

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 13

SPRINGFIELD CENTER NY 13468

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

2 Lake Street, Cooperstown NY

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), Scottie Baker (Vice-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Robert Nelson (Director/Springfield), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Doug Willies (Director/Middlefield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Brian Hefferon (Student Director), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Absent: David Sanford (Co-President), Tim Pokorny (Webmaster), and Ginny Hastings (Winter Update).

Note: William Murdock (Director/Otsego) resigned in February 2023.

Guests: None

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

A special "Thanks" to Jim for setting up and hosting the meeting – greatly appreciated!

OPENING (Started at 10:00 AM)

Jim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

1. Treasurer's Report (Betty) - Current balance in Checking Account = \$24,735 as of June 10, 2023.
2. Membership Report (Betty) – See March 11, 2023 BOD Minutes.

NORMAL ITEMS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys (NWZB), Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Deployment held up by need to put new decals on buoys - that work was done by Peter Regan and grad student Emily Bulmers. CRISP WSP has worked throughout winter to develop new self-cleaning station signage which have been ordered. Dive team will deploy NWZBs on June 11th. Few divers with depth of experience with NWZBs but enough young people belong to the team that we anticipate deployment will go smoothly.
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – 2023 CRISP WSP team leaders are guiding their teams with knowledge and assurance. Season opening was without incident. Lakefront staffing: 2+ stewards; Springfield Landing: 1 steward. Concern: Springfield Landing staff have not participated in the three CSRIP WSP training sessions (April, May, & June) held in the BFS Boathouse. Mickie and Robert will be talking to the Springfield Landing manager. Lakefront washer needed maintenance this spring – Village provided much of what was needed. New power washer needed in 1 to 2 years (about \$11,000 to \$12,000). CSRIP WSP provided new personal protective equipment. **MMSP** for \$300 for new NWZB cards. New portable washer was deployed for General Clinton Regatta start. Intend to use it between 4:00 AM and 6:30 AM on Father's Day at Lakefront in

the Lakefront Restaurant parking lot. New County law requires inspection of all boats within County. NYS law requires all boats be cleaned when leaving any lake. Cooperstown law requires inspection of all boats being launched into Otsego Lake. Warm water down to 40 feet with level dropping each year. Quagga Mussels are smaller but more numerous.

5. HABs, CSLAP, and Scientific Updates (Doug, Jim, Kiyoko) – CLMB’s lower probes are getting old and unreliable (big \$\$\$s to replace) but temperature equipment is working. OLA provided pass through donation of \$2,000 to Clark Foundation Matching Grant program for sampling. BFS needs NYS certification for HAB testing; automatic laboratory analysis machine on order. CSLAP sampling started week of June 4th. Data to be shared with BFS, NYSDEC, and CLMB. ELASP certification needed. Liability insurance (about \$2,000 per year) discussed for volunteers. Already under OCCA or Village? Martin to check with Village.
6. Merchandise (Scottie) – Good supply right now, new bag in stock.
7. Newsletter (Scottie) – Latest issue mailed in early June. OLA won First Place in the Medium Size Lake Association category at the NYSFOLA Conference in May. Photos needed for fall edition. Smart Steps brochure needs updating. Ditch work brochure needs distribution to State, County, and Town Officials plus personal contact.
8. Website (Tim) – See Tim’s e-mail.
9. Facebook (Debbie) - Facebook is up to date; need to post request for more paid members.
10. Coordination with Other Organizations - This is an on-going process with OCCA, Otsego 2000, and Otsego Land Trust as needed.
11. Boat Parade (Wayne) – **MMSP** for \$100 for advertising flyers.
12. Annual Membership Gathering 2023 (Mickie & Robert) - Event will be held at the Otsego Sailing Club on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM. Planning committee consists of Mickie, Robert, Scottie, Doug, Debbie, Tim, and Ginny. Main topic will be on the HABs. Other items will be election of officers, the Lake Citizen Award, Presidential Award, scientific updates by Paul, Kiyoko, and students of SUNY Oneonta plus the silent auction. Set up will be Friday, August 11th at 4:00 PM.
13. Lake Citizen Award (Board) – **MMSP** to present 2023 Award to Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee.
14. Presidential Award (Board) – **MMSP** to present 2023 Award to Doug and Rhonda Willies.
15. Lake Clean Up Day (Debbie) – Event is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The BFS barge, the “Anodontoides”, and 3 or 4 of their Jon boats are reserved. Village of Cooperstown has agreed to cover the cost of disposal. Drop-off of material at Three Mile Point. No BFS Interns this year. Volunteers and boats welcome.
16. Fund Raising (Jim) – Some discussion of applying for various grants including one from the Community Foundation of Otsego County. Software needed for CLMB (about \$2,000) – possible Rotary grant?
17. Library Donations – A big “Thank You” to Ginny for purchasing and distributing the lake related books to the local libraries. A great public relations event for OLA.

NEW ITEMS

18. Averill Road Apartment Site (Martin) – All legal issues have been resolved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

19. Date for Next Board Meeting – The next OLA Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th at 10:00 AM.
Location to be set by Co-President(s).

ADJOURNMENT

20. **MMS**P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

MOTIONS PASSED VIA E-MAILS SINCE LAST BOARD MEETINGS

None

OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Summer 2023

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Student Director: Brian Hefferon (SUNY Oneonta)

Treasurer: Betty VanHeusen

Webmaster: Tim Pokorny

Secretary: Wayne Bunn

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Legal Advisor: Martin Tillapaugh

Directors/Otsego: Paul Lord and (Vacant)

Winter Update: Ginny Hastings

Directors/Springfield: Mickie Richtsmeier and Robert Nelson

Directors/Cooperstown: Martin Tillapaugh and Gary Kuch

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