

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Jim Howarth's Home – Lake Street

Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), David Sanford (Co-President), Scottie Baker (Vice-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), William Murdock (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Robert Nelson (Director/Springfield), Doug Willies (Director/Middlefield), and Brian Hefferon (Student Director). A special "Thanks" to Jim for setting up and hosting the meeting – greatly appreciated!

Absent: Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), Tim Pokorny (Webmaster), and Ginny Hastings (Winter Update).

Guests: None

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

OPENING (Started at 10:08 AM)

Jim welcomed new Student Director Brian Hefferon (SUNY Oneonta) who replaces Sarah Coney.

1. Treasurer's Report (Betty) - Current balance in Checking Account = \$15,159.33. **MMSP** to transfer \$1,200 received from Ommegang Brewery (for work on wastewater tank by Volunteer Dive Team) to Soil and Water Conservation District NWZB account. Expenses were for NYSFOLA conference, NWZB, and newsletter.

Reminder: Filing of Form 990 for IRS 501 (c) 3 is due by April 15th each year.

2. Membership Report (Betty) – Received 10 membership renewals and 2 new memberships. Renewal from Hudson but no check included.

NORMAL ITEMS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys (NWZB), Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – The BFS barge, the "Anodontoides", is still out of service due to age and structural failure of the pontoons. Volunteer Dive Team is short on divers. Mickie and Doug will help Diver Lee Ferrara get NWZBs ready for deployment. New leaders at Soil and Water Conservation District. Lake and Valley Garden Club to be involved with ditching; stone and cloth needed; 3 towns and village may meet; hydro-seeding needed; Suzanne Kingsley will take lead.
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – Cooperstown has hired 1 steward. The approximate budget for 1 steward is \$20,000 with a starting salary of \$18 per hour with raises. Springfield Town Board member will be in charge of boat inspections at Springfield Landing, life guards will be trained as boat stewards.
5. Merchandise (Scottie) – All items in stock and OK at this point.

6. Newsletter (Scottie) – **MMSP** to change the name of the OLA Newsletter to “Journal of OLA”. Susan O’Handley will be invited to Annual Gathering to recognize her for NYSFOLA award. Input for next Journal needed from BFS, OCCA, O2000, and Watershed Supervisory Committee.
7. Website (Tim) – See Tim’s recent e-mail.
8. Facebook (Debbie) - Facebook is up to date; need to post request for more paid members.
9. Coordination with Other Organizations - This is an on-going process with OCCA, Otsego 2000, and Otsego Land Trust as needed.
10. Boat Parade (Wayne) - OLA’s Annual “We Love Our Lake” Decorated Boat Parade will be held again this summer on July 3rd. Robert’s pontoon boat will be used as the lead boat (to replace BFS barge) and Wayne’s pontoon boat will be used as the chase boat. Candy will be handed out to all boaters and OLA towels will be awarded to 6 winners. **MMSP** for \$150 for advertising flyers and candy.
11. Annual Membership Gathering 2022 (Mickie & Gary) - The Annual Membership Gathering (formerly called Annual Membership Meeting) will be held at the Otsego Sailing Club on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM. Planning committee will consist of Mickie, Gary, Doug, Scottie, and Bill. Main topic will be “History/Change of Otsego Lake” by Holly Waterfield of the BFS Main Lab. Other items will be election of officers, the Lake Citizen Award, scientific updates by Paul, Kiyoko, and students of SUNY Oneonta plus the silent auction.
12. Fund Raiser (Board) – Vera Tavoili has donated her condominium timeshare for the week of Nov. 5 -12, 2022 in Orlando, Florida as a fund raiser for OLA. There will be raffle with pricing to be determined.
13. NWZ Posters (Betty) – Susan O’Handley will design a large NWZ poster plus a smaller flyer at no cost to OLA. Need 20 large posters and 300 flyers (1/2 size of 8.5” x 11” card stock) to start. Betty and Scottie will develop old style “Burma Shave” signs to be placed on Route 80 this year. Permission of property owner is required.
14. Lake Citizen Award – **MMSP** for BFS diver Lee Ferrara to be the 2022 recipient. Future potential recipients are Susan O’Handley and BFS staff.
15. 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.
16. Scientific Updates (Board) – Wayne will draft letter to NYSDOT regarding Federal funding for ditching along NYS Route 80. **MMSP** to purchase 5 copies of the book “Death and Life of the Great Lakes” by Dan Egan at \$16 each for the Cooperstown, Springfield, Cherry Valley, and Hartwick (Kinney) Libraries plus one extra.
17. Goodyear Swamp Rehabilitation (Paul) – This project is “moving forward” (has been funded by NYS) but Otsego County needs to sign off on the Memorandum of Understanding since other local projects are also involved. An item about this was included in the Spring 2022 newsletter. OLA has pledged \$1,000 and Ginny has pledged \$1,000 to be paid once actual construction starts.
18. Library Books (Ginny) – Ginny plans to purchase and donate various “lake books” to area libraries with assistance from Betty. This year’s project will include the Cooperstown, Springfield, and Cherry Valley libraries with the Hartwick (Kinney) library next year. **MMSP** that OLA endorses the project with appreciation to Ginny for her generous donation of time and money. These libraries will be added to the newsletter mailing list.

19. Lakefront Buffer Strip (Mickie) – The Lake and Valley Garden Club plans to upgrade the area with low height plantings. Preliminary budget is \$10,000 with the Village of Cooperstown allocating \$5,000 in its current budget. More maintenance is needed each year (Covid has affected work over the past two years). The BFS may provide an intern in 2023. **MMS**P for OLA to provide \$1,000 for the project as initial support.
20. Lake Clean Up Day (Board) – A large barge or boat is needed to haul away the material (some concern if Hascup’s barge is large enough to handle all the material). Potential date of September 10, 2022 was discussed but this depends on the BFS barge being available.
21. Stagliano’s “Camp” Construction (Betty) – Stagliano has won his law suit against the Town of Otsego.

NEW ITEMS

22. Springfield 4th of July Parade (Wayne) – Wayne suggested that OLA once again march in the Springfield 4th of July parade for exposure to a very large crowd. However, the Board felt that trying to conduct the boat parade and march in the parade on the same weekend would be too much. Maybe in 2023.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

23. Date for Next Board Meeting – The next OLA Board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th to finalize plans for the Annual Membership Gathering plus any other items needed. Location and time to be determined by Jim.

ADJOURNMENT

24. **MMS**P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

MOTIONS PASSED VIA E-MAILS SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

MMSP on June 16, 2022 for \$1,000 for NWZB labels.

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