

Otsego Lake Association
P.O. Box 13
Springfield Center, NY 13468
DRAFT MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
2 Lake St. Cooperstown, NY 13326
Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), , Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Doug Willies (Director/Middlefield), , Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Tom Chase (Director/Otsego), , Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), BFS Brian Hefferton (Student Director), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego).

Absent: David Sanford (Co-President), Vice President (Vacant), Wayne Bunn (Secretary), Robert Nelson (Director Springfield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director Cooperstown), and Tim Pokorny (Website)

Guest: Florian Reyda (Director/SUNY Oneonta BFS)

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

OPENING (Started at 9:00 AM)

1. **Treasurer's Report/ Merchandise** (Betty) Current Balance \$28,785 including 2K received for Scottie Baker Memorial. **MMSP** to allow the Treasurer and President to pay incidentals up to \$200. **MMSP** \$1500. to replenish OLA merch inventory- Polo shirts have been added, sweatshirts have been ordered. Continuing issues with minimum orders and vendor. Tom Chase has agreed to manage, store and help out with all the OLA swag.
2. **Membership Report** 5 renewals
3. **OLA Journal** won at NYSFOLA for the third year in a row. Susan has raised her price. The journal costs approximately 2000K per edition.
4. **No Wake Zone Buoys, Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team** hard shell buoys acquired and will be changed out ASAP. Need to order buoy lights. **MMSP** \$700. To purchase new lights. There are 18 cans with lights on them on the lake. No vandalism last season.
5. **Boat Inspections/ Boat Washing Stations 2024** Paul - ongoing
6. **SCIENCE UPDATE** Dr. Yokota reported that the CLMB was deployed later than usual due to problems with parts procurement. The Community Foundation had supplied a \$1450. grant to help with CLMB maintenance and with the annual subscription that enables the sharing of real time water temperature and weather data with the public on the web. Other CLMB parts are soon to be needed as the whole system is now 8 years old. CSLAP - reports indicate generally low levels of phosphorus but some higher levels of phosphorus in a few of the samples from deep water. Nitrogen was consistently high in comparison to the low phosphorus. A new anchor and chain needs to be installed for proper positioning of the monitoring buoy (CLMB). We have an anonymous donation for \$1000. To cover this purchase. **MMSP** to allow Kiyoko to use these funds for anchor

chain. Kiyoko will attend the limnology conference in Madison, WI. Florian Reyda gave an update on a trapping study done in Rat Cove where a 26.5" walleye was captured. He currently has 6 graduate interns and 2 high school interns. He also plans to increase public visitation of the field station with an open house to be planned for late July or early August.

New Business

7. **NYSFOLA Meeting** Record attendance reported. Dr Yokota gave a 9E presentation.
8. **2024 ANNUAL GATHERING**- August 10 at the Sailing Club. Florian Reyda has agreed to speak.
9. **Boat Parade** July 6th at 3 PM. **MMSP** to spend up to \$200. For advertising. **MMSP** to spend up to \$200. for boat decorations.
10. **Rt 80 REPAIR ISSUE** - now completed using a new technique. Betty began by saying the Rt 80 issue is unsolvable but cooperation is needed and she has spent much time attempting to rally the parties involved. The highway training sessions were not successful in getting attendees. Monies are available for local training sessions that might be better attended. Fall workshops have been scheduled. New ideas are needed for bank stabilization.
11. **CSLAP** Doug and Rhonda continue to bear the load on this both financially and in terms of labor. The first measurements are to be done June 1, the first of 8 sessions planned for this season. The liability issue persists with the only viable solution at this time appearing to be some sort of partnership with OCCA which apparently has liability coverage for its volunteers.
12. **Ballasted and Wake Boats**- the bladder tanks are the main issue as they cannot be readily cleaned. This has been a big issue on Canadarago Lake.
13. **Sheriff's Patrol on the Lake** no routine patrols. A discussion ensued as to whether University police could help with the staffing issues with the sheriff's duties/patrols, as in shared patrols.
14. **School Library Book Program** Ginny continues to support and donate books to 3 surrounding districts. Book plates honoring Ginny Hastings and Scottie Baker. were discussed.
15. **New officers needed**
16. **Paddlepalooza** at Brookwood on August 29. Board member will staff a table at this event and sell our merch as well as distributing educational materials. BFS (PAUL) is coordinating the BFS display and is helping OLA as well.

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