

# OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## FINAL MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

James Howarth's Home - Cooperstown

Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM

#### ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), David Sanford (Co-President), Scottie Baker (Vice-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), William Murdock (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Sarah Coney (Student Director), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor). A special "Thanks" to Jim and Cathy for hosting the meeting at their house – greatly appreciated!

Absent: Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), John May (Director/Middlefield), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster),

Guests: Joan Bunn

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

#### OPENING (Started at 3:10 PM)

##### 1. Treasurer's Report (Betty)

Bank Balance 01/01/2018 = \$14,211.39

Bank Balance 06/30/2018 = \$13,908.63

Bank Balance 01/01/2019 = \$15,549.52

Current Bank Balance = \$12,662.70

Tax information for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 delivered to Martin Tillapaugh for filing thanks to assistance from Pati Grady and Mickie Richtsmeier. OLA's status as a 501 C 3 corporation is currently not valid because the IRS Form 990s have not been submitted for the past 4 years. Martin will prepare the paperwork to reinstate OLA – hopefully approved by IRS before the annual meeting in August. A reminder of filing the Form 990 should be added to the winter meeting agenda. The form is due by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### 2. Membership Report (Betty)

June 19, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018 = 48 renewals and 10 new

Jan. 1, 2019 – June 20, 2019 = 16 renewals and 7 new

June 19, 2018 – June 20, 2019 = 81 "current" members

\$120 increased print and mail cost in Spring 2019 (\$1085 vs \$965 in Fall 2018) due to expanded mailing list.

July 2018 print and mail cost = \$660.

Long discussion on what the "membership year" should be (i.e. calendar year, annual meeting to annual meeting, etc.). MMSP to keep membership year as is (i.e. annual meeting to annual meeting).

## NORMAL ITEMS

3. Website (Tim) – No report.
4. Newsletter – Susan O’Handley will again coordinate, print, and mail the Fall newsletter (date to be determined). Theme of newsletter will be “Messages In Water” and all articles and photos should be submitted to Scottie and Susan (date to be determined). Potential articles include Co-Presidents message, application for membership, merchandise for sale (Scottie), photographs, annual meeting (Mickie), suggestion to recycle newsletter, boat parade (Wayne), water safety, and Otsego Lake Association in Michigan (Wayne). Goal is to expand the mailing list to include other groups. A draft copy of the newsletter will be sent to all BOD members for review and comments.
5. Merchandise (Scottie) – Scottie has ordered new OLA embroidered logo golf towels to be sold for \$18 each. All other items are currently all set. Mickie is coordinating a display table for non-profit organizations at the OLT Farmers’ Market on a Saturday. OLA can display information and pass out membership applications but cannot sell merchandise.
6. No Wake Zone Buoys, Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – All NWZ buoys have been deployed for 2019. Lakefront and Five Mile Point spar buoys were lost but recovered by experienced divers. One spar buoy was sliced by ice. Dive team is largely college students from Paul’s classes. Experienced divers are “aging out”. New NWZ signs are needed (20), total cost is \$350 of which OCCA has contributed \$200, MMSP for \$150 for new NWZ signs. Letter of thanks to OCCA is needed.
7. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – No longer any grants to pay for inspectors – Village problem. Clean, Drain, and Treat paddler signs are needed. “It’s the Law” signs needed only if Governor signs extension to over-the-road law. Hybrid pondweed is spreading in Otsego Lake. Cooperstown: no boat attendants were hired (no one applied), no Village employees were trained in 2019, 2 CRISP AIS “blue vest” stewards are covering Lakefront, boat washing occurring regularly. Springfield: Town Supervisor Freeland is unhappy with NYS Department of Health because DOH is requiring water treatment at Springfield Landing and the Community Center costing the Town tens of thousands of dollars, current plan is to hire Bob Craft and cross train all life guards, keep Bob and one existing CRISP AIS steward on site - each working 20 hours at Springfield. Canadarago Lake: NYS Parks and DEC are talking, one full time and one part time plus some volunteer hours for boat inspections. Boat wash tags are \$0.35 each if purchased in quantity of 500+ (\$175+), purchased by Paul Smith’s College in 2016 (American Casting & Mfg. Corp., 51 Commercial St., Plainview NY 11803). MMSP for \$200 for boat wash tags. Otsego Land Trust is organizing a free boat washing demonstration at Brookwood Point for non-powered boats – OLA to be a partner.
8. Annual Meeting (Bob) – Scheduled for August 10, 2019 at Fairy Spring Park. A work detail is scheduled for Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM to set up tables, chairs, etc. Some construction equipment and materials from the Pioneer Street project may need to be removed from the upper parking lot. Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh of Cooperstown will present “Otsego Lake Parks: History and Amusing Anecdotes”. Other items will include Lake Citizen Award, scientific updates, proposed by-law change, silent auction, OLA merchandise, and election of officers. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM with meeting from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Jim and David will meet with Jim Kevlin, Editor of The Freeman’s Journal, one week before the annual meeting – Kevlin will publish an article about OLA in the August 7<sup>th</sup> edition.
9. Boat Parade (Wayne) – OLA’s Annual “We Love Our Lake” Boat Parade will be held on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM with the theme of “Red, White, and Blue – It’s the 4<sup>th</sup> of July”. The parade will start at the lakefront in Cooperstown, travel along the westerly shore of the lake, and end at Three Mile Point where the winners will be

