

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM

2 Lake Street, Cooperstown NY

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), Scottie Baker (Vice-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Doug Willies (Director/Middlefield), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), Brian Hefferon (Student Director), Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster).

Absent: David Sanford (Co-President), Robert Nelson (Director/Springfield), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), and Ginny Hastings (Winter Update).

Note: William Murdock (Director/Otsego) resigned in February 2023.

Guests: None

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

A special "Thanks" to Jim for setting up and hosting the meeting – greatly appreciated!

OPENING (Started at 3:05 PM)

Jim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Secretary declared that a quorum was present.

1. Treasurer's Report (Betty) - Current balance in Checking Account = \$26,600.81; June bank statement = \$27,903; March BOD meeting = \$24,735.
2. Membership Report (Betty) – Currently 243 names on e-mail list (about 65% are members); 27 renewals.

NORMAL ITEMS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys (NWZB), Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Nothing new to report; see March 2023 BOD minutes.
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – Inspections going OK so far. Village has received a \$4.5 million Main Street Forward Grant; OLA may suggest money be spent on signs for HABs and new boat washing equipment (\$25,000 +/-); committee (Doug, Betty, Mickie, Paul, others) will contact Village to coordinate; next grant meeting is August 2nd.
5. HABs, CSLAP, and Scientific Updates (Doug, Jim, Kiyoko) – CLMB has parts failing (need \$3,000 for smaller parts and \$13,000 to replace entire system); possible funding from NYSDEC E-9 Plan. OLA may suggest money from Main Street Forward Grant be used for digital display board with lake related data at Lakefront Park. CSLAP sampling ongoing every two weeks (10 times in 2023 and 14 times in 2024) with Doug driving samples to

Syracuse. **MMSP** for \$2,000 to pay for shipping samples each year for two years. **MMSP** to pass on \$2,000 donated by a member to the Clark Foundation matching grant program for NYSDEC E-9 application.

6. Merchandise (Scottie) – Stock is currently OK.
7. Newsletter (Scottie) – Normal input needed for next Journal (fall 2023).
8. Website (Tim) – Up to date; 181 names on e-mail list.
9. Facebook (Debbie) - Facebook is up to date; need to post request for more paid members.
10. Coordination with Other Organizations - This is an on-going process with OCCA, Otsego 2000, and Otsego Land Trust as needed.
11. Boat Parade (Wayne) - OLA's Annual "We Love Our Lake" Decorated Boat Parade was held on July 3rd at 3:00 PM. See separate summary report dated July 16, 2023.
12. Annual Membership Gathering 2023 (Mickie & Robert, others) - The Annual Membership Gathering (formerly called Annual Membership Meeting) will be held at the Otsego Sailing Club on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM. Planning committee will consist of Mickie, Robert, Scottie, Doug, Debbie, Betty, Tim, and Ginny. Main topic will be on the HABs. Other items will be election of officers, the Lake Citizen Award, Presidential Award, scientific updates by Paul, Kiyoko, and students of SUNY Oneonta plus the silent auction. Wayne to contact The Freeman's Journal and The Daily Star; Tim and The Copy Shop will create advertising flyer; Tim to set out road signs. **MMSP** for \$100 for printing of advertising flyers at The Copy Shop.
13. Lake Citizen Award (Board) – Jim will provide Wayne with history of Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee; Wayne will prepare certificate and have Co-Presidents review it.
14. Presidential Award (Board) - Wayne will draft certificate and have Co-Presidents review it.
15. Lake Clean Up Day (Debbie) – Tim will send out an e-mail reminder and request volunteers; need boat drivers and "worker bees" for barge and Jon boats.
16. Ditching (Paul, Mickie, Scottie) – The Freeman's Journal has offered to include the Fix The Ditch brochure in a future print edition for \$250; after long discussion, it was decided to hold off for now and meet with local highway superintendents and others; discussion about OLA sponsoring a scholarship for local highway superintendent(s) to attend the "ditching school" at Cornell University; coordinate with Otsego 2000 and OCCA. Otsego County is doing ditching correctly – towns are not. Ditching will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee.

NEW ITEMS

17. Vacancy for Director from Town of Otsego (Board) – Given the resignation of William Murdock, there is a vacancy for a Director from the Town of Otsego. In accordance with the OLA By-Laws, the Board of Directors can appoint a Director now to fill the vacancy or wait until the elections at the Annual Gathering. **MMSP** to appoint Tom Chase as the new Director/Town of Otsego to replace William Murdock.
18. Election of Officers - The following positions are up for election at the 2023 Annual Gathering: President/Co-Presidents (currently held by Jim Howarth and David Sanford), Director/Otsego (currently held by Tom Chase), Director/Springfield (currently held by Robert Nelson), Director/Middlefield (currently held by Doug Willies), Director/Cooperstown (currently held by Martin Tillapaugh). President/Co-Presidents serve a one-year term

while Directors serve a two-year term. All other positions are appointed by the President/Co-Presidents or by the Board of Directors.

19. Meeting at Skaneateles Lake – Jim and Doug will set up a meeting with the Skaneateles Lake Association to discuss their NYSDEC E-9 Plan.
20. Springfield 4th of July Parade – Discussion on marching in the Springfield 4th of July parade; requires attendance at each planning meeting over a 6-month period; too much time and effort plus same time as OLA boat parade; consensus was to not participate.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

21. Date for Next Board Meeting – The next OLA Board meeting (for about 15 minutes) will be via Zoom on Friday, August 4th at 9:00 AM to discuss last minute details of Annual Gathering. Brian will set up the Zoom link and send it out by e-mail.

ADJOURNMENT

22. **MMSP** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

MOTIONS PASSED VIA E-MAILS SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

MMSP on 07/20/2023 to write letter of support to Village and to Appalachin Regional Commission for Watershed Supervisory Committee's application for funding for its Comprehensive Watershed Plan.

MMSP on 07/20/2023 for \$2100 to replace dissolved oxygen sensor on the CLMB.

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