

The third annual meeting of the Otsego Lake Association was called to order at 8:37 AM, June 19, 2004 at the Biological Field Station. There were 26 members present.

Bob Einreinhofer pointed out the sales table, the silent auction items and the raffles available as fund-raisers for OLA. He reviewed the program for the day and thanked the several helpers for their work.

Mary Clarke gave the Treasurer's report.

Dan Rosen announced his resignation as Vice President and Director for Springfield.

Scottie Baker reviewed the Public Relations activities. She has assumed responsibility for these activities on the resignation of Dan Rosen.

Paul Lord reported that 15 buoys had been placed and we have 8 new buoys looking for homes. The Sailing Club, Five-Mile Point Association, Sam Smith's Boatyard and the Cooperstown Country Club have supplied buoys. The buoys are owned by Soil Stabilization and Conservation. Lake patrol is divided between the Sheriff's Department, State Police and the DEC.

Carl Good reported that cost for Cooperstown Boat Launch Inspection Program was \$37,500 for 2003. The budget for 2004 is \$27,500. A fee of \$10 per launch has yielded \$2,400 to date this year. The Scriven Foundation has contributed \$10,000.

Mary reported that systems had been tightened at the Public Landing Boat Launch. A sticker is required now for boat launch and for swimming and is available to Springfield residents only.

Bob stated that the Springfield Land Use Law was under review, buoys are either in place or will soon be in place and septic tank inspection is now in operation. OLA will turn its attention to the sediment-loading problem.

Scottie discussed the fund-raising efforts of OLA to raise money via sales of shirts, etc.

Paul Lord called attention to the OLA web site (otsegolakeassociation.org). He reported that the walleye introduction was proceeding well. No zebra mussels have as yet been found in Otsego Lake but we are surrounded on all sides by the creatures. People were encouraged to "drop a brick" off their docks this summer to help look for them.

Matt Albright discussed the sediment-loading project. We are fortunate to have a professional aerial photographer in the area, Tom Gergel, who is very much interested in the lake. \$3550 has been set aside to cover his costs and the cost of the pictures. We need good pictures of plumes of sediment flowing into the lake to promote an understanding of the problem.

Win McIntyre and Bill Elsey spoke on the septic inspection program. See attached.

Bill Harman spoke on the lake trout fishery, giving details of stocking which started more than 100 years ago. Silt in the lake makes it difficult for the trout to find a suitable place to spawn.

Results of elections were that 26 votes were cast for each of the candidates except for Mickie Richstsmeier who received 24. There was one write-in for Lou Alstadt for director from Middlefield. The amendment passed with 24 votes affirmative and two no's.

Bob introduced our next President, David Sanford.

Burr Southworth introduced a resolution (see attached), which was passed by acclamation.
Bob adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Burr Southworth, Secretary pro tem