

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009 at 9:00 AM
COOPERSTOWN VILLAGE MEETING ROOM**

Members in Attendance : Wayne Bunn, Mary Clarke, Carl Good, Tom Horvath, Suzy Kingsley, Paul Lord. Mickie Richtsmeier, David Sanford, Burr Southworth, and Treasurer, Carrie Southworth

OPENING OF MEETING call to order by President, Wayne Bunn

1. Treasurer's Report –Carrie reported that the Balance in the primary account as of 4/25/09 was \$9372.0. Since the last report there were deposits of \$1295 (31 memberships for \$1160 and donations of \$135) and disbursements totaling \$102,20 (\$75 NYSFOLA dues, \$2.20 postage, and Milford Earth Festival Registration \$25.)

2. Membership Report –David reported that we have 31 members. Carl requested that the board have a list of the membership in order to solicit new members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys –Paul reported that the Lakefront and Springfield buoys were in the water and that May 9 was a scheduled workday to put in the remaining buoys. Paul also shared his concern that the dive team was aging out and that their numbers were dwindling. He also stated that there was a need for administrative assistance that could be provided by a non-diver.

4. Cooperstown Boat Inspections – Carl reported that there currently were two inspectors on board, but that four were needed.

5. Stone Lined Ditches (Scottie & David) – no news

6. Phosphorus Free Educational Program – Paul showed a prototype campaign poster format for the program. There was a discussion of the logistics of applying our logo and other options. Paul will follow up on this. Wayne also suggested inserting P-free flyers in our next mailing. Carl also showed a potential flyer for stopping “aquatic hitchhikers”.

7. Merchandise -Scottie notified us via email that \$133 of merchandise had been sold at the Earth Festival.

8. Earth Festival – Wayne reported that in addition to the merchandise sold, membership applications were given out and that a Minnesota Landscaping book was given away. Wayne thanked BOD members who participated (along with himself): Scottie, Suzy, and Carl.

9. Otsego Lake Festival vs. 1st Annual OLA Family Fun Day –Wayne reminded us that the Lake Festival is off for this year, but the OCCA wants to have an informal fun day at Glimmerglass State Park on July 11. We discussed OLA’s participation in this event and possibly underwriting park admission for our members on that day.

10. Website –Burr said that he plans to do an update of the web site.

11. Law Enforcement Liaison –David reported that he will meet with Rich Devlin next month.

12. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee –Carl continues to send out minutes, and reports that the plan is for the Lake Festival to resume in 2010.

13. Otsego 2000 Liaison –no report – Wayne plans to meet with their new executive director, Robin Krewitz, next month.

14. OCCA Liaison –no news

15. Smart Steps Booklet –Wayne reports that lots of these were distributed at the Earth Festival.

16. Lakefront Park Buffer Strip – Suzanne and Mickie reported that there has been vandalism in the Phase I portion of the garden. Lynn Marsh discovered that several trees and grasses had been cut back and that there also had been poisoning of plants. Lynn has cut back and tried to improve the appearance of the garden, but there has been damage that will require new plantings. Wayne asked Suzy to draft a letter to the editor about this situation. A motion was also made, seconded and unanimously passed to authorize Suzy to spend up to \$300 to replace the destroyed material. June 4 has been designated a workday for students to lay the boardwalk and mulch the garden. Carl will talk with the Village about getting mulch and preparing the area.

17. Public Landing Buffer Strip –Suzanne had a meeting with Dan Rosen and visited the area with him. She discussed the run-off situation and raised other concerns. Paul suggested that a narrow strip of plantings would provide great benefit and be a much easier project than that at the Lake Front Park. Mary suggested talking with Rich Morris who is on the Springfield Board.

18. Fenimore Art Museum Buffer Strip –Suzanne reported that this project will probably be put off until next year because of funding. She will update us as the time goes on.

19. Mud Plume Photography –Tom reported that the aerial photography class didn’t even go up this year. Wayne will put information about this in the newsletter and Paul will talk to Matt Albright.

