

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010 at 9:00 AM
COOPERSTOWN VILLAGE MEETING ROOM

Members in Attendance – Scottie Baker, Wayne Bunn, Suzanne Kingsley, Paul Lord, David Sanford, Martin Tillapaugh, Mickie Richtsmeier

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Treasurer's Report -Carrie reported via email that our balances in the primary account were \$9689.08 and the buffer strip account \$1568.76 (see treasurer's report for details)
2. Membership Report – David reported that we received two new memberships since he last reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys –Paul reported that Soil and Water had replaced the damaged buoys and is storing them. Paul said that he's planning to try putting a heavier chain on the buoy at Peg's Point and to observe its performance. Paul also plans on purchasing a new bolt cutter to cut the heavier chain. He also reported the possibility that the SUNY Oneonta maintenance department will support the compressor maintenance. Paul also informed the Board that he had talked with Brian Clancy who had told him that commercial divers were going to lay the chemical dispersal piping for the Village. Since this could be done for considerably less by the BFS divers, the Board questioned whether the contract could be changed. Martin will follow up on this.
4. Cooperstown Boat Inspections - no new developments
5. Stone Lined Ditches Scottie & David had no changes to report. It was mentioned that there was a new highway supervisor in Springfield.
6. Phosphorus Free Educational Program (Tom, Paul, & Mickie)-no new developments, but Wayne will highlight the program in the newsletter.
7. Merchandise –Scottie reported that we've had sales of shirts recently and that we will probably need to order caps and bags but not immediately.
8. Website -Burr via E-Mail reported that the website is up to date but that he would appreciate some help with the format. Mickie suggested that the BOCES visual arts students might be a resource. It was agreed that she would explore this possibility.
9. Law Enforcement Liaison –David will meet with law enforcement later in the Spring.
10. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee –Carl continues to email the minutes to the BOD.
11. Otsego 2000 Liaison (Scottie)- reported in #28
12. Otsego County Conservation Assoc. Liaison (Wayne) – no news

13. Otsego Land Trust Liaison –Wayne met with Peter Hujik last fall and will put a section in the newsletter to highlight the Land Trust’s work.
14. Lakefront Park Buffer Strip- Suzanne and Mickie met with four students from the Graduate Program who will work on signage for the Buffer Strip. Suzanne thought that this was a very positive meeting. She said that the students also would like to meet with Paul and Lynn Marsh at some point. They also had questioned whether the OLA website could be used to supplement signage with specific plant information. The students’ project would have to be completed by May. Suzanne also indicated that there are good contacts through the graduate program with fabricators, so that hopefully the signage could be installed in time for a dedication this summer. Mickie also reported that BOCES students will be applying for a stipend to help with the mulching again in June.
15. Public Landing Buffer Strip –Mickie reported that she had talked with Bill Elsey who had suggested that we attend a Springfield Town Board meeting to explore the possibility of a buffer strip at the Public Landing. The BOD recommended that Springfield residents, Suzanne and Mickie, do this. Points that were raised in our discussion were that Soil and Water supported the idea, and that this would be a cost effective, simple, and attractive solution. After discussion of funding, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that the Buffer Strip Fund is here fore to be used for any OLA sponsored buffer project around the lake.
16. Fenimore Art Museum Buffer Strip (Suzanne) – no news

