

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 13

SPRINGFIELD CENTER NY 13468

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Tom Chase (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Robert Nelson (Director/Springfield), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Brian Hefferon (Student Director), Tim Pokorny (Webmaster), Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), and Ginny Hastings (Winter Update).

Absent: David Sanford (Co-President), Scottie Baker (Vice-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Doug Willies (Director/Middlefield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), and Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown).

Guests: Joan Bunn

Note: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

A special "Thanks" to Brian for setting up and hosting the meeting – greatly appreciated!

OPENING (Started at 9:00 AM)

Note: The Secretary had a problem with the audio on his computer at the beginning of the meeting and missed much of the initial discussion.

Jim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

ANNUAL GATHERING

1. The basic purpose of the meeting was to review and prepare for the Annual Gathering to be held on August 12th at the Otsego Sailing Club.
2. The format will be essentially the same as last year with coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM plus time to bid on the silent auction items, purchase OLA merchandise, renew memberships or join for the first time, and mingle with the attendees. The business portion of the gathering, including the election of officers, will begin at 9:00 AM. This will be followed by the presentation of awards, the technical presentations, and the results of the silent auction. The gathering should end no later than 11:00 AM.
3. Tim will arrange for the coffee and donuts, Betty will arrange for the membership table, Debbie will arrange for the silent auction tables, Scottie will arrange for the merchandise table, and Paul and Kiyoko will arrange for the technical presentations. A work detail to set up will be held at the Club on Friday, August 11th at 4:00 PM.
4. The following Board positions are up for election: Co-Presidents (currently held by Jim Howarth and David Sanford), Director/Otsego (currently held by Tom Chase), Director/Springfield (currently held by Robert Nelson), Director/Middlefield (currently held by Doug Willies), and Director/Cooperstown (currently held by Martin Tillapaugh). Co-Presidents serve a one-year term and Directors serve a two-year term. The Board of Directors appoints all other OLA positions.

NEW BUSINESS

5. There was a discussion regarding motions made and passed via e-mail. **MMSP** to allow any motion to be made, seconded, and passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors via e-mails.
6. There was a discussion regarding a new position(s) on the Board of Directors to take advantage of the experience and knowledge of the immediate past President or Co-Presidents once they leave the Board. **MMSP** to create the position(s) of Immediate Past President or Immediate Past Co-Presidents to serve as Ex-Officio members of the Board of Directors.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

1. **Date for Next Board Meeting** – The date, time, and location of the next OLA Board meeting will be determined by the Co-Presidents and e-mailed to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

2. **MMSP** to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

MOTIONS PASSED VIA E-MAILS SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

MMSP on 07/20/2023 for \$2,100 to pay for the replacement of the 6-year-old dissolved oxygen (DO) sensor on the continuous lake monitoring buoy (CLMB).

MMSP on 07/20/2023 for OLA to write a letter in support of the Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee's efforts to progress their work on the Otsego Lake Comprehensive Watershed Plan. The WSC is applying for two grants (one from ARC and one from DOS) for development of the watershed plan. The Village of Cooperstown is the applicant.

OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Summer 2023

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Directors at Large: Wayne Bunn and Debbie Creedon

Vice-President: Scottie Baker

Student Director: Brian Hefferon (SUNY Oneonta)

Treasurer: Betty VanHeusen

Webmaster: Tim Pokorny

Secretary: Wayne Bunn

Technical Advisor: Kiyoko Yokota

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