20. NYS Rt. 80 Adopt A Highway –Wayne will announce that we will adopt the 2.1 miles south of Allen Lake Road at the annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

21. OLA Newsletter – Board members expressed their gratitude to Wayne for working on this project. Wayne has included lots of relevant material including an article by Tom. Wayne will also include an announcement of the June meeting and be in touch with the Board to help with the actual mailing. Suzy offered her home as a meeting point. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed authorizing Carrie to buy 300 stamps. Another motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed authorizing Wayne to spend up to \$75 for the printing of the newsletter.

22. Newspaper Advertisement for New Members – Wayne will look into advertising the meeting in the paper. We will start the large mailing with lapsed members.

23. Pennysaver Notices – Wayne is organizing this.

24. Renew Memberships in OCCA and NYSFOLA- \$75 was sent for the NYSFOLA membership and Wayne will get the application for OCCA when they are available in the first part of May.

25. New Fund Raiser –Reminder that Carl has set us up with Web Search Engines: GoodSearch.com & GoodShop.com

26. NYSFOLA Annual Conference – May 1st – 3rd, 2009- Wayne and Paul will attend this.

27. Meeting with President of Canadarago Lake Association Wayne has met with him and has a copy of their directory, logo, constitution and newsletter. He will continue an on-going dialogue. Wayne has also contacted the Goodyear Lake Association.

28. OLA Banner – A motion was made to authorize Wayne & Suzanne to select and spend up to \$120 for an OLA banner. A question was raised about a new logo. Tom replied that the SUCO students are still working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

29. (a) Hall of Fame Parade (June 21st); (b) 1st Annual OLA Boat Parade; (c) 4th of July Parade – Wayne is encouraging us to participate in all of these events. The Boat Parade is something that Otsego 2000 is interested in. We will ask Scottie to coordinate this. Mary also suggested that we email membership to ask if they'd like to participate in these events.

30. Nominations for Annual Election (June Membership Meeting) (Committee: David (Chair), Mickie, & Paul)

Positions Up For Election:

- a. President – Currently Wayne Bunn
- b. Director - Town of Otsego (Currently Scottie Baker)
- c. Director - Town of Springfield (Currently Mary Clarke)- proposed Suzanne Kingsley
- d. Director – Town of Middlefield (Currently Burr Southworth)
- e. Director – Village of Cooperstown (Currently Ryan Davine)- proposed Martin Tillapaugh

This reflects that Suzy would move from Director at Large to Director from Springfield. This would allow the President to appoint a Director at Large at anytime in the future.

A motion was also made to amend the 2002 By Laws, Article III to read: “Other directors may include up to two Directors at Large to be appointed by the President and up to two Student Directors appointed by the President.”

This motion was seconded and unanimously passed. It will be presented to the general membership at the June meeting, at which time a 2/3 majority in the affirmative will be necessary for the By-Laws to be so amended.

31. Main Topic For June Membership Meeting was presented by Wayne.

“Zebra Mussels – 2009: They Are Here, They Are Growing; How Do We Deal With Them?”

Tom Horvath (SUCO), Canadarago Lake Assoc., Goodyear Lake Assoc., Bruce Hall Corp. (Local Rep. for Water Line Filters & Local Plumber), and Chuck Hascup (Local Plumber)

Issues/Problems To Be Discussed Include Growth Rate, Experience at Near-By Lakes, Water Intake Lines, Boat Hulls & Engines, Docks & Boat Lifts, Floats, and Swimming.

32. Dates for Next Board of Directors and Membership Meetings:
 - a. Board of Directors (Brief): Sat., June 20, 2009 (Location: Springfield Comm. Center)
 - b. Annual Meeting: Sat., June 20, 2009 at 8:30 AM (Location: Springfield Comm. Center)
 - c. Informational Meeting: Sat., August 15, 2009 at 8:30 AM (Location to be specified).

33. Carl reported that he had been approached about writing an article for the Legislative Gazette in Albany that was focusing Cooperstown. David explained that he was on the committee dealing with this and suggested that Tom’s article could go into this publication. Carl was enthusiastic about this idea, and Tom agreed.

34. A motion for Adjournment was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickie Richtsmeier