

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 Village Board room

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Scottie Baker, Wayne Bunn, Pati Grady, David Sandford, Paul Lord, Tim Pokorny, Mickie Richtsmeier, Mike Richtsmeier, Bob Sutherland, Kiyoko Yokota, and Joseph Zarzynski

Opening of meeting:

1. The President opened the meeting at 9:30 am.
2. The Board approved the BOD meeting minutes for February 8, 2014.
3. The Board discussed the future of the student representative seat in the BOD being vacated by the current student representative who is graduating and agreed to find a new student representative over the summer.
4. Treasurer's Report (David)
Starting balance: \$10,446.00
Buffer strip: \$3,954.84
Total: \$14,400.84
Additional recent expenditures:
NYSFOLA conference reimbursement (Lord and Pokorny): \$160
Copy shop: \$397.48
Grant for Laurens Central School: \$1,000
The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.
5. Membership Report (David)
One new membership application came in January/February 2014. The membership fee is applied for the new membership year.

Committee reports (CR), old business (OB) and new business (NB):

Meeting did not proceed by the categories; the minutes are composed chronologically.

1. Annual meeting (CR, Pati) – The current status of the meeting plan was discussed. The Annual Meeting will take place on August 9 (Sat), 2014 at Camp Minnetoska, including student presentations, slide show by the Cooperstown Graduate Program (SUCO – Cindy Falk and Will Walker), excerpts from the oral history project, a photographer for the PR purposes, exhibit/presentation by the Biological Field Station (SUCO – Paul and Zarr), silent auction and food (light breakfast). Need help with setup and publicity. Scottie will help with merchandise, Mike with the silent auction. Discussed booze cruise and special needs parking. Possible use of a golf cart to transport handicapped participants was mentioned; Paul agreed to arrange for a trailer. Tim will make signs plus coffee & donuts.
2. Save Our Otsego Lake (SOLO) (NB, Pati) – The idea to revive the SOLO bumper sticker, possibly as an oval all-weather sticker, for distribution to OLA members was discussed. Originally part of Otsego 2000; no known intellectual property issue, but Scottie agreed to double check with the Otsego 2000.
3. Boat parade (CR, Scottie) – Wayne agreed to serve as the grand marshal. Logistics of the parade was discussed: north (Bradley Goodyear Smith boathouse) and south (lakefront) starting points, rendezvous around the Three Mile Point, possibility of using the BFS barge for the committee. Lou Hager offered his fireworks. Boat/fireworks viewing areas on the shore and prizes were also discussed. The parade will take place rain or shine, and the theme is “We love our lake”.

4. No wake zone buoys and BFS dive team (CR, Paul) – in progress, complete by end of May 18. Lots of research diving needed during this summer. Help needed on May 18 – possible announcement on the web.
5. Boat inspection (CR, Boat inspection report from Carl Good email was read by Mickie) – 3 new boat launch stewards were hired for the summer, 5 am – 7:30 pm. Steward training to be offered; open to anyone interested. Challenges related to keeping boat stewards through the season were discussed. Motion made to offer \$300 bonus per steward at the end of the season for attending the full day BFS training AND achieving full attendance throughout the season, seconded and approved.
6. Merchandise (CR, Scottie) - \$300 was allocated for caps, but still have 1-2 dozens in stock. Blue T-shirts out in one size, possibility of phasing out the blue color. Motion was made to withdraw authorization to spend \$300 for caps and instead to authorize \$300 for merchandise and boat parade prizes; seconded and approved.
7. Buffer strips (CR, Mickie) – two issues at Lakefront Park and possible solutions were discussed: 1) the pipe coming from the artesian well had been clogged and replaced, but the new pipe is causing standing water by the band stand, the village is taking on the problem and consulting an engineering company, 2) complaints related to tall plants (arctic willow) blocking views, pruning workshop is being planned (Lynne), buffer strip signs are being re-made.
8. Website (CR, Tim) – updating as things come in.
9. Underwriting boat wash materials (CR, Tim) – a motion was made to fund \$160 total to provide “Solutions” products, Potassium Chloride most expensive item (which are less corrosive than salt solution), to wash off boats at four boat launching sites. Seconded and approved.
10. Newsletter (CR, Zarr) – version 3 of the spring 2014 issue draft was circulated. A request made to contributors to 1) not right-justify and 2) use indent to start a paragraph instead of skipping a line when they send materials to Zarr to facilitate editing. Mailing format, new USPS regulations and frequency and timing of mailing were discussed. Mickie agreed to further investigate mailing options, and Scottie will donate old envelopes if newsletters are going to be sent as a tri-fold in an envelope.
11. Coordination with Otsego 2000 (CR, Scottie) – coordination will be made with regards to the SOLO bumper sticker.
12. Earth Festival (OB, Mickie) – Thanks to volunteers who attended the OLA booth (Bob, Paul, Tim and Kiyoko). It was not a good venue for new memberships and merchandise sales this year. Absence of school children was noted due to school holiday. Discussed the possibility of inviting Darla to an OLA BOD meeting.
13. NYSFOLA (OB, Paul) – Paul encouraged members to attend the future NYSFOLA meetings to network with other lake associations. A motion was made to approve the \$75 medium association annual membership fee for NYSFOLA, which includes subscription to the Waterworks journal; seconded and approved.
14. Update on DEC regulations (OB, Paul) – legislation regarding transport of nonnative species and its legal interpretation was discussed, including the adoption issue at DEC-signed boat ramps.
15. “Rules of the Road” pamphlet (OB, Mickie) – Tim’s work is in progress, adoption of Lake George’s boating rule materials with their permission.
16. Laurens Central School Grant (OB, Paul) – a check has been sent for the grant, report on the remotely operated vehicle (ROV) project by students at the OLA annual meeting.
17. Stormwater drain labeling (NB, Paul) – discussed possibility of presentation

at the OLA annual meeting to start labeling in member properties and at schools. Paul and Mike agreed to explore possibilities regarding this project. Tim suggested Otsego Lake Watershed signs, similar to those seen on highways for other watersheds. Need municipal approvals for such signs, possibility of getting funding from Chesapeake programs.

18. Pool of Money workshop announcement (NB, Kiyoko) – hosted by Mohawk River Watershed on waterfront community redevelopment and funding.
19. Annual meeting plans (NB, Mickie) – The Board discussed officially adding the positions of Webmaster and Newsletter Editor to the Board of Directors. This would necessitate an amendment to the by-laws. We will introduce this amendment at the Annual Meeting and notify the membership of the proposed amendment by email at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The membership will also vote whether to elect the interim President to complete her term as well as vote for the regular election of Directors at the annual meeting.
20. Next BOD meeting will take place on September 13, 2014.
21. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes compiled by Kiyoko Yokota.