

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Online Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Monday, June 15, 2020 at 3:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), David Sanford (Co-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), John May (Director/Middlefield), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Sarah Coney (Student Director), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Absent: Scottie Baker (Vice-President), William Murdock (Director/Otsego), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster).

Guests: Joan Bunn

Note: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING (Started at 3:30 PM)

1. Treasurer's Report (Betty)

Bank Balance in Checking Account (06/15/2020) = \$6,532.50

Status of 501 C 3: Still pending by IRS; hoping to have approval by the end of the year

Reminder: Filing of Form 990 is due by April 15th each year (delayed this year to July 15th due to Covid-19 virus)

Charity Navigator: donations intended for OLA (NY) may be going to OLA in Michigan

2. Membership Report (Betty) - No report

NORMAL ITEMS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys, Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) - Only Lakefront and Springfield Landing NWZ buoys are in so far (due to SUNY restrictions on boats and personnel for Covid-19); installation of remaining NWZ buoys planned for weekend after Father's Day; several winter spar buoys are missing due to ice out (costs about \$125 each to replace plus chain).

4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) - Cooperstown inspection station is up and running with wire tags now being used; Springfield Landing needs stewards but no docks are installed yet; same boats are in and out each day; boat usage is high this year with many boats launched before Memorial Day weekend; SUNY Oneonta has suspended all interns this summer due to Covid-19 virus; Mary Keefe has a special contract to study the Cooper's Hybrid Pondweed (will use approximately \$2,000 of the \$6,000 allocated by OLA); Mickie to follow up with Dr. Harman.

5. Merchandise (Scottie) - New long sleeve tee shirts have been received.

6. Newsletter (Jim) - The Summer 2020 newsletter (theme of "Wade In The Water") was sent via e-mail and hard copy; great job by all.
7. Website (Tim) - A scan bill was received for continuation of the website but Tim determined that it was not the proper bill and did not pay it.
8. Coordination with Other Organizations - This is an on-going process with OCCA, Otsego 2000, and Otsego Land Trust as needed.
9. Boat Parade (Wayne) - OLA's Annual "We Love Our Lake" Decorated Boat Parade will be held on July 4th starting at 3:00 PM off Three Mile Point; due to the Covid-19, there will be no prizes or candy given out; a note about joining OLA has been added to the advertising flyer; Betty will prepare a poster advertising the boat parade and place it at the Springfield 4th of July Brooks BBQ (take out only this year); the advertising flyer has been placed at the normal locations in and around the Village.
10. Annual Membership Gathering (Gary, Mickie, & Bob) - The Annual Membership Gathering (formerly called the Annual Membership Meeting) was originally scheduled to be held at the Otsego Sailing Club's new pavilion on Saturday, August 8th. However, due to the CDC and NYSDOH guidelines on the Covid-19 virus, the Otsego Sailing Club pavilion is now not available for our use. Therefore, the Board discussed three options for the 2020 Annual Membership Gathering: Option 1 - Use only the newsletter and website to present the topics; Option 2 - Conduct a shorter online virtual meeting via Zoom or other platform with a reduced format; and Option 3 - Conduct a longer online virtual meeting via Zoom or other platform with our regular format. After much discussion, there was a MMSP to select Option 2 with the meeting to be held on Saturday, August 8th starting at 9:00 AM and including a format taking no longer than 60 minutes. Gary, Tim, and Sarah will work on selecting the best platform (i.e. Zoom, MS Team, etc.) for the meeting. The format will include our normal items such as the Co-Presidents report, a Treasurer's report, a membership report, the Lake Citizen Award, and four brief scientific updates by SUNY Oneonta faculty and students including the CLMB, Cooper's Hybrid Pondweed, European Frogbit, and Thwarting Aquatic Invasive Species. Each summary presentation will last about 3 to 4 minutes with the full presentation on the OLA website. Mickie will write the article for the newsletter and Peter has volunteered to help Tim with the sandwich boards for use in advertising the Annual Membership Gathering. There was a MMSP to use an expanded mailing list to advertise the gathering. A "dry run" of the online virtual meeting will be conducted a few days before the actual meeting (date and time to be determined).
11. NYSFOLA (Wayne) - The 2020 annual conference scheduled for Lake George on May 1st and May 2nd was canceled due to the Covid-19 virus; no word yet on whether the newsletters contest was canceled.
12. Lake Clean Up Day (Debbie) - Due to the Covid-19 virus, there was a MMSP to postpone the lake clean up day until 2021; summer interns are not available this year plus SUNY Oneonta has issued restrictions as to how many people can be on their boats.

OLD BUSINESS

E-Mail Motions by OLA Board - The Board still needs to draft a change to the OLA by-laws to allow passing motions via e-mails. Paul and Mickie have presented preliminary thoughts and will coordinate the change at a future Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Election of Officers - Due to the Covid-19 virus and not having an in-person Annual Membership Gathering this year, there was a MMSP to extend the term of all elected Officers and appointed advisors for one year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

14. **Date for Next Board Meeting** - There was a discussion about whether to hold an in-person meeting inside at Tillapaugh's Funeral Home or outside on Jim's back patio due to the Covid-19 virus. The date of Saturday, September 12th was selected as the date for the next OLA Board meeting. [Note: After polling the Board in late August, Jim has set the meeting time from 2:00 PM to about 4:00 PM and it will be held on his back patio at 2 Lake Street in Cooperstown; chairs will be set up 6 feet apart, everyone will be required to wear a facial mask, and hand sanitizers and wipes will be available. The rain date, if necessary, will be one week later on September 19th.]

ADJOURNMENT

15. **MMSP** to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SUMMER 2020

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Directors/Cooperstown: Martin Tillapaugh and Gary Kuch

Vice-President: Scottie Baker

Directors at Large: Wayne Bunn and Debbie Creedon

Treasurer: Betty VanHeusen

Student Director: Sarah Coney

Secretary: Wayne Bunn

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Directors/Middlefield: John May and Peter Regan

Technical Advisor: Kiyoko Yokota

Directors/Otsego: Paul Lord and Bill Murdock

Legal Advisor: Martin Tillapaugh

Directors/Springfield: Mickie Richtsmeier and Bob Sutherland

ATTACHMENTS: None

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