

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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FINAL MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Richtsmeier's House – Springfield Center

September 18, 2016 at 4:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President and Director/Otsego), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego - arrived at 4:53 PM), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), David Sanford (Director/Middlefield), Jim Howarth (Director/Cooperstown), Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster).

Absent: Pati Grady (Treasurer and Director/Springfield), Amanda May (Director/Middlefield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), and Debbie Creedon (Director at Large).

Guests: Joan Bunn, Katie Sanford, and Cathy Howarth.

Note: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING

1. Treasurer's Report (Pati via Mickie) – Pati reported via e-mail there is \$6,967.12 in the checking account but this amount does not reflect check to Tom Swatling for \$2,500 for the shed for power washer equipment at boat washing station in Cooperstown or several hundred dollar donations which have been received recently.
2. Membership Report (Pati) – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Village's water intake line was only "pigged" once this summer; BuoyFest (to remove NWZ buoys for winter) will be scheduled for late October.
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – Contractor Tom Swatling completed the new boat washing station at Cooperstown's Fish Road site and constructed the storage shed for the pressure washing equipment – all facilities are now in service; Cooperstown and Springfield boat inspection / launch sites were adequately staffed with inspection attendants this summer (Cooperstown paid \$15 per hour); dedication of the new boat washing station, to be known as the Carl B. Good Boat Washing Station, will be held in the spring of 2017.
5. Merchandise (Scottie) – Scottie will determine if any merchandise needs to be ordered.
6. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Mickie) – Mickie, Jim, or Kiyoko will try to attend future meetings.
7. Newsletter – Susan O'Handley has requested all articles be submitted to her by October 15th for an early November publication; Mickie (President's letter), Paul (boat washing station), Scottie (merchandise), Kiyoko (monitoring buoy), Tim (boat parade photos), Bob (annual meeting), and Wayne (Asian clams) will submit articles or items of interest.
8. Website (Tim) – Everything is up to date and OK; 1,362 "hits" from January through September 18th.

9. Coordination with Other Organizations: OCCA, Otsego2000, and OLT (Board) – Mickie continues to work with OCCA on grant funding for boat washing station; Scottie has resigned from Otsego200 Board due to her duties with the Town of Otsego Planning Board.
10. Boat Parade (Scottie) – This year’s boat parade was a great success with about 40 to 50 boats participating; Wayne will be chairman of 2017 parade.
11. Annual Meeting (Bob) – This year’s annual meeting was a great success; it was held on August 8th at Mohican Farm (Route 80 in Springfield) and included Cindy Falk’s and Will Walker’s (Cooperstown Graduate Program) presentation on “Subsistence, Commercial, and Estate Farming on the West Shore”, Paul’s and Kiyoko’s presentation on the water quality monitoring buoy at Five Mile Point, and Tim’s update on the fish in Otsego Lake (particularly the Otsego Bass) plus the Lake Citizen Award presented to Paul Lord and the silent auction; Bob conducted tours of the historic Ellen Biddle Shipman Garden on the Spaulding estate (across the road) and the Mohican Farm’s composting facility; Bob will be chairman of the 2017 annual meeting which will be held at the Glimmerglass Festival campus and feature the historical aspects of the site.
12. Water Quality Monitoring Buoy at Five Mile Point – The SUNY/Oneonta BFS’s researchers and its Volunteer Dive Team installed the new buoy this summer; it is now in service and will continuously collect water temperature and light intensity data at 15-minute intervals at various depths 24 hours per day 7 days a week; Kiyoko has submitted a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation which, if awarded, would upgrade the buoy to a fully automated system to monitor a dozen parameters simultaneously – not just temperature and light.
13. Lakefront Buffer Strip – Major work needs to be done next spring to “weed out” overgrown plants and trees; a new sign detailing the history of the buffer strip needs to be created and installed.
14. Otsego Lake Boat Inspection Stickers and Boater Safety Pamphlets – Debbie and Wayne will work on a system to attach a sticker on boats launched into the lake indicating that the boats have been inspected (and washed if necessary); Jim will work on a boater safety pamphlet to be given to boaters, motel guests, camp renters, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Tenure for Kiyoko – Kiyoko requested that OLA provide a letter of recommendation to SUNY/Oneonta to be included in her application for tenure; Mickie will write the letter and highlight Kiyoko’s contributions to OLA and the Otsego Lake community.
16. Date for Next Board Meeting – Set for Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 9:00 AM in meeting room of Village of Cooperstown Village Hall, 22 Main Street in Cooperstown. [Note: Later changed to January 28, 2017 at Tillapaugh Funeral Home]

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:12 PM and was followed by a wonderful dinner prepared by Mickie.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn
Secretary and Director at Large

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MMSP (via e-mails on 09/30/16) for OLA to provide pizza, wings, and soda for BFS Volunteer Dive Team during fall BuoyFest at a cost not to exceed \$125.00.