

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011 at 9:00 AM
COOPERSTOWN VILLAGE MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: Wayne Bunn, Scottie Baker, Paul Lord, Carl Good, Martin Tillapaugh, Burr Southworth, Suzy Kingsley, Mary Crouthamel, and Treasurer, Carrie Southworth.

Board Members Absent: David Sanford, Mickie Richtsmeier, and Tom Horvath

OPENING OF MEETING

Treasurer's Report was emailed by Carrie and will be revised and resubmitted.

Membership Report (David) – total of 58 members (31 families, 6 endowments, 1 business, and 20 individuals)

SPECIAL TOPIC

Otsego Lake Association vs Otsego County Conservation Association (Wayne) - Wayne discussed OCCA's periodic mailings and requests for donations for projects dealing with Otsego Lake. He posed the following questions: Is OLA "butting heads" with OCCA on Otsego Lake? Should OLA remain independent or become the "Otsego Lake Committee" as in the past under OCCA? Board members felt that OLA should remain independent but work more closely with OCCA. Wayne will set up a meeting with Erik Miller and let Board members know of the date if they wish to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS [Note: Motion (M/S/P) = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed.]

1. No Wake Zone Buoys (Paul) – No major damage or vandalism to buoys this summer.
2. Boat Inspections and Sheriff's Boat Patrol (Carl & Wayne) – Otsego County Board of Representatives deleted funding for the Sheriff's boat patrol in 2011 (last minute motion so there was no time for anyone to protest). Boat launches at Village lakefront were down in 2010 compared to 2009. These two items to be in next OLA newsletter. With no Sheriff's help available on the lake, the idea was discussed that OLA membership would entitle the member to a fixed dollar amount reimbursement for one tow per summer if Sam Smith's Boatyard retrieved the boat. This needs further study and evaluation.
3. Merchandise – Shirts, Hats, Bags, Other (Scottie) – Motion (M/S/P) for \$450. to order 24 OLA hats and some additional bags.
4. Website (Burr) – Up to date; needs someone to enhance it.
5. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Carl) – Minutes of last meeting e-mails to Board members; Feb. 23rd meeting (1:00 PM at Meadows Bldg.) which will include a presentation on "fracking" in northerly Pennsylvania (near NYS border).

6. Lakefront Park Buffer Strip (Suzanne, Carl, Mickie, & Paul) – Annual work day scheduled for Friday June 3rd with BOCES students and garden club. Garden club needs to spend about \$10,000 as part of national award. Ideas are welcome.
7. Springfield Landing Buffer Strip (Mickie, Suzanne, & Paul) – Town wants to move forward with project and apply for NYSDEC permits.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Annual Dues for OCCA and NYSFOLA – Motion (M/S/P) for \$250. for OCCA dues and for \$75. for NYSFOLA dues. Carrie will send checks to Wayne; Wayne will send letter to OCCA requesting that the money be used specifically for Otsego Lake; Wayne has application for NYSFOLA.
9. Registration Fee (\$25) for Earth Festival on April 9th - Motion (M/S/P) for \$25. for registration fee; Carrie will hold check until Wayne requests it.
10. “After The Storm” Video Showing at Fenimore Art Museum (Suzanne & Paul) – Suzanne will check with Fenimore House for available dates.
11. Citizens Against Unsafe Gas Drilling Coalition & OLA Statement (Wayne) – Paul will draft an OLA position statement on gas drilling; Board members are welcome to attend coalition’s monthly meetings.
12. Support for BFS Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Paul will notify OLA if money is needed; the number of divers willing to dive is down (time involved and cost of travel?); some discussion about OLA paying for vehicle mileage of divers.
13. Proposal to BoatUS – Laminated Cards (Tom) – Tom is working with some marketing students at SUNY Oneonta to develop the information/graphics on the card to be given out at Village launch, motels, etc.; Tom will work up the Proposal to BoatUS; Wayne will register OLA with BoatUS.
14. Annual Membership Drive (Wayne) – Wayne will contact Otsego County GIS Office for names and addresses of property owners around the lake; this year’s mailing will concentrate on lake property owners plus renters of dock space at lakefront; membership drive may be separate from newsletter.
15. Winter/Spring Newsletter (Wayne) – After the meeting, Burr volunteered to write the OLA newsletter – Thanks Burr!!
16. Problems, Issues, Concerns, Suggestions, Etc. – None presented.
17. Dates for Next Board of Directors and Membership Meetings
 - Board of Directors (Spring Mtg.): Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 AM at new BFS building
 - Annual Meeting: Sat., June 25, 2011 at 8:30 AM (changed to 4th Sat. due to several conflicts that are normally scheduled that day (i.e. airport fly-in breakfast, etc.) plus it might mean more summer lake residents have arrived. No topic in mind so far.
 - Informational Meeting: Sat., August 20, 2011 at 8:30 AM

18. Motion for Adjournment