

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tillapaugh Funeral Home – Cooperstown

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Present: David Sanford (Co-President), Scottie Baker (Vice-President), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), William Murdock (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Sarah Coney (Student Director), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor). A special “Thanks” to Martin for hosting the meeting at his funeral home – greatly appreciated!

Absent: Jim Howarth (Co-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), John May (Director/Middlefield), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster),

Guests: None

Note: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING (Started at 10:05 AM)

1. Treasurer’s Report (Betty via Mickie)

Bank Balance in Checking Account (02/15/2020) = \$13,399.65

Status of 501 C 3: Still pending by IRS; hoping to have approval by the end of the year

Reminder: Filing of Form 990 is due by April 15th (delayed this year to July 15th due to Covid-19 virus?)

Charity Navigator: donations intended for OLA (NY) may be going to OLA in Michigan

New oval OLA stickers are needed; can purchase 500 for \$436.59 plus tax or 2000 for \$635.43 plus tax; MMSP to purchase 2000 stickers for \$635.43 plus tax from Village Printer in Oneonta (Mickie to coordinate)

2. Membership Report (Betty) - No report

NORMAL ITEMS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys, Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) - No report

4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) - No report

5. Merchandise (Scottie) - Need shirts and other items; new gray long sleeve tee shirts to be added to inventory (sell for \$20/each); MMSP to spend up to \$350 for various merchandise.

6. Newsletter (Scottie) - Susan O’Handley will again coordinate, print, and mail the spring 2020 newsletter (date to be determined). Theme of newsletter will be “Wade In The Water” and all articles and photos should be submitted to Scottie and Susan by May 15th. Potential articles include: Co-Presidents’ message (Jim & David), merchandise for sale (Scottie), annual gathering (Mickie & Gary), boat parade (Wayne), pigging of Village water

line (Wayne), new hybrid weed in lake (Paul), Brookwood's AIS program (Mickie or Paul), donations to OLA (NY not MI), NYS Police diver training (Paul), lake clean up day (Debbie), "Cooperstown's Otsego Lake" book of 1890 (Martin), floating styrofoam (Kiyoko), continuous lake monitoring buoy (Kiyoko), boat launch stewards (Paul), photographs, application for membership, and fun facts about the lake. Goal is to expand the mailing list to include other groups. The spring newsletter will be sent via e-mail and hard copy. A draft copy of the newsletter will be sent to all BOD members for review and comments.

7. Website (Tim) - No report.
8. Coordination with Other Organizations - This is an on-going process with OCCA, Otsego 2000, and Otsego Land Trust as needed.
9. Boat Parade (Wayne) - OLA's Annual "We Love Our Lake" Decorated Boat Parade will be held this summer; the Boat Parade Committee will meet in the spring to decide the specific date and time, starting and ending locations, and other details.
10. Annual Membership Gathering (Gary & Mickie) - The annual membership gathering (formerly called annual membership meeting) will be held on Saturday August 8th at the Otsego Sailing Club's new pavilion. A work detail will be held on Friday afternoon August 7th to set up tables, chairs, displays, etc. Ed Rowley will be the main speaker and will give a presentation on "History of Brookwood Point". Other items will include the Co-Presidents report, a Treasurer's report, a membership report, the Lake Citizen Award posthumously to Dr. Ted Peters, scientific updates by SUNY Oneonta students and staff, silent auction, OLA merchandise, and election of officers. Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30 AM with meeting from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Guided tours of Brookwood Point will be available after the gathering. Due to increased job responsibilities, Bob has stepped down as Chairman of the annual membership gathering so Gary and Mickie have agreed to assume those duties as Co-Chairs for the 2020 gathering. The Board thanked Bob for an outstanding job not only for last year but for all the years in the past that he has served as Chairman. Peter has volunteered to help Tim with the sandwich boards for use in advertising of the annual membership gathering. The Otsego Sailing Club requested a donation from OLA for use of their facility. MMSF for \$300 for the Otsego Sailing Club Summer Camp.
11. NYSFOLA - The 2020 annual conference will be held in Lake George on May 1st and 2nd; Paul, Kiyoko, Sarah, and Wayne usually attend. The deadline for submission of the OLA newsletter for their newsletter contest is March 15th (Wayne will submit the newsletter). [Note: The 2020 conference has been canceled due to the Covid-19 virus; no word yet on whether the newsletter contest will be canceled.]
12. Lake Clean Up Day (Debbie) – Debbie would like to re-establish the Lake Clean Up Day to collect debris, old dock parts, metal, etc. from camps around the lake; the BFS barge would run along the westerly side of the lake while jon boats would run along the easterly side of the lake and ferry material to the barge; the Village has agreed to dispose of the material which will be off loaded at the end of the day at the lakefront; volunteers driving the boats (owned by BFS) must possess a NYS Safe Boaters Certificate. [Note: Since the Board meeting, Debbie has coordinated with Matt Albright of the BFS, Jeff O'Handley of OCCA, and Terri Barown of the Village and set the date of August 9th as the lake clean up day from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; OCCA and BFS will provide summer interns to help on the boats; the event will be promoted at the annual membership gathering plus other advertising.]
13. Village Boat Launch (Paul) – NYSDEC has determined that the Fair Street and Fish Road boat launch sites are not official State boat launches; Village may close the launch sites from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM each day; two stewards (one at Cooperstown and one at Springfield) will be funded by a CRISP AIS grant in 2020; funding is now needed from Otsego2000 which pledged financial support (after the NYSDEC grant expired) when the boat

