

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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FINAL MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tillapaugh Funeral Home - Cooperstown
Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President and Director/Otsego), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Pati Grady (Treasurer and Director/Springfield), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), John May (Director/Middlefield), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Absent: David Sanford (Director/Middlefield), Jim Howarth (Director/Cooperstown), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Tim Pokorny (Webmaster), and Amanda May (Consultant).

Guests: None

Note: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING

1. Treasurer's Report (Pati) – Pati reported there is \$15,853.32 in the checking account including the \$10,334.50 grant received from OCCA for boat washing station (see attached report). MMSP to accept Treasurer's report.
2. Membership Report (Pati) – Discussion on forming Membership Committee - Scottie, Wayne, and Debbie volunteered to help; Pati has master mailing list that needs to be updated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Paul reported that Dive Team is in the process of “rebuilding” (only 3 divers plus Paul presently); a training class is scheduled for July to train new divers; OLA needs to pay funding to dive team as authorized at February 28, 2017 BOD meeting [\$3,250 for expenses and supplies over past 2 years (\$1,500 per year plus \$250 for materials)]; Paul suggested a small section in the spring newsletter requesting new divers and/or equipment from retired divers.
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – Facilities and staff (MS in Lake Management students) at Cooperstown site have been hired and are ready for pre-Memorial Day opening; Springfield inspections started last week; training class for new inspectors is scheduled for May 26th - open to anyone; dedication of the new boat washing station, to be known as the Carl B. Good Boat Washing Station, will be held on May 12th with a toast to Carl at the Beverage Exchange on Main Street afterwards (dollars outside of OLA requested for toast and snacks); Otsego 2000 will partner with OLA for future funding of boat washing station once the State grant runs out.
5. Merchandise (Scottie) – Several miscellaneous “fill in” items (i.e. hats, tees, denims, etc.) are needed; Scottie would like to order new aprons with OLA logo; MMSP to spend up to \$1,000 for these items.
6. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Mickie) – Mickie, Jim, or Kiyoko will try to attend future meetings (scheduled for last Wednesday of the month).

7. Newsletter – Susan O’Handley will again coordinate the spring newsletter for a late May publication (articles and authors were assigned at February BOD meeting); NYSFOLA has requested that they be added to the OLA newsletter list to keep track of events around the State (Wayne will provide e-mail address to Mickie).
8. Website (Tim) – Everything is up to date and OK.
9. Coordination with Other Organizations: OCCA, Otsego 2000, and OLT (Board) – Mickie will continue to work with these organizations; need to mention Otsego 2000 in OLA fall newsletter regarding their future funding for the boat washing station; Brookwood Point dedication is scheduled for May 20th; kayaks launched at Brookwood Point are washed with chlorine; Otsego Lakes Festival is scheduled for June 10th (same day as “Race the Lake” Marathon) at Glimmerglass State Park (volunteers needed to staff OLA display).
10. Boat Parade (Wayne) – Fourth Annual “We Love Our Lake” Boat Parade will be held on Monday, July 3rd at 3:00 PM starting at Three Mile Point; Wayne will request use of BFS barge for lead boat and judging stand; Wayne will e-mail information about the parade with a quote to Pati for her press releases; MNSP for \$200 for boat parade expenses; Glimmerglass (Opera) Festival’s Springfield Appreciation Concert is scheduled for Sunday, July 2nd at 4:00 PM; Cooperstown Community Band concert and fireworks are scheduled for Sunday, July 2nd at 8:00 PM; Springfield parade and Brooks BBQ/Cooperstown Community Band concert are scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th at 11:00 AM and 12:00 Noon; Springfield music concert and fireworks at Glimmerglass State Park are scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th at 7:30 PM.
11. Annual Meeting (Bob) – Scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at Glimmerglass (Opera) Festival pavilion; committee will meet to plan topics and speakers; main topics will be history of former turkey farm (now opera site), Goodyear family contributions, and Goodyear Swamp boardwalk restoration project; memory board will include information on history of area properties such as Kingsley’s (Swanswick), Duke’s Oak summer theater, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

12. Otsego Lake Boat Inspection Stickers and Boater Safety Pamphlets (Wayne) – Debbie and Wayne will work on a system to attach a sticker on boats launched into the lake indicating that the boats have been inspected (and washed if necessary); Debbie, Wayne, and Jim will work on a boater safety pamphlet to be given to boaters, motel guests, camp renters, etc.
13. Water Quality Monitoring Buoy at Five Mile Point (Kiyoko)– Kiyoko has received word that her \$69,000 grant application to the National Science Foundation has been awarded and will allow an upgraded buoy to be a fully automated system to monitor a dozen parameters simultaneously – not just temperature and light; Kiyoko would like the new buoy located in the middle of the lake off Five Mile Point (deepest point in the lake) but the Otsego County Sheriff’s Department staff is resisting the location due to potential boater safety issues; Kiyoko, Martin, Jim and Paul will request a meeting with Sheriff Devlin to resolve the issues; permission from the Five Mile Point Condo Association (nearest upstream landowner) is also needed for State permit; a portion (\$2,723) of the \$7,105 NYS Water Resources Institute Grant that Kiyoko and Paul were awarded will fund supplies to deploy and maintain the automated buoy.

Note: Since the May BOD Board meeting, both the Sheriff and Five Mile Point Condo Association have signed off on the mid-lake location for the new buoy; paperwork has been submitted to NYS Department of State.

14. Update on Hickory Grove Project (Mickie) – A law suit by area residents has been filed against the Town of Otsego Town Board and the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer regarding approval of this project; Otsego 2000 is coordinating dollar donations for the law suit.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Update on Sediment Run-Off at Bissell Property (Scottie) – The Town of Otsego has shut down Bissell’s bed and breakfast operation; it will come before the Town Planning Board sometime this year; sediment continues to run off into the lake from the Bissell property; NYSDEC does not seem to have any interest in the situation although Paul has mentioned to them about the impact to the fish and the spawning area.
16. Town of Springfield Land Use Law (Mickie) – Town Board has appointed a new group to update the proposed land use law.
17. Ditching Projects (Board) – Discussion on Town projects involving best management practices; hold off for now for new regulations from other organizations.
18. Rotary Spring Fling (Mickie) – OLA has been invited to participate in this year’s event on May 20th; [MMSP](#) for \$45 for registration fee which includes a table and two chairs; volunteers needed to staff the table.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

19. Date for Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the BFS Thayer Farm’s Upland Interpretive Center.

[MMSP](#) to adjourn meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn
Secretary and Director at Large

Attachment: OLA Financial Report - January 1 through May 10, 2017

NOTE: After the BOD meeting, the following items were presented and authorized via e-mail:

[MMSP](#) for \$100 registration fee for Otsego Lakes Festival on June 10th.

[MMSP](#) for \$320 for equipment (hoses, clamps, outboard/inboard motor flushers, heat guns, etc.) to be used at boat washing stations at Cooperstown site and Biological Field Station site.

[MMSP](#) for \$350 for new OLA display board (set up by Susan O’Handley, printing, laminating, etc.) to be used at various public events.

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