

**OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 7, 2009**

Board Members in Attendance: Scottie Baker, Wayne Bunn, Carl Good, Tom Horvath, Paul Lord, David Sanford, Mickie Richtsmeier

The meeting was called to order by OLA President, Wayne Bunn.

Treasurer's Report- Wayne presented the report that had been emailed by Carrie Southworth. The balance on hand in the primary account as of 11/17 was \$9689.08. (There had been deposits totaling \$ 496 and disbursements totaling \$600 since 8/15.) The balance in the Buffer Strip Account was \$1568.76 reflecting a deposit of \$42.75 from miscellaneous donations. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Treasurer's report. It was noted that a \$100 donation from the Hyde Bay Association and \$33 in merchandise sales had recently come in and would be included in our next report.

Membership Report -David reported that our membership was up by 5 members. We discussed ideas for increasing this number including personal notes on membership letters and getting out our newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Wake Zone Buoys- Paul reported that two buoys had been destroyed. One of these was at Point Judith which appeared to be "honest damage" but was not reparable. The other was from the Glimmerglass State Park beach area. This appeared to have been deliberately damaged. Paul also reported that the Five Mile Point spar buoy had failed and would need to be replaced. He said that a cylinder in the divers' air compressor needed to be replaced, but that the Village would be funding this. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed authorizing \$600 to replace the buoys.

Cooperstown Boat Inspections- Carl reported that the inspections were closed as of two weeks ago. This was a week earlier than planned because of lack of funds. Carl indicated that there needed to be more instruction of the college student inspectors next year and that he expected the funding to be roughly the same as it had been this year.

Stone Lined Ditches- no news to report

Phosphorus Free Educational Program- Wayne will include this in our newsletter. We discussed Indiana's passing a law and other county initiatives to address this problem.

Merchandise- Scottie reported that there continued to be sales and that we'll need to reorder caps. She indicated that we could wait until our winter meeting to act on this.

Website- no new report

Law Enforcement- David reported that Otsego County has eliminated the sheriff's lake budget. Scottie also shared that she had received an email asking for support to reinstate the funding. The Board discussed this situation at length and the importance of this service to the lake. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed for OLA to address the problem of non-funding the sheriff's patrol by writing letters to the Editor and the County Board as well as emailing our membership asking them to participate. Wayne will also contact the Goodyear Lake and Canadarago Lake Associations. The Board discussed additional actions such as a large mailing and decided that this could be addressed if initial efforts failed. Since this is our year for a large membership mailing, Wayne will begin exploring creating a greater mailing list.

Otsego Water Quality Coordinating Committee- Carl informed us that Win McIntyre and Scott Fickbaum are writing to the DEC in response to the Marcellus Shale Drilling. Carl will forward copies of the letter. Paul suggested that we could also make an impact by writing ourselves.

Otsego 2000- Scottie said that the idea of getting all four municipalities and all organizations interested in the lake together for a panel discussion had been proposed. We discussed whether OLA could sponsor this. The consensus was that was a possibility and that our June 19 annual meeting could be a "Lake Issues Consensus Meeting".

OCCA- Wayne reported no news except that the annual dinner was scheduled for November.

Otsego Land Trust- Wayne reported that he met with Peter Hujik , Executive Director of the land trust and Lee Stockwell. Wayne agreed to publish information about the land trust and what it does for the lake in our next newsletter.

Lake Front Park Buffer Strip- Mickie reported that the plantings had really taken off during the rainy summer and that the boardwalk sections were completed and being stored at BOCES until spring. There was a discussion about an upcoming homes and gardens event in September 2010 at the Otesaga and the hope that the signage etc. would be completed by then.

Public Landing Buffer Strip- no new developments, but hope that the Springfield Board will be more receptive in the future.

Fenimore Art Museum Buffer Strip- no report

Mud Plume Photography- There have been two submittals to date. After discussion, the Board decided to thank the photographers for their effort even though these were not the

aerial photos we'd hoped for. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to award \$50, a hat, and T-shirt for each submission.

OLD BUSINESS

OLA Fall/Winter Newsletter- Wayne will be working on this

Lake Citizen Award- Wayne will highlight the dive team and what they do in our newsletter.

OLA By Laws Update- Wayne will work on this over the winter

Gift for Springfield Community Center- We discussed what would be an appropriate thank you for allowing us to have our annual meeting at the Community Center last June. We decided that Scottie's poster of the Goodyear Swamp would be a good choice. Scottie graciously offered to donate the poster. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to authorize Scottie to spend up to \$100 on a frame and engraved plate saying "with thanks from the Otsego Lake Association"

Miscellaneous- Carl brought up the significant work that the Dive Team has done and whether OLA should consider helping them financially. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to start a Buoy Support Fund where \$1000 would be allocated and directed as needed toward this end.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for next Board of Directors and Membership Meetings

Board of Directors – Saturday February 6, 2010
Annual Meeting Saturday June 19, 2010
Informational Meeting Saturday, August 21, 2010

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mickie Richtsmeier