board after completing 2 terms. Karen Patterson, Marianne Jenkins and Ruthie Edwards were elected to a second term,

New nominees are Lisa Armstrong, David Martin, John Mitchener and Jennie Stowers.

A motion was made to elect these 7. Motion was passed.

## **Unfinished Business**

North Campus should be completed this year. No large hurdles have been presented. This will be a great addition to our campus, especially for the Highlands community.

## **New Business: Strategic Plan, Julia Grumbles**

Grumbles presented the newly completed plan as put together by Jerry Henry at Alexander Haas. The 5 areas of focus will be: Collaboration with HBS, Scientific Research, Experiential Education, Community Engagement and Resource Development. The plan will guide the Foundation to say “yes or no” to new projects, and dictate how to prioritize our efforts. The plan emphasizes intentional communication with our community.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.