

OSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD  
MEETING  
March 4, 2006

Members Present: David Sanford, Scottie Baker, Wayne Bunn, Paul Lord, Carl Good, and Mickie Richtsmeier

Minutes from the last board meeting were read by Scottie Baker and accepted by the board.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Carl in Mary Clarke's absence. Our balance as of 12/31/05 was \$7305.18. Our balance on hand as of 2/28/06 is \$7,631.77. Receipts of \$564 included money from donations, membership, and sale of caps. Disbursements of \$237.41 included newsletter expenses and a debit to EMS technologies for \$81.56. It was noted that money has not yet been spent for the sediment traps.

Scottie reported that she has a new funding idea. She has agreed to be on the Board of Otsego 2000 with the understanding that she would like to be a liaison between Otsego 2000 and OLA. Scottie stressed that her main focus would be on the lake, and that she has suggested that Otsego 2000 should consider working with OLA on the sediment loading project. While this is still in discussion, it was decided that Scottie would set up a meeting where David, Paul, and she could meet with Martha Frye to further delineate needs and priorities and to discuss possibilities of a combined project.

Otsego Lake Festival – David reported that Jeff Katz, director of parks, had informed him that a permit had not been applied for as yet. Scottie said that the Lake Festival Committee was trying to keep the same date each year (the Saturday after July 4) and that a tentative date had been set for July 8 this year. The committee is waiting to hear back from different event planners to firm up the date. It was suggested that it

would be a good idea to proceed with the permit as soon as possible.

OLA in Parades – Wayne reported that he has talked with John Miller to reserve a spot for OLA in the Fourth of July parade in Springfield. He has also spoken with Polly Renkens who has tentatively put us down for the Baseball parade on May 15. Wayne showed the board a mock up of a banner for the car/float. This could have multiple future uses. It was moved and accepted that we go forward with this project. Several board members had ideas of members who might be asked to help out with autos. Mickie and David will get back to Wayne.

Earth Festival 2006 will be held at Milford Central School on Saturday, May 6 from 11-4. Scottie reports that Susan O'Hanley has done a great deal of organizational work and that many local organizations (including Otsego County Conservation Association, Otsego 2000, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Glimmerglass Creative Learning Center,) will participate. The board agreed that OLA should participate as well. There is a conflict with the NY State Federation of Lake Associations that day, but one or two board members who will not be attending could man an OLA table.

Lake Federation Meeting and Membership - At this point, Paul and David plan to attend the Lake Federations meeting on the weekend of May 6. The agenda was circulated, and it was moved and accepted that we allocate \$150 to renew OLA's membership.

Display Board -We discussed creating a display board promoting OLA which we could keep current and use for public presentations at such events as the Lake Festival and the Earth Festival. Mickie will work on this project. The board allocated up to \$400 for a display board.

Art Show with Lake Theme David suggested that OLA approach the Art Associa-

tion about co-sponsoring a show of lakescapes. The board supported this idea. David will talk with Cheryl Wright to see about possibilities, perhaps in the '07 season.

Newsletter – The board commended Paul on his excellent job on the newsletter. There were some difficult subjects, and the consensus was that Paul had handled them very well. The next newsletter will focus on Biological Field Station research.

Buffer Zone /Sewer Project - Carl, Paul, and hopefully Ky will try to get together with Brian Clancy and Carter Colman regarding the buffer zone, in particular rip-rap.

OLA has submitted paperwork to adopt the East Lake Road in the Adopt a Highway Program.

Candidate for President - David is stepping down as president, but will remain on the board as a representative from the town of Middlefield. Paul generously agreed that he would serve as president.

David reported that our 990 form was filed. At the end of 2006, we will be able to apply for permanent tax exempt status.

Paul reported that he received an email from Win McIntyre saying that he can no longer be our representative on the Water Quality Coordination Committee. This committee meets the last Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Carl agreed to be our representative in the future.

Buffer Strips - Paul will talk with Springfield and explore possibility of Eagle Scouts doing a buffer strip at the Springfield Public Landing. OLA could provide expertise, donate the landscaping book, and provide consultations on the project. Paul will also speak at a meeting of the Lake and Valley Garden Club this spring. Hopefully, that group may also be interested in supporting the project at Lakefront Park or Springfield.

Membership – Carl will go to County Planning and get a list of landholders within a quarter mile of the lake. Paul proposed that we send out three separate categories of mailings this spring: 1. renewing members, 2. lapsed members and 3. people who have never joined. We will work on this mailing at our next board meeting.

Annual Meeting is historically held the third Saturday in June and August. This year these dates would fall on June 17 and August 19. Wayne suggested "what you can and cannot do regarding building on the lake" as a topic for our June 17 meeting. The board supported this suggestion, and Wayne volunteered to organize the session. He will invite the code officers from the three towns who will be asked to delineate the building permit process, etc. Wayne also suggested that we include an update on the septic system progress. Annual elections will be held at this meeting as well. Paul offered to see if we could use Thayer Farm as a location for the meeting.

David suggested that a topic for a future meeting could be: "perceived and real impact of reevaluations of lake front property."

Our next board meeting will be announced via email pending membership mailing materials availability.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickie Richtsmeier