

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – FINAL MINUTES

Village Board Meeting Room – Cooperstown

May 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President and Director/Otsego), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster).

Absent: Pati Grady (Treasurer and Director/Springfield), David Sanford (Director/Middlefield), Amanda May (Director/Middlefield), Carl Good (Director/Cooperstown), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Robert Sutherland (Director/Springfield) and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Guests: None

Note: MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

OPENING

1. A moment of silence in honor of long time OLA Director Carl Good was held. Carl passed away on March 14, 2016.
2. Mickie introduced new Director at Large Debbie Creedon and welcomed her to the Board.
3. Treasurer's Report (Pati) – Pati reported via e-mail there is \$18,010.27 in all accounts as of ____???__2016.
4. Membership Report (Pati) – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. No Wake Zone Buoys and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – OLA needs to send letter to State Senator Jim Seward regarding State Parks refusal to give up two parking spaces at State boat launch on Canadarago Lake for new boat washing station; buoyfest is planned for May 22nd; need Village money for pigging of water intake line; new compressor is ready for use; need four boat inspection attendants at Cooperstown launch site (\$15/hour); Springfield boat inspection attendants are all set.
6. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul, Mickie, Wayne) – Contractor Tom Swatling indicated he would complete the new boat washing station on lower Fish Road before Memorial Day weekend; OLA should request future funding (after DEC grant has been used up) from Otsego2000 in honor of Henry Cooper to support boat inspection attendants and boat washing station; Springfield boat washing will occur at local commercial car wash on Route 20 with hot water at 160 degrees F; MMSP for OLA to purchase pressure washer equipment for Cooperstown boat washing station (specific dollar amount to be determined later by Paul and approved via e-mail vote by Board).
7. Merchandise (Scottie) – OLA fleece vests are very popular; need shirts, hats, and bags; MMSP for \$1,000 for new merchandise (Scottie to determine specific items needed).
8. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Mickie) – Mickie and Amanda will try to attend future meetings; main thrust right now is Otsego Lakes Festival.

9. Newsletter – Should be published in early June; Mickie, Paul, Scottie, and Wayne will submit articles or items of interest.
10. Website (Tim) – Everything is up to date and OK.
11. Coordination with Other Organizations (Board) – OCCA (DEC grant successful for boat washing stations); Otsego2000 (Scottie will attend next Board meeting); OLT (new executive director); OCCA (Darla Youngs resigning as Executive Director on May 13th); Mickie thanked all OLA Board members who helped or worked at the Earth Day Festival in April.
12. Boat Parade (Scottie) – To be held on Sunday, July 3rd at 4:00 PM (Note: later changed to 3:00 PM); committee will meet in June to finalize details.
13. Annual Meeting (Bob) – To be held on Saturday, August 13th at Mohican Farm; Cindy and Will from Cooperstown Graduate Program will present “Subsistence, Commercial, and Estate Farming on the West Shore”; Paul, Kiyoko, and Tim will present updates on environmental issues; Bob will conduct tours of Mohican Farm; and silent auction.

OLD BUSINESS

14. NYSFOLA Annual Conference (Wayne & Debbie) – Attended by Paul, Tim, Debbie, and Wayne; good conference overall; Debbie and Wayne to work on “Does and Don’ts” List (as seen at conference) for lake residents and visitors; OLA to investigate cost to produce OLA Member Sign (as seen at conference) to place on member’s camp or house, Wayne to contact sign shop in Burnt Hills which has made OLA signs and decals in the past.
15. Buzzie at Cooperstown DPW (Mickie and Paul) – OLA will give Buzzie an OLA hat and tee shirt for his work on the Lakefront Park buffer strip.
16. New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (Tim) – OLA received a thank you note for our donation to their recent conference held in Cooperstown.

NEW BUSINESS

17. Rotary Spring Fling – Planned for May 21st on Railroad Avenue; Rotary requested OLA sponsorship and display; Board decided perhaps in 2017; MMSP to donate OLA merchandise for silent auction (Scottie to determine merchandise).
18. Springfield 4th of July Parade – Debbie would like to have OLA march this year; will ask for volunteers in upcoming OLA newsletter.
19. Facebook Update – Debbie would like to update OLA Facebook account; will ask for volunteer in upcoming OLA newsletter.
20. New Director/Cooperstown – Mickie will ask Jim Horwarth if he is interested in serving on OLA Board.
21. Annual Election for Board of Directors and President – Current Directors up for re-election include David Sanford (Middlefield), Paul Lord (Otsego), and Bob Sutherland (Springfield); Jim Horwarth, if interested, will be nominated for Director/Cooperstown to replace Carl Good; Mickie Richtsmeier is up for re-election as President; Student Director position, appointed by the President, is currently open.

22. Upcoming Events – Lakefront Park Buffer Strip work day on June 2nd; Otsego Lakes Festival on June 11th (12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM), volunteers needed to work at the OLA display; [MMSP](#) for \$250 as sponsor of Otsego Lakes Festival.
23. Current and Proposed Projects Around Otsego Lake – General discussion about what position, if any, that OLA should take regarding proposed projects around the lake; OLA lost about half of its membership when OLA decided to oppose and take legal action against William Miller’s Arrowhead Pointe Condominiums (Town of Springfield) a few years ago; consensus of Board was that OLA’s focus should be environmental impacts of proposed projects on the lake; OLA will give time to members at annual meeting to discuss proposed projects (i.e. NYSDOT takeover of camps on Route 80); Farm Credit East is proposing an office building on the former site of the Episcopal Church’s Beaver Cross summer camp for kids (Town of Springfield - opposite Otsego Golf Course), project is currently before the Town of Springfield Planning Board; OLA needs to send a letter to the four municipals surrounding the lake requesting that OLA be notified of any proposed projects on or near the lake; Joe Galati’s proposed Hickory Grove Inn project (Town of Otsego - hotel and restaurant) was discussed [Note: Town of Otsego Planning Board member Scottie Baker had left the meeting before this discussion and Town of Otsego Planning Board Engineer Wayne Bunn recused himself from this discussion and left the room.].
24. Date for Next Board Meeting – Set for **Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM** in Village Board meeting room of Village of Cooperstown Village Hall, 22 Main Street in Cooperstown.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn
Secretary and Director at Large

Following actions were done via e-mail after the May 7th Board Meeting:

[MMSP](#) for \$3,000 for sump pit and drain line control valve at new boat washing station.

[MMSP](#) for \$500 - \$700 for pressure washer equipment at new boat washing station (see Item 6 above).

[MMSP](#) for \$1,000 for OLA merchandise to replenish stock, boat parade prizes, and other events (see Item 7 above).

[MMSP](#) for \$250 for sponsorship of 2016 Otsego Lakes Festival (duplicate of Item 22 above?).

[MMSP](#) to send a letter to Towns of Springfield, Middlefield, and Otsego Planning Boards requesting notification of any proposed projects within 300 feet of Otsego Lake or its primary tributaries.

[MMSP](#) for \$100 for 10 posters prepared by OCWQCC for 2016 Otsego Lakes Festival for boat parade prizes and other events.

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