announced and prizes given out. Scottie has purchased the prizes (OLA embroidered logo golf towels) which will be awarded to 5 general winners and 1 grand prize winner. The local clergy will do a “blessing of the boats” just before the parade starts. The Otsego County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol has been invited to participate in the parade or just observe for safety violations. [MMSP](#) for \$90.25 for printing of 50 colored flyers at The Copy Shop.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

10. Lake and Valley Garden Club – A public program on “Great Healthy Yards” will be presented at Templeton Hall on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
11. E-Mail Motions by OLA Board – A long discussion about passing motions via e-mail resulted in a need for a change to the OLA by-laws. Paul and Wayne will coordinate the change to be presented at the annual meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

12. Letter to New Lakeside Home Owners (Paul and Debbie) – Paul and Debbie have completed a letter from OLA to be given or sent to all new lakeside home owners on Otsego Lake in the Town of Otsego advising them to be aware of, and then follow, local Town and Village regulations before they undertake any project. The letter has been distributed to the local real estate firms to be given out upon the closing of the property. Otsego County can also generate a list of properties that have just sold. A similar letter is now needed for the Town of Middlefield and the Town of Springfield.
13. Letter to Renters, Motel/B&B Guests, and Seasonal Residents (Wayne and Debbie) – Wayne and Debbie have completed a letter from OLA to be given to renters, motel/B&B guests, and seasonal residents on the lake advising them about boater safety and regulations, no wake zones, invasive species, etc. Debbie will coordinate distribution of this letter in the summer of 2019.
14. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Mickie) – Mickie, Jim, or Kiyoko will try to attend future meetings (scheduled for last Wednesday of the month). None have been held lately.
15. Coordination with Other Organizations: OCCA, Otsego 2000, and OLT (Board) – Mickie and Scottie will continue to work with these organizations; need to mention Otsego 2000 in OLA fall 2019 newsletter (if not mentioned in the spring 2019 newsletter) regarding their future funding for the boat washing station once the grant funding runs out.
16. Rain Garden at Cooperative Extension Office on Lake Street (Bob) – Bob reported that the group planning this rain garden is still applying for funding for the approximately \$200,000 project. Further action by OLA is still tabled.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

17. Date for Next Board Meeting – The next OLA Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM after the annual meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

18. [MMSP](#) to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn

Secretary and Director at Large

(Continued for Motions Passed via e-Mails)

**MOTIONS PASSED VIA E-MAILS BEFORE JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> BOD MEETING:**

**MMSP** (Feb.) for \$50 to support Earth Day at Grass Roots level.

**MMSP** (Mar.) for \$100 for annual membership in NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA).

**MMSP** (Apr.) for \$300 for rip-rap at Lakefront Park buffer strip.

**MMSP** (Apr.) for \$150 for refreshments at CRISP training conducted by Paul Lord.

**MMSP** (May) for \$285 for OLA embroidered logo golf towels for boat parade (prizes) and annual meeting (sale).

**MMSP** (May) for \$250 for additional OLA caps and denims for sale at various events.

**MMSP** (May) for \$99.18 for reimbursement to Sarah Coney for lunches at CRISP WSP training at BFS boathouse.

**APPOINTMENT**

Co-Presidents Jim Howarth and David Sanford appointed Sarah Coney as Student Director on June 10, 2019 in accordance with the OLA By-Laws which allows the Co-Presidents to appoint Student Directors without approval by the Board of Directors.

**OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SUMMER 2019**

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Directors at Large: Wayne Bunn and Debbie Creedon

Student Director: Sarah Coney

Webmaster: Tim Pokorny

Technical Advisor: Kiyoko Yokota

Legal Advisor: Martin Tillapaugh

**ATTACHMENTS** : None

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