

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM
COOPERSTOWN VILLAGE MEETING ROOM**

Board Members in Attendance: Scottie Baker, Wayne Bunn, Mary Crumenthal, Carl Good, Pati Grady, Paul Lord, Mickie Richtsmeier, David Sanford, and Joseph Zarzynski.

OPENING OF MEETING The meeting was called to order by President, Wayne Bunn

1. Treasurer's Report - David Sanford reported that our current balance is \$11,497.97 with an additional \$4118.46 in the buffer strip account.
2. Membership Report – David reported that there were 24 members as of the beginning of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys – Paul reported that 11 buoys are in place with 9 more to go in the water. He said that the most important buoys were in, and that we had lost 3 spar buoys this winter. Paul also indicated that some solar lights were lost as well. A motion was made and seconded to allocate up to \$1000 to replace the spar buoys and solar lights.
4. Boat Inspections Carl reported that inspections were scheduled to begin on Friday, May 24 and that there were three inspectors, two of whom were veterans. Carl also reported that he had spoken with Darla at OCCA about the debris and hump at the Village launch ramp that interfere with launching. Darla is looking into grant possibilities to resolve the problem. (The DEC has recommended a copper dam.)
5. Sheriff's Boat Patrol –Wayne had nothing to report.
6. Merchandise – (Shirts, Hats, Bags, Other) Scottie proposed that it might be time to think a new color for our T-shirts and suggested that we explore additional venues where we could market our merchandise. The Board was in agreement with these ideas and discussed multiple possibilities. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Scottie to find possible commercial vendors or other venues for our merchandise, to look into the possibility of introducing children's sizes, and to spend \$516 at Tradewinds on merchandise.
7. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee –Carl has been forwarding minutes, and reported that on June 26 Wayne will speak about the Lake George Boat inspection program.
8. Lakefront Park Buffer Strip (Carl, Mickie, & Paul) Mickie reported that we will have our annual weeding and mulch day with the Lake and Valley Garden Club, BOCES students, and village crew on Thursday, May 30. Paul will also talk to the students about the buffer strip concept. A motion was made and seconded to split the cost of the mulch with the Lake and Valley Garden Club.
9. Springfield Landing Buffer Strip (Mickie & Paul)- Mickie reported that Lake and Valley members weeded with Lynn Marsh last fall, and that it had been a very hard summer with the drought and some interference with border fencing. She mentioned that there had been discussion of installing signage that

would educate residents about the benefits of the buffer strip. The buffer strip also was mulched this spring by Mike Vogel of Lakeview Horticultural Services and is looking good. There was a discussion and the Board was supportive of developing signage and will entertain financial support for the project when more concrete details are generated.

10. Fenimore Art Museum Buffer Strip (Suzanne Kingsley still involved) Mickie reported there have been no further developments.
11. Website Paul reported that there had been no progress on this. Pati proposed that we explore local web designers and the possibility of establishing a Facebook Page. Pati will lead a committee with Paul and Scottie.
12. Newsletter –Zarr reported that he will target the newsletter to come out and the end of June to publicize the annual meeting.
13. Mud Plume Photography –Paul reported that we are having trouble enlisting volunteer pilots to assist with this project since there is concern that the FAA will regard them as commercial if they receive any reimbursement or fuel or time spent. We will continue to explore options.
14. Coordination with OCCA –Wayne will coordinate lake clean-up dates.
15. Scottie had nothing to report from Otsego 2000.
16. Coordination with Otsego Land Trust –Wayne reminded us that there is a new executive director whom he has not yet met. Wayne will be in contact with the Land Trust. We would like the “Water, Water Everywhere” Photo Contest Winners to be acknowledged, and for prizes to be given out, at our summer meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

17. Status of 501 (c) 3 Corporation –Martin has submitted the paperwork.
18. Membership Drive 2013 –Wayne reported that this will be coordinated with the 2013 newsletter. He and Zarr will coordinate this. Mickie reminded that we have OLA stickers for thank you letters

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AGENDA - CONTINUED

19. Annual Dues for OCCA (\$250 in 2012) and NYSFOLA (Medium Assoc. at \$75) A motion was made and seconded to repeat these.
20. Registration Fee (\$25) for Earth Festival on April 13 was paid in April 2013.
21. Authorization for Board Members to attend NYSFOLA Conference (May 3 - 5 in Hamilton) Paul urged Board members to attend this excellent conference in the future.
22. Lake Appreciation Day at Glimmerglass State Park (Wayne)
 - Co-Sponsor with OCCA (Tentative date is Saturday, July 13th with cost to be determined) –The Board consensus was that Glimmerglass was not a good venue. Wayne will speak with Darla and give her our feedback. Zarr recommended incorporating an historical information display.

23. Springfield 4th of July Parade -Wayne will work on this.
24. Lake Citizen Award for 2013 – Paul suggested that Donna and Doug Green who won the photo contest, and also had developed a chain of ponds would be excellent recipients of the Lake Citizen award. The Board concurred.
25. Citizens Against Unsafe Gas Drilling Coalition –Wayne reported that he receives much communication from this group.
26. Support for BFS Volunteer Dive Team –Paul reports that the Team has been busy being “underwater plumbers” working on water pipes/zebra mussels at the golf club at the north end of the lake. He also added as a matter of general information that the filter sold at Bruce Hall does a better job than the one from Ace.
27. Annual General Membership Meeting
- Revised schedule to combine June and August meetings into one summer meeting
 - Date for Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 3rd 2013
(Fourth of July Weekend is July 6th, Lake Appreciation Day and Hartwick High School Alumni Assoc. is July 13th, Middlefield Fire Dept. Fly In Breakfast is July 20th, Hall of Fame Induction Weekend is July 27th)
 - Main Topic- after much discussion, the Board agreed to sponsor a nostalgic retrospective of Otsego Lake History where residents would be invited to bring pictures and talk about the history of the lake, its camps, residents, etc. This is still in the planning stage, but the Board was very enthusiastic about the possibilities.
 - Location- still to be determined
28. Annual Election of Officers (General Membership Meeting)
- Positions up for election:
- President (Currently Wayne Bunn) Wayne has indicated that he will not run again.
 - Director – Town of Middlefield (Currently David Sanford)
 - Director – Town of Otsego (Currently Scottie Baker)
 - Director – Town of Springfield (Currently Pati Grady – unexpired term of Kingsley)
 - Director – Village of Cooperstown (Currently Martin Tillapaugh)
27. Mickie reported that she had found an old brochure on boat regulations that had been sponsored by OLA. She will send it to Paul for review.
28. Paul mentioned that there had been a request for lakeside lawn recommendations when time permits, he agreed to work on this.
29. No date was determined for another Board of Directors Meeting
30. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Mickie Richtsmeier

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