

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM
COOPERSTOWN ART
ASSOCIATION GALLERY

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Scottie Baker, Paul Lord, Tim Pokorny, Mickie Richtsmeier, Joseph Zarzynski, Wayne Bunn, Carl Good, and Emily Davison

OPENING OF MEETING: Acting President, Mickie Richtsmeier, called the meeting to order.

1. Treasurer's Report – Was reported that we have approximately \$17,000 in our treasury.
2. Membership Report – No report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

3. No Wake Zone Buoys/ BFS Dive Team – Paul reported that all the buoys have been pulled out except for two (Springfield and Lake Front), and that only two were damaged this year. Paul noted that the dive team could use some money for chaining. A motion was made, seconded, and universally passed that \$1,000 should be given to the dive team at the BFS. Paul also reported that many are ignoring the 5-mile and 3-mile point buoys, and the plan is to hand out “rules of the road” pamphlets by spring to each boat that goes on the lake. These pamphlets would include speed regulations; buoy regulations, and inspection regulations. It was agreed that these cards should be card sized, placed at all launch sites, and that we should approach OCCA to co-produce these cards. It was suggested to look at examples like Lake George Association's stickers they require on all boats.
4. Boat Inspections – Carl reported that it is getting more difficult to find lake stewards, due to lack of local housing. It was suggested that we should advertise for rooming in the paper, and put it in our newsletter.
5. Merchandise – Scottie reported that sales are doing well, and that a few new colours of shirts have been introduced.
6. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee – Carl reported that there has not been a meeting for 6 months for him to attend, and therefore, has no new information.
7. Buffer Strips – Mickie reported that Springfield buffer strip needs to be mulched again and that Lynn (coordinator) is active with the project. However, the signs for this buffer strip have not happened and are needed so that it can be taken seriously. They should be up by next spring. Mickie also reported that the Fenimore House is going to do a small native plant buffer strip project. It was suggested that a great PR campaign would be to give buffer strip plants to students. Also, that the next buffer strip could be planted at 3-mile point, but that maintenance is a problem.
8. Website – Tim has been making updates to our website. He has set up an email account newsletter@otsegolakeassociation.org to send "Our Glimmerglass" newsletter to members that provided an email addresses. He has added all 2013 members contact information to this email account. For all other emails and inquires a info@otsegolakeassociation.org account has been set up. Emily suggested, and volunteered

to create an Otsego Lake Association Facebook page.

9. Newsletter – Zarr suggested that we put out the newest newsletter before the holidays. He requested suggestions for number of pages, file size, etc.. Carl suggested that membership be listed in each newsletter. The board decided to put a trademark on “Our Glimmerglass”, and to ask Martin the logistics of that. Carl suggested that we put in an article on how we spend our funds. Scottie added that a section on the merchandise should also be included. For those members who do not have an email address, will get mailed copies of newsletters – Wayne volunteered to help Zarr stuff envelopes.
10. Mud Plume Photography (Paul) – no new developments
11. Coordination with OCCA (Wayne) and Otsego 2000 (Scottie) – Wayne reported that he will attend the annual dinner meeting at the Depot in Oneonta. The meeting is Monday, November 18, at 6:00 PM. Mickie reported that information on the Brookwood lunch is available on the website if anyone wanted to attend.
12. Photographs from the OLA – Otsego Land Trust “Water, Water, Everywhere” contest was a great success.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting: The board set a tentative date for Saturday, August 8th. Possible venues suggested were the Otsego Golf Club, The Glimmerglass Opera, or the Thayer Farm.
2. Presidential Vacancy and Officer Vacancies – There are vacancies still for Middlefield Director and Springfield director. Paul volunteered to email out a nomination for these vacancies. Emily Davidson accepted becoming a student director, and it was also mentioned that there is room for another student director as well. Previous vacancies in the presidential, vice presidential, and secretarial positions were filled by Mickie, Scottie, and Emily respectively.
3. DOT Correspondence - It was reported that the DOT welcomes input and we have given them specific input on plants, book titles, etc.. This letter will be posted in the “Our Glimmerglass” and on our website.
4. Boat Parade – Wayne reported that we are in need of some fun on the lake. The plans for this parade have been set into motion, and a committee has been determined. The aim for the parade is this summer. It will be OLA sponsored, and the theme is “We love our lake”. The date picked for the event is July 4th, rain or shine. It was discussed that there will be different categories, prizes, and all kinds of boats will be welcome at this event. Scottie also reported that the event could be sponsored by other organizations. Carl volunteered to check on village permits that would be needed. It was determined that Wayne would be the grand marshal for the parade. Patty volunteered to do press releases, and suggested that the event be announced in the newsletter. The committee will be meeting again in May, and will finalise details of the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Date for next meeting – It was determined that the next board of directors meeting will be February 8th, 2014, at 9:00AM.

The meeting was adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,
Emily Davidson