

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**Friday, May 15, 2015 at 4:00 PM**  
**BIOLOGICAL FIELD STATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President & Director/Otsego), Pati Grady (Director/Springfield), Mike Richtsmeier (Director/Middlefield), Wayne Bunn (Director at Large & Acting Secretary), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster); Paul Lord (Director/Otsego) arrived at 5:25 PM

**ABSENT:** David Sanford (Treasurer & Director/Middlefield), Carl Good (Director/Cooperstown), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown & Legal Advisor), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), Joe Zarzynski (Director at Large & Newsletter Editor), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor),

MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

**OPENING OF MEETING**

1. **Emily Davidson (Secretary & Director/Student):** Resigned due to graduation from SUNY Oneonta and new job at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs; Wayne Bunn will be acting secretary.
2. **Treasurer's Report (David):** Balance as of last Board meeting = \$8,627; Buffer Strip Account was merged into Operating Account in Fall of 2014.
3. **Membership Report (David):** Current membership number was not available.
4. **I-Talk by Corrina Parnapy of Fund for Lake George:** Presentation for May 15<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to Corrina leaving the Fund for Lake George and moving out of state.

**MEETING ITEMS**

5. **Newsletter (Board):** Spring 2015 newsletter with membership application was ready to be sent out via first class mail; Board members folded printed copies of newsletter and stuffed mailing envelopes; Joe Zarzynski resigned as newsletter editor due to time constraints with other obligations; new editor is needed.
6. **Boat Parade (Scottie):** Highly successful parade on July 4, 2014 - about 45 to 50 boats participated; plans are underway for the 2015 parade on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM – rain or shine; Scottie will schedule a Boat Parade Committee meeting in May to finalize the details.
7. **OLA Annual Meeting (Pati):** Highly successful meeting in 2014; meeting for 2015 will be on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Otsego Golf Club; BFS biologists will report on the state of the lake; main program will be “Shaping Otsego Lake: Roads, Docks, and Dams” by Dr. Cindy Falk and Dr. Will Walker of the Cooperstown Graduate Program of SUNY/Oneonta; Pati will schedule a planning meeting during the summer to finalize the details.
8. **NYS DOT/Route 80 Situation (Wayne):** NYS DOT has completed construction of a new concrete retaining wall (in lieu of heavy stone rip-rap as originally proposed) at a site about 0.25 miles north of

Five Mile Point; landscaping will be completed in June; lakeside property owners and general public seem to be pleased with the project; ownership of land between Route 80 and lake is still unresolved.

9. **Rules of the Road Brochure:** To be re-printed in 2016.
10. **Boat Washing Brochure:** Needs to be printed in 2015; Paul Lord will work on this.
11. **Lake N Pines Motel:** Owner has an application before the Town of Springfield Planning Board and Town Board for approval to convert an existing motel unit into a new on-site laundry facility to do motel laundry only; Mickie plans to attend Town Board meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Meeting with Cooperstown Graduate Program:** Students reviewed ways to update and enhance OLA record keeping and mission statement; students recommended cloud based computer software program; students would input data this summer at no cost to OLA; program is free for up to 50 members; full program is \$25 per month;
13. **Boat Inspection Steward Training:** New inspectors are being trained this year by Paul Lord's group.
14. **Springfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** OLA will not participate in the 2015 parade due to lack of participants.
15. **Boat Wash at Lakefront Park:** Long discussion about proposed boat wash facility at bottom of Fish Road; Board reviewed the engineering plans for the boat wash facility prepared by Engineer John McManus; Village Planning Board and Village Board of Trustees have approved the plans; McManus' preliminary opinion of construction cost (i.e. cost estimate) is \$21,340; OLA had originally thought the project would cost about \$8,500; additional funding is needed from other lake minded organizations;

MMSP to try this program.

MMSP to contact other organizations for funding: Otsego2000 (Scottie), Otsego County Conservation Association (Paul), Otsego Land Trust (Paul & Mickie), and Advocates for Springfield (Mickie); Clark Foundation to be contacted after above contacts have been made and level of funding support is known.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Next Board of Directors Meeting:** No date was set for the next Board meeting.
2. **Problems, Issues, Concerns, Suggestions, Etc.:** None.

Motion for Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Minutes Prepared By:

Wayne Bunn  
Acting Secretary

Minutes finalized on July 8, 2015  
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