

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Springfield Community Center

Welcome and Start of Meeting – After coffee, donuts, and conversation from 8:30AM to 9AM, the 2009 annual meeting of the Otsego Lake Association was called to order by President Wayne Bunn. Wayne introduced the following Board Members who were in attendance: Town of Otsego -Scottie Baker and Paul Lord, Town of Middlefield – David Sanford and Burr Southworth, Town of Springfield – Mickie Richtsmeier, Village of Cooperstown- Carl Good, Director at Large – Suzy Kingsley. Village of Cooperstown Director, Ryan Davine, Town of Springfield Director, Mary Clarke, and Director At Large, Tom Horvath were absent.

Treasurer's Report - Carrie Southworth was asked by Wayne to present the Treasurer's Report. Carrie reported a balance on hand (6/20/09) of \$10,139.02 in our primary account (total deposits since 6/20/08 had been \$11,886.52 and disbursements had been \$1,747.50). Carrie indicated that there was a balance of \$1,541.01 in our Buffer Strip Account (\$155.10 had come in over the year, and there had been no disbursements). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the Treasurer's Report. (See complete report on website.) Wayne asked Suzy Kingsley to clarify why we still had money in the Buffer Strip Account. She explained that the collaborative effort with the Lake and Valley Garden Club had won a \$25,000 Garden Club of America national award and that the project was almost to completion with major expenditures for signage and benches remaining.

Membership – Chairman David Sanford reported that we have 56 members at present.

Election of President & 4 Directors Plus Change in By-Laws

Wayne introduced the nominating Committee – David Sanford, Paul Lord, and Mickie Richtsmeier. The following slate of officers was presented: Wayne Bunn as candidate for President to serve a one year term, Directors: David Sanford (Town of Middlefield), Scottie Baker (Town of Otsego), Suzanne Kingsley (Town of Springfield), and Martin Tillapaugh (Village of Cooperstown) to serve 2 year terms. Nominations from the floor were solicited, and since there were none, a motion was made to allow the Secretary to cast one ballot for the proposed slate. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Wayne then proceeded to explain the proposed change in By-Laws that would amend Article III, Section 1 of the OLA By-Laws dated October 24, 2002. It would add the following: "Other Directors may include up to two directors at large to be appointed by the President and up to two student directors appointed by the President." A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to so amend the By-Laws.

Special Announcements

Wayne reminded the membership about the following:

OLA Website: www.otsegolakeassociation.org

OLA E-Mail: otsegolakeassoc@hotmail.com

Members were encouraged to purchase OLA Merchandise

Attendees were encouraged to Join OLA - Membership Applications were accepted.

Mud Plume Photography - \$300 Reward per Photo (2008-2009)

Adopt A Highway - NYS Route 80
Springfield 4th of July Parade - March with OLA (11 AM) - Lower Smith Road
Otsego Lake Appreciation Day - Sat. July 11th (10 AM to 4 PM) - State Park
Annual OLA Informational Meeting - Sat. August 15th (separate announcement will follow at a later date.)

Zebra Mussels Program

Paul Lord - SUNY/Oneonta –presented “Zebra Mussels in Otsego Lake – An Update” prepared in conjunction with Tom Horvath/ SUNY Oneonta. See the home page for the complete power point presentation.

Vince Stayter and Art Henry of the Goodyear Lake Assoc. shared their actual experiences living on a lake where the zebra mussel population is established. They stressed that “it will get worse, not better” and to be prepared to wear water shoes, gloves, etc. and to see many maintenance issues with boats, piers, etc.

John Long - Developer of the “Shredder” Zebra Mussel Filter shared his experiences with the filter he developed in 1994. He makes over 500 dives a year on filter systems that he has installed. The cost of the filter is \$395 and \$195 for replacement. He encouraged us to learn to live with the zebra mussel and to be aware of potential problems.

Chuck Hascup - Hascup Plumbing/Water Intake Lines & Pump Systems –discussed installation of a filter. This costs between \$500-\$700 or more if a diver is required for deep water installation.

Mark Capozucco - M.A.R.K. Diving - Installation of Zebra Mussel Filters -installs other filters besides “the Shredder”. He reports the cost of one unit is \$450 and about half that price when the “guts of the filter” have to be replaced

Randy Reckeweg - Bruce Hall Corp. - Dealer for the “Shredder” Zebra Mussel Filter was in attendance but had to leave for an emergency call.

Questions were entertained and a lively discussion accompanied and followed all the presentations.

Wayne thanked all the presenters for the excellent program and thanked members for attending. Wayne announced that Judy Shrack had won the drawing for a year’s subscription to “Cabin Life” and called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and carried to **adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,
Mickie Richtsmeier