washing station was built; it costs about \$8600 per steward per season; Paul provided a spreadsheet showing Village accounting of the boat launch sites from June 2014 through May 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

14. E-Mail Motions by OLA Board - The Board still needs to draft a change to the OLA by-laws to allow passing motions via e-mails. Paul and Mickie have presented preliminary thoughts and will coordinate the change at a future Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Cooper's Hybrid Pondweed (Paul) – The new weed was first noticed in 2017 just south of Aalsmeer Motel & Cottages, but is now abundant in the lake, has been formally named Cooper's Hybrid Pondweed; it is a hybrid weed between Clasping Leaved Pondweed and Curly Leaved Pondweed growing in water depths from 4 feet to 9 feet; regenerative growth starts immediately after ice-out and continues until October; spreads by rhizomes (horizontal underground stems with lateral shoots); further work that needs to be done: DNA analysis to confirm identification, mapping of Otsego Lake footprint, survey of Otsego Lake insect herbivores, and surveys of nearby waterbodies for Cooper's Hybrid Pondweed; may need to treat or harvest in the future; about \$7,500 needed for a full time summer intern to work on this; may need public fund raiser vs public panic; possible funding application to Scriven Foundation in 2021; **MMSP** for \$6,000 (\$5,000 for intern and \$1,000 for supplies) to support a full time BFS intern dedicated to OLA on Cooper's Hybrid Pondweed; Mickie to send letter and check to BFS.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

16. Date for Next Board Meeting – The date, time, and location of the next OLA Board meeting will be set by the Co-Presidents.

ADJOURNMENT

17. **MMSP** to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

MMSP VIA E-MAILS

January 28, 2020 – OLA will reimburse any Board member for the cost of registration and meals (but not lodging or mileage) to attend the NYSFOLA Annual Conference in Lake George on May 1st and 2nd, 2020.

January 31, 2020 – OLA will send a check for \$100 to NYSFOLA for 2020 annual membership.

February 18, 2020 – The OLA Lake Citizen Award for 2020 will be presented to Dr. Ted Peters, Jr.

OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SPRING 2020

Co-Presidents: Jim Howarth and David Sanford

Directors/Cooperstown: Martin Tillapaugh and Gary Kuch

Vice-President: Scottie Baker

Directors at Large: Wayne Bunn and Debbie Creedon

Treasurer: Betty VanHeusen

Student Director: Sarah Coney

Secretary: Wayne Bunn

Webmaster: Tim Pokorny

Directors/Middlefield: John May and Peter Regan

Technical Advisor: Kiyoko Yokota

Directors/Otsego: Paul Lord and Bill Murdock

Legal Advisor: Martin Tillapaugh

Directors/Springfield: Mickie Richtsmeier and Bob Sutherland

ATTACHMENTS: None

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