

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
Saturday, February 8, 2014 Town Board room**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Scottie Baker, Paul Lord, Tim Pokorny, Mickie Richtsmeier, Kiyoko Yokota, Wayne Bunn, Martin Tillapaugh, Mike Richtsmeier, Carl Good, Bob Sutherland and Emily Davidson

OPENING OF MEETING: President welcomed new board members Bob Sutherland- town of Springfield, Mike Richtsmeier, Town of Middlefield, and our new technical adviser, Kiyoko Yokota.

1. Treasurer's Report – no report give.
2. Secretary's report - Secretary's report from 10/30/13 (which had been distributed by email) was accepted with the corrections to delete that we were going to contact the Oneida tribe and change that the idea for the parade had originated with Wayne, not Scottie.
3. Membership Report – Mickie reported that we have many members for whom we have no email. Tim will send out a membership list and board members were asked to look it over and get back to Tim with any additions/corrections. This will be very helpful with communications and more cost-effective.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. No Wake Zone Buoys/ BFS Dive Team – Paul reported that the last 2 buoys were pulled from the water Christmas eve, and the team is ready for Spring. He also spoke of the dilemma of the divers aging and the need for more young divers. The Board asked Paul questions regarding diver training/qualifications and made suggestions for possible areas of recruitment. We learned that advanced training was needed, training and equipment were costly, and that Paul needed divers who would stay in the area for the long term.
2. Boat inspection - Carl explained that due to lack of inspectors that our inspections were down from approx. 1200 the year before to 700 last summer. He said weekends were particularly problematic. The Village lost money on the inspections which had been offset by a \$7500 grant last year from OCCA. Board members again discussed the possibility of recruiting students. Board members with college connections will continue to explore this and a flyer will be created to advertise this position. Another problem is a huge underwater gravel mound at the entrance to the boat launch site. Martin reported that the Village had been getting estimates and that a possible contractor had been identified. He also shared that apparently this mound had been inadvertently created from gravel that had been laid on the ramp area at one time and then washed into the lake and exacerbated by motors accelerating .
 - a. Mickie reported, that per board approval, a letter had been written to the DEC supporting the proposed regulations that would require clean boat launch and retrieval and require that boats be drained at DEC owned sites. The letter was circulated for the board's perusal. We were reminded that the Village already had such regulations in place.

3. Merchandise – Scottie reported that she had just received a check for \$140 for orders since our last meeting. The board also passed a motion to allocate up to \$300 to allow Scottie to purchase additional caps.
4. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee – Carl reported that he had, as usual, sent minutes to OLA BOD. He said that the commission had reelected officers and were planning meetings and speakers. The commission will also hold a lakes' festival this year on July 12 at Lake Front Park.
5. Buffer Strips – Mickie reported that the annual work day at Lake Front Park was scheduled for May 28. She also said that she was trying to run down the files for signage which had been created for Cooperstown and could be utilized at Springfield.
6. Website – Tim reported that he was continuing to update the website. The Board articulated their enthusiasm for his great work.
7. Newsletter – Mickie reported that she had been in communication with Zarr. After discussion, the Board agreed that we would incorporate our membership mailing with our Spring newsletter. This will be shorter than the previous since it will be send by USPS to everyone (as well as email). The Board felt it was worth the investment since the membership drive was important. Mickie and Scottie will work on the membership portion which will include a tear off, returnable slip. Other items that may be included will be a brief article by Carl about the boat launch/inspectors, an article by Paul re the new DEC regulations, website update by Tim, and "ads" for the Boat Parade and Annual Meeting. Mickie will email Zarr regarding his recommendations. We also want to encourage people to visit our website.
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9. Coordination with OCCA (Wayne) and Otsego 2000 (Scottie)
 - a. Otsego 2000 - Scottie reported that their next meeting will be in March
 - b. OCCA- will include info about our boat parade in their membership email
 - c. Otsego Land Trust- Scottie reported that Jeff Reynolds has spoken with their president regarding the boat parade and our hopes that they would coordinate people being able to view, etc. from Brookwood. Carl also reported that Harry Levine told him that they are exploring having a non-motorized launch and would like our input regarding invasive species transport
10. Boat Parade - Scottie reviewed the planned July 4 - 6pm event. The Board agreed to not ask for a participation fee but in lieu to ask for donations.
11. Laurens School Grant- Paul informed the new members about the grant. We will ask for an update from Mr. Dunn at our next meeting.
12. Mud Plume Photography (Paul) – no new developments

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting- Pati had asked for suggestions via email. Feedback re the venue for the annual meeting was that Minnetoska or the Otsego Golf Club were possibilities. Everyone thought Minnetoska was excellent and that it would be just fine to go back there with attention to accommodating people with disabilities with transportation from the road. That said, the board agreed that the committee could proceed with the decision as it saw fit.
 - a. Scottie also suggested that we might focus on all the different boats that have been on the lake over the many years. Again, the decision re topic is to be determined by the committee.
2. Presidential Vacancy and Officer Vacancies – all board vacancies filled
3. DOT Correspondence - reply from DOT re lake side plantings read by Mickie
4. "Our Glimmerglass" trademark will be explored by Martin. He reported that the Village had recently trademarked Doubleday and that it had not been expensive and profitable. Chuck Knull is a patent attorney Martin will speak to.
5. "Rules of the road" cards- The example from Lake George is a good place to start. Paul offered to contact the Lake George Association and ask if we can use material. Paul, Wayne and Emily offered to work to produce cards.
6. Facebook – Emily set up a facebook page, and so far has ~65 likes! Tim offered to send Emily photos and files for her to continue to post information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Federation of Lake Association meeting – May 2nd through May 4th
 - a. Paul made a motion to cover registration fees for all board members attending the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mickie, and carried.
2. Date for next meeting – It was determined that the next board of directors meeting will be May 10th, at 9:00AM. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Davidson