

# OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## FINAL MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BFS Thayer Boathouse – Otsego Lake  
Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Present: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Pati Grady (Treasurer and Director/Springfield), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), David Sanford (Director/Middlefield), John May (Director/Middlefield), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Tim Pokorny (Webmaster), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Absent: Scottie Baker (Vice President and Director/Otsego), Jim Howarth (Director/Cooperstown), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), and Amanda May (Consultant).

Guests: None

**Note:** MMSP = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

### OPENING

1. Treasurer's Report (Pati) – Pati reported there is \$11,561.67 in the checking account as of August 2, 2017 (see attached report). MMSP to accept Treasurer's report.
2. Membership Report (Pati) – Membership Committee (Pati, Mickie, Scottie, & Wayne) has reviewed and updated the membership list. See Pati's e-mailed dated August 2, 2017 for updated list.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Paul reported that the special buoy next to the research buoy at Five Mile Point has apparently been stolen. The Clark patrol boat also reported that the NWZ buoy at Four Mile Point East is missing and presumed stolen. MMSP for a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the missing buoys. Mickie will send a letter to The Freeman's Journal describing the situation.
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – Mickie will send a letter to private launch sites (i.e. Aalsmeer Motel, Bayside Motel, Lake 'N Pines, etc.) requesting that they send all boats to Cooperstown to be inspected (and washed if necessary).
5. Merchandise (Scottie) – No updates.
6. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Mickie) – Mickie, Jim, or Kiyoko will try to attend future meetings (scheduled for last Wednesday of the month); Mickie has been attending this summer.
7. Newsletter – Susan O'Handley will again coordinate the fall newsletter; planning will be discussed at the fall BOD meeting.
8. Website (Tim) – Everything is up to date and OK.

9. Coordination with Other Organizations: OCCA, Otsego 2000, and OLT (Board) – Mickie will continue to work with these organizations; need to mention Otsego 2000 in OLA fall newsletter regarding their future funding for the boat washing station.
10. Boat Parade (Wayne) – Fourth Annual “We Love Our Lake” Boat Parade was held on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM starting at Three Mile Point; it was another great event with good weather; approximately 25 boats participated; the five winners (no specific categories) with photos are noted on the OLA website; Wayne thanked the BFS via e-mail for our use of their barge as the lead boat and judging stand; some new people have volunteered to serve on the boat parade committee next year.
11. Annual Meeting (Bob) – Scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at Glimmerglass (Opera) Festival pavilion; main topics will be the history of theater productions in the Springfield area including Kingsley’s house (Swanswick) and Duke’s Oak summer theater plus the history of the Goodyear Swamp (with a video prepared by the Lake and Valley Garden Club) and the boardwalk restoration project; BFS will set up various displays to educate members about their programs and boat washing equipment; Tim will arrange for refreshments; Pati will submit a press release to various media outlets; Debbie will arrange for items for the silent auction; opera personnel will set up the tables, chairs, screen, and microphone on Friday evening; Lake Citizen Award will be presented to Dr. Bill Harman for his 50 years of research on Otsego Lake; Wayne will prepare and present the award; [MMSP](#) for a \$1,000 pledge for the Goodyear Swamp boardwalk restoration project to be paid during construction and noted as a line item in the budget until that time; Mickie will announce the pledge during the annual meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

12. OLA Thank You Notes (Mickie) – Mickie, Pati, Scottie, and Wayne developed a Thank You note to be given to anyone who joins, renews, or contributes to OLA; notes have been printed and will be given out at the annual meeting.
13. Water Quality Monitoring Buoy at Five Mile Point (Kiyoko) – Kiyoko and Paul, with the assistance of Sarah at the BFS, worked hard over the past couple of weeks to set up and install the new buoy in the lake; it is now working and transmitting data as designed; the BOD boarded the BFS barge during the meeting and went out to inspect the new buoy; all were impressed.
14. Update on Hickory Grove Project (Mickie) – A law suit filed by area residents against the Town of Otsego Town Board and the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer regarding approval of this project has been dismissed by the Supreme Court in Cooperstown.
15. Update on Sediment Run-Off at Bissell Property (Scottie) – Sediment continues to run off into the lake from the Bissell property; NYSDEC does not seem to have any interest in the situation although Paul has mentioned to them about the impact to the fish and the spawning area; John will address the situation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

16. Slate of Officers for Annual Meeting – The following Officers are up for election in 2017: President (Mickie), Director/Otsego (Scottie), Director/Middlefield (John), Director/Springfield (Pati), and Director/Cooperstown (Martin); all current Officers up for election have agreed to serve again and will be placed in nomination at the annual meeting; prior to the BOD meeting, Scottie sent an e-mail to the Board members in which she explained how she and Mickie had worked out an arrangement whereby each would become Co-President and that they would share the job responsibilities for at least one year; an amendment to the By-Laws for this change will be

required at the annual meeting. Mickie would like the BOD to think about a new President for next year and e-mail her with your thoughts.

17. New Rain Garden at Cornell Cooperative Extension – Pati presented a conceptual plan of the proposed rain garden and parking lot improvements project (\$220,000 to \$250,000 total project cost) at 123 Lake Street; a committee is working on applying for funding and would like OLA to support the project since it would help improve the quality of runoff into Otsego Lake; after some discussion, the Board agreed to table the request until the fall BOD meeting.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

18. Date for Next Board Meeting – Mickie will propose a couple of dates and poll the Board via e-mail to see which date works best for everyone.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

19. MMSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn  
Secretary and Director at Large