



DRAFT MINUTES
Annual Meeting
Otsego Lake Association
Saturday, August 13, 2016
Mohican Farm - NYS Route 80

Pre-Meeting (8:30 AM)

Registration, Refreshments, OLA Merchandise, Silent Auction, Photo Displays

Opening of Meeting (9:00 AM)

Welcome and Opening Remarks - Mickie Richtsmeier, OLA President

Special Thanks to Clark Foundation, NYSHA, Milo Stewart (Photographs) and Bob Sutherland (Meeting Chairman)

Introduction and Thanks to OLA Board Members

Town of Otsego - Paul Lord, Scottie Baker (Vice President)
Town of Springfield - Bob Sutherland, Pati Grady (Treasurer)
Town of Middlefield - David Sanford, Amanda May
Village of Cooperstown - Jim Howarth, Martin Tillapaugh (Legal Advisor)
Directors at Large - Wayne Bunn (Secretary), Debbie Creedon
Technical Advisor – Kiyoko Yokota, Ph.D.
Webmaster - Tim Pokorny

Brief Recap of Year's Activities (All Volunteer Supported!)

Otsego Lake Boat Parade
Otsego Lakes Appreciation Day (Unfortunately Canceled Due to Rain)
Earth Day Celebration
NYSFOLA Conference
Lakefront Park Buffer Strip Work Day
Publishing of Brochures
Continued Work Against Invasive Species
Development of New Boat Wash Station at Lakefront Park
Continued Support of BFS Volunteer Dive Team

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Election of President and Directors

President - Mickie Richtsmeier
Director (Otsego) - Paul Lord
Director (Springfield) - Bob Sutherland
Director (Middlefield) - David Sanford
Director (Cooperstown) - Jim Howarth

Discussion and Vote on Revised OLA Mission Statement

After introduction by President Richtsmeier, a motion and second from the membership for the Secretary to cast one vote for the following Revised OLA Mission Statement was passed:

“The mission of the Otsego Lake Association is to educate, advocate, and actively participate in protecting the health, beauty, and well being of Otsego Lake by facilitating the implementation of the Otsego Lake Watershed Management Plan.”

Reminders to Membership

Renew Membership (E-Mail Addresses Only Used for Internal Communications)
Purchase Merchandise
Visit Website
Silent Auction

Lake Citizen Award

Presented by Wayne Bunn to Lt. Col. Paul H. Lord (USMC, Retired)
(Copy of Award Attached for Reference)

General and Technical Presentations

“Subsistence, Commercial, and Estate Farming on the West Shore of Otsego Lake” by Prof. Cindy Falk and Prof. Will Walker from the Cooperstown Graduate Program

“Otsego Lake Fishery Update” by Tim Pokorny, NYSDEC Fisheries Biologist

“New Boat Wash Station at Lakefront Park” by Paul Lord, OLA Director

“Proposed Research Buoy Project Near Five Mile Point” by Prof. Kiyoko Yokota, SUNY Oneonta

Announcement of Silent Auction Results

Meeting Adjournment (11:00 AM)

Tour of Mohican Farm and Spaulding Estate Garden

Led by Bob Sutherland, Manager of Mohican Farm

Attachment: Lake Citizen Award

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OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

LAKE CITIZEN AWARD - 2016

PRESENTED TO

Lt. Col. Paul H. Lord (USMC - Retired)

FOR HIS

WORK AS DIVE MASTER OF THE BFS VOLUNTEER DIVE TEAM, COORDINATING THE ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF THE 23 NO WAKE ZONE BUOYES, ANNUAL TRAINING OF THE BOAT INSPECTION ATTENDANTS, TEACHING THE ANNUAL INVASIVE SPECIES COURSE, ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKEFRONT BUFFER STRIP, SETTING OUT THE SIGNS FOR THE BOAT PARADE AND OLA MEETINGS, ARRANGING FOR AND DRIVING THE BARGE FOR THE BOAT PARADES, SERVING AS OLA'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NEW BOAT WASHING STATION, AND SERVING AS PAST PRESIDENT OF OLA AND LONG TIME DIRECTOR – ALL FOR HIS GENUINE CONCERN TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, WELL BEING, WATER QUALITY, AND FUTURE OF OTSEGO LAKE - TRULY A LOCAL TREASURE WE ALL LOVE!

AUGUST 13, 2016

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS