

Otsego Lake Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 21, 2007

Members in Attendance: Scottie Baker, Wayne Bunn, Carl Good, Kai Mebust, Paul Lord, Mickie Richtsmeier, David Sanford, and Burr Southworth

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Lord.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Burr for Mary Clarke. Our balance on hand as of 4/20 was \$8048.48. (\$2000 remains not yet spent of the \$3000 allocated for Smart Steps, \$835 of the \$1000 for aerial photography, and \$67 of the \$487 designated for the buffer strip.) The report was accepted.

Membership - David reported that we currently have 90 members. Some of the mailings were returned in poor condition. We will seal the flyers in the future to minimize the damage.

UPDATES:

No Wake Zone Buoys- Paul reported that the divers hope to get in the water tomorrow to install the Springfield and LakeFront buoys.

Cooperstown Boat Inspections/Wash- Carl reported that the first operational meeting will be on Tuesday, and a new inspector will have to be hired because a veteran inspector is out due to surgery. Carl also informed us that the DEC has a new brochure printed for fishermen. It is no longer legal to transport live bait without a certificate. Inspections will probably start on May 19.

Merchandise- Scottie reports that we have 10 caps at the Stagecoach and that there are 12 left. She asked if the BOD wanted to order more. After a telephone consult with Mary, a motion was made to authorize Mary to order 25 caps @ up to \$15 each. Scottie and Mickie will represent OLA at the Earth Day Festival on May 5 at the Milford School.

Springfield Launch - Mary reported over the phone that there was no news.

Law Enforcement - Dave reported that he and John will meet with Rich Devlin.

Watershed Supervisory Committee Update - Carl had no news.

Otsego 2000 - Scottie reported that they are now embroiled in the wind power controversy and that there has been no movement on sediment/ditching.

Lake Front Park Buffer Strip- Carl reported that BOCES Building Trades completed 7 5x8 sections and 4 angle sections with the materials we had provided. Carl, Paul, and Suzy Kingsley met with Brian Clancy, Supt. of Public Works, and will meet with him again on Monday. The Village is geared up to begin excavating, cutting the path, and spreading the gravel in preparation for the laying of the boardwalk. OLA must provide the #2 stone as well as other materials for the installation. A motion was made and unanimously passed that a maximum of \$2000 be allocated from the general fund to buy gravel, fabric membrane, hardware attachments, sackcrete and 4x4 posts. Carl also indicated that June 2 has been designated (rain date, June 3) to plant with the Lake and

Valley Garden Club. Prior to that, the BOCES students will have transplanted the willow waddle, which they are rooting in the greenhouse.

Mud Plume Photography- Paul reports this probably will not happen until June.

Website: Burr reminded us that it can be accessed at OLAwebsite.org or otsegolakeassociation.org

BUSINESS:

Otsego Lake Art Show - Friday, May 11 is the opening at the Cooperstown Art Association. David has been our liaison, and he and Katie will provide refreshments. Mickie will bring the OLA display board, and Paul will email our members.

Newsletter Editor- Paul has made no progress finding anyone to take this on.

Municipality Coordination regarding ditching and salting - David will contact the Highway and Town Supervisor in Middlefield, and Scottie will do the same for Otsego so that Paul can get together with them to talk about rock deliveries, hydro-seeding, salting, and rip rap.

Thank you notes - Paul is working on these.

Fundraising - Cooperstown Garden Club gave a donation of \$82 after Paul's presentation on the Buffer Strip. Ideas were discussed about other fundraiser social events. Suzy Kingsley and Mickie will explore this further.

Lake Shore Booklet - Paul described how this project has been a lot more work than anticipated. There have been unforeseen problems with the format of the pictures. Paul will send everyone a PDF file that he'd like us to proof read and turn around in 5 days. He also reported that OCCA is trying to come up with \$1500 toward this project.

Nonprofit Status - We recently received a letter from the IRS saying that we're okay with the nonprofit status. Paul will send the letter on to John to confirm.

Lake Management Plan- Carl reports that Matt Albright will be ready with the update soon. OCCA is looking for help with publishing the update. Unfortunately OLA is unable to help financially this year, but if it could wait until next year, we would be in a better position to help,

Pancake Breakfast will not be held on April 22. There was an oversight, so we have reserved Sunday, May 27, which is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. We'll defer the final decision until we see who will be in town to help.

Fourth of July Springfield Parade is a "go" according to Wayne. The BOD agreed that all our membership should be invited to participate and that we should bring more candy! A motion was made and passed to allocate \$30 for candy. Scottie will also let us pull her antique canoe.

Fun Membership Activities - Wayne has contacted Jerry Selan of the Cooperstown Sportsmen's Association to see if that group would want to be involved in a Fishing Competition. Paul thought that he might be able to get the BFS barge as well. We decided that this should be a "kid-oriented" activity. Wayne will also email OLA

members, Bob and Sue Silvernail, to solicit thoughts on a boat parade. Scottie suggested that OLA sponsor such a parade at the Lake Festival on July 14. Wayne is also thinking about a Family Picnic and other activities to get people together for a fun event.

Participation in the Hall of Fame Parade was considered, and the board decided that we would not participate since it was less focused at residents than tourists.

Annual Meeting will be held on June 14 at the Thayer Farm Upland Interpretive Center. Wayne is organizing the program focusing on "what you can do along the Route 80 Right of Way". He is inviting a representative from the DOT , and has contacted Cabin Life for door prizes. Paul will work on signage, Mickie will contact newspapers and do flyers, David and Burr will provide coffee makers, and Scottie will provide new Lake Festival signed and numbered posters as door prizes or raffle items. Scottie moved, and it was passed unanimously that we also donate 2 shirts, a cap, and a book for the raffle.

Otsego Lake Festival - will be held from 12 to 5 on Saturday, July 14. A motion was made and passed that OLA donate \$300 to sponsor the Lake Festival.

Watershed Sediments Survey Intern- Paul reported that Karan Mummigatti, citizen of India, and SUNY Oneonta undergraduate, will be the BFS intern for 2007. A motion was made and passed that \$200 be allocated to fund this internship.

Additional motions were passed that: landscape booklets be donated to organizations when they are given buffer strip presentations, and OLA will donate 2 landscape books at the Earth Festival.

The meeting was adjourned.