

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 13
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Richtsmeier Home – Springfield Center
September 13, 2015 at 4:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

FINAL MINUTES

Present: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President and Director/Otsego), Pati Grady (Treasurer and Director/Springfield), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Amanda May (Director/Middlefield), Robert Sutherland (Director/Springfield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Absent: Carl Good (Director/Cooperstown), David Sanford (Director/Middlefield), Tim Pokorny (Webmaster), and Joseph Zarzynski (Newsletter Editor and Director at Large). Note: Zarzynski has since resigned from both positions.

Guests: John May (meeting and dinner) and Meg Tillapaugh (dinner only)

Note: **MMSP** = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING

1. Mickie introduced Amanda May as the new Director from the Town of Middlefield replacing Michael Richtsmeier who moved from the Town of Middlefield into the Village of Cooperstown. Welcome aboard Amanda!
2. Treasurer's Report (Pati) – Approximately \$15,534 in all accounts; she is in the process of updating and consolidating the information from immediate past Treasurer David Sanford.
3. Membership Report (Pati) – The membership roll will be updated by Pati, Paul, Mickie, Amanda, and Scottie.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. No Wake Zone Buoys and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Need \$1,500. by year end to replace chains, etc.
5. Boat Inspections (Carl) – No report.
6. Merchandise (Scottie) – **MMSP** for \$400 to purchase 12 OLA fleece vests (minimum order) to sell to members - all vests must be pre-ordered before order is placed.
7. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Carl) – See Carl's recent e-mails for minutes.
8. Newsletter – Susan O'Handley of Central NY Mobile Marketing has been retained as the new editor; next newsletter to be sent out in November; cost depends on number of pages; articles will be prepared by Paul (boat wash), Kiyoko (harmful algal blooms), Scottie (merchandise), and Mickie (President's letter) by October 7th; distribution by e-mail and snail mail this fall.

Newsletter - Continued

Note: Per Mickie's e-mail dated Oct. 29, 2015: Final cost for Fall 2015 Newsletter will be \$475 which includes 6 pages total, full color on each page, inserts, folding, sealing, postage and mailing for 200 (per Pati's updated list) newsletters mailed plus 50 overrun delivered for other distribution. This is an additional \$155 above the original quote of \$320 which was for 125 mailed plus 25 overrun (color only on outside spread and 1 insert). [MMSP](#) via e-mails to approve cost of \$475. (Cost per newsletter = \$1.90)

9. Drone Update (Paul) – Biological Field Station needs a new student or BFS staff member to take over flying the drone.
10. Boat Parade (Scottie) – Parade on July 4, 2015 was a great success although somewhat smaller than in 2014 due to possible rain predictions; weather cleared in mid-afternoon but may have been too late for some boaters to prepare in time for start of parade. Committee will meet later on to discuss 2016 parade.
11. Annual Meeting (Pati) – Annual meeting on August 8th at Otsego Golf Club was a great success with a large attendance; Pati would like someone else to be Chairperson in 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

12. Boat Wash Update (Paul) – Village has approved McManus Engineering's plans for the boat wash to be located next to the bathrooms at Lake Front Park; McManus has estimated total construction cost will be approximately \$21,340 (he has donated his engineering services); OLA needs a construction bid from a minimum of 3 contractors; McManus has recommended contractors John VanWieren, Tom Swatling, and Bob Teel; Wayne to contact contractors and send them McManus' plans; construction planned for spring of 2016 to be completed before boating season begins; MMSP for OLA to contribute \$8,500 towards project; Otsego County Conservation Association has pledged \$7,500 towards project; other local organizations and OLA members are being contacted for additional donations.
13. Mission Statement (Mickie) – Cooperstown Graduate Program students (now graduated) have reviewed OLA's mission statement and other materials and have made some recommendations for improvements; OLA Board will meet later on to discuss and finalize their recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Block Captains (Paul) – The idea of using so-called Block Captains to contact present and potential members in specific areas or neighborhoods around the lake (i.e. Badger Lane, Six Mile Point, Lakeland Shores, Pegs Bay, etc.) to encourage membership in OLA; this concept is being used successfully on other lakes.
15. Kids' Awards – No report
16. Date for Next Board Meeting – Set for **Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM** at Tillapaugh Funeral Home, 28 Pioneer Street in Cooperstown. (Note: Originally set for Oct. 31st)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM to enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Mickie. Thanks Mickie!

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn
Secretary and Director at Large

