

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 9:30 AM
COOPERSTOWN VILLAGE MEETING ROOM

PRESENT: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President & Director/Otsego), David Sanford (Treasure & Director/Middlefield), Emily Davidson (Secretary & Director/Student), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Carl Good (Director/Cooperstown), Martin Tillapaugh (Legal Advisor & Director/Cooperstown), Pati Grady (Director/Springfield), Mike Richtsmeier (Director/Middlefield), Wayne Bunn (Director at Large), Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster)

ABSENT: Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield) and Joe Zarzynski (Newsletter Editor & Director at Large)

NOTE: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING OF MEETING

1. **Treasurer's Report (David):** Total Assets = \$21,176.31; Operating Account = \$13,648.36; Buffer Strip Account = \$3,954.84 (Note: Buffer Strip Account to be merged into Operating Account)
2. **Membership Report (David):** Current members = 58 (as of Jan. 2014); Committee was formed to work on membership data base (Mickie, Scottie, & Pati).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. **No Wake Zone Buoys / BFS Volunteer Dive Team (Paul):** Buoy Fest in October to remove buoys for winter; Paul requested a letter from OLA to SUNY/Oneonta in support of Volunteer Dive Team listing various items of work they undertake for the benefit of Otsego Lake (Mickie to write letter).

MMSP to donate \$1,500.00 to SUNY Oneonta Foundation/BFS Account for purchase and maintenance of aerial drone with photograph and video capabilities (check to accompany letter above).

4. **Boat Inspections (Carl & Paul):** Still on-going at Cooperstown lakefront and will continue for as long as possible into fall; inspections have ended at Springfield site (inspectors and life guards performed inspections during summer season); freshwater jelly fish reported in Otsego Lake – need to capture and preserve some for BFS; long discussion regarding boats being launched for \$5.00 fee but not inspected at Aalsmeer Motel – Springfield Director Sutherland to approach Peter Fry (owner) with some type of incentive to stop the launches and/or encourage inspections.
5. **Merchandise (Scottie):** Very important to have various items on hand for sale; Scottie did an updated inventory this summer; Scottie needs \$1,100.00 to update inventory and purchase new items (\$400.00 was previously authorized so an additional \$700.00 is needed); fleece vests will be ordered for OLA Board members and support personnel.

MMSP to authorize \$700.00 to update inventory and purchase new items as Scottie determines appropriate.

6. **Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Carl):** Slow year so far for various reasons and personnel changes; Carl will send updates via e-mail.
7. **Buffer Strips (Mickie):** Springfield buffer strip looks very good.
8. **Website (Tim):** Current website looks great thanks to Tim's work on updating it; suggestion made to advertise OLA website in local Pennysaver.

MMSP to authorize \$250.00 to place various OLA related advertisements in local Pennysaver; Scottie will coordinate and submit advertisements as she determines appropriate.

9. **Newsletter (Board):** Need date for publication; newsletter to be sent via e-mail (e-mail address for about 75% of members) and by first class mail (remaining 25%); jelly fish article by Paul; research article by Kiyoko; bird article by Audubon Society; NYSDOT/Route 80 article by Caroline Sever; year-end appeal for tax deductible donation and application for membership.
10. **Coordination with OCCA (Mickie):** Need letter of support for invasive species transport law/regulations (including need for enforcement) to Otsego County Board of Representatives with copy to local newspapers (Mickie to write letter); invite Sheriff and his Marine Division Deputies to invasive species training session next year.
11. **Otsego 2000 (Scottie):** Suggestion was made to sponsor the Environmental Film Series at local venues this fall and winter.

MMSP to authorize \$350.00 via the non-profit category to sponsor a water-related film in November 2014; Scottie will coordinate with Otsego 2000.

12. **Boat Parade (Scottie):** Highly successful parade on July 4, 2014 - about 45 to 50 boats participated; plans are underway for the 2015 parade.
13. **Annual OLA Meeting (Pati):** Highly successful again this year; about 62 attendees vs about 100 attendees last year; planning meeting scheduled for October 14th at 7:00 PM at Pati's house; discussion on changing location of meeting for 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **NYSDOT/Route 80 Situation (Wayne):** Meeting of Route 80 property owners and interested citizens is scheduled for Friday, September 19th at 5:00 PM at Pierstown Grange Hall; Caroline Sever (coordinator for Route 80 property owners) has requested that OLA send a letter to NYSDOT outlining environmental aspects of proposed "rock embankment" design alternative (Mickie to write letter with review by Martin and Wayne).
2. **Laurens High School Project:** No update on remote controlled underwater video device by engineering class.
3. **Sandwich Boards (Tim):** Tim completed four sandwich boards to advertise annual OLA meeting - nice job by Tim.

MMSP to reimburse Tim for \$354.92 for materials for four sandwich boards.

4. **Annual Donation to Support BFS Volunteer Dive Team:** OLA supports Volunteer Dive Team each year.

MMSP to donate \$1,000.00 to Soil and Water Conservation District/NWZ Buoy Account to support BFS Volunteer Dive Team.

5. **Face Book Page (Emily):** Emily has started a new job at Skidmore College and will be leaving the area; new person is needed to update and maintain OLA's Face Book page; Emily and Kiyoko will coordinate search for student at SUNY Oneonta.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Next Board of Directors Meeting:** Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 AM in Cooperstown Village Meeting Room (Carl will reserve room).
2. **Problems, Issues, Concerns, Suggestions, Etc.:** None.

Motion for Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Minutes Prepared By:

Wayne Bunn, Acting Secretary