OLD BUSINESS

17. OLA Winter Newsletter –Wayne has drafted the newsletter and will send it out to the BOD for review. This newsletter will go out via email, but the next one will go out with membership applications.
18. Lake Citizen Award – Despite Wayne’s best efforts, the Dive Team Photo & Newspaper Article were not published in either the *Freeman’s Journal* or *The Crier*. Wayne will include this information in the April newsletter.
19. Fund Raiser – Web Search Engines: GoodSearch.com & GoodShop.com –Wayne reminded us that OLA benefits when we use these sites.
20. NYS Adopt A Highway – Route 80 -Wayne is continuing to work on this.
21. OLA By Laws Update –Wayne reported that he had heard back from Burr, and that he will send out a copy for the BOD to review via email.
22. Gift for Springfield Community Center - June 2009 Meeting –Scottie showed the Board the beautiful framed poster for the Springfield Community Center. Micke and Suzy will present it at the Board Meeting they attend.
23. NYS Federation of Lake Associations – Annual Dues & Spring Meeting –Wayne informed us that the FOLA meeting will be Friday, April 30 through Sunday May 2 in Hamilton. He and Paul related how informative these meetings are. A motion was made, seconded and passed that OLA would pay the daily rate for any Board member to attend. A motion was also made, seconded, and passed to allot \$75 for the NYS Federation of Lake Associations dues.
24. Membership List for Spring 2010 Newsletter –Wayne, Mickie, and Suzy will get together to try to firm up the list.. The Board discussed how to get the word out.
25. OLA Logo- Suzy questioned where we were concerning this since we will have our logo on the signage for the Buffer Strip. The Board reviewed that the reason for a new logo was concern that

our current logo was expensive to reproduce on fabrics because of so many colors. Consensus was that the colorful logo would be very good on the signage, but that perhaps it could be modified to be more cost effective elsewhere. Mickie will take this to the visual arts department at BOCES.

NEW BUSINESS

26. Coalition on Natural Gas Drilling -Wayne had solicited opinions via email on the Board's view on how OLA should respond to a request to join the Coalition on Natural Gas Drilling. After an extensive discussion of this complicated subject, the Board decided to table the discussion and to put it on the agenda for our next meeting. We did agree to follow our educational mandate and to devote one of our summer meetings to exploring the issue. A motion was also made, seconded and passed that Given that the Board of the Otsego Lake Association is very concerned about preserving the pristine nature of Otsego Lake and its environmental quality, we are developing a policy to address the preservation of the lake. Paul and Martin will work on this starting with Paul's draft on water quality.
27. Otsego County Boat Patrol Funding Request -Martin & Wayne reported that Steve Fournier (county rep for Milford and Hartwick) has asked the lake associations to provide funding for boat patrols. The Board agreed that this was not something that we felt was appropriate for us to do but was rather a governmental responsibility.
28. OLA June or August Mtg. – “Summit” Meeting with Other Lake-Minded Organizations –Scottie reviewed the proposal from Otsego 2000's lake committee to co-sponsor a meeting about a common concern. We discussed the parameters of this and agreed that steep slope development would be an excellent topic and this format could be incorporated into our June meeting. Wayne and Scottie will get together to coordinate this.
29. “After The Storm” Video Program –Paul proposed the idea of keeping OLA visible during the winter months by showing this film done by the EPA about storm water run-off. We discussed recent successful similar ventures. Suzy will talk to Garrett Livermore about the feasibility of using NYSHA facilities.
30. Mud Plume Photography for 2010 –Paul questioned why we have had problems getting pilots to take photos. It was suggested that there may be a problem for private pilots to accept money. Wayne has a neighbor who flies and will talk to him about ideas for donations we could make, etc.
31. Boater Safety Course –Paul has heard that the sheriff 's deputy provides classes. Dave will check on this. If not we have identified an instructor. We will have to hire him no later than the April meeting if we are to use his services early in the summer. Scottie suggested that we could write a blurb in the newsletter when we have the information.

Dates for Upcoming Meeting and Events

- OLA Board of Directors: Sat., April 10, 2010 (before Earth Festival)
 - Earth Festival: Sat., April 10, 2010 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Milford Central School)
 - OLA Annual Meeting: Sat., June 19, 2010 at 8:30 AM (Location ??)
 - Otsego Lake Festival: Sat., July 10, 2010 (Cooperstown Lakefront Park)
 - OLA Informational Meeting: Sat., August 21, 2010 at 8:30 AM (Location ??)
32. Meeting was adjourned

