

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 13

SPRINGFIELD CENTER NY 13468

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Virtual via MicroSoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Howarth (Co-President), Betty VanHeusen (Treasurer), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Tom Chase (Director/Otsego), Mickie Richtsmeier (Director/Springfield), Peter Regan (Director/Middlefield), Doug Willies (Director/Middlefield), Brian Hefferon (Student Director), and Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor).

Absent: David Sanford (Co-President), Robert Nelson (Director/Springfield), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Gary Kuch (Director/Cooperstown), Debbie Creedon (Director at Large), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster).

Note: Scottie Baker (Vice-President) passed away in April 2024.

Guests: None

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

A special "Thanks" to Kiyoko for setting up and hosting the meeting - greatly appreciated!

OPENING (Started at 9:00 AM)

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 = \$24,796.66
2. Membership Report (Betty) – 3 renewals

NORMAL ITEMS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys (NWZBs), Signs, and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul)

NWZBs – The Lakefront and Springfield NWZBs are now in the water; remaining NWZBs will be installed soon.

CLMB - waiting for parts and will be installed in late May. BFS barge should be in the water during the week of April 15th. Maintenance budget next year will be from BFS (not Dean's budget). Paul has found a new more efficient system in Maine for anchoring the CLMB. **MMSP** for \$1450 for new equipment found in Maine.

CRISP WSP – 2024 is the 4th year of the 5-year contract.

4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – In progress; hard to find people; starting at \$17/hour; 8 people short.

5. HABs, CSLAP, and Scientific Updates (Doug, Jim, Kiyoko)

HABs – Unknown when, of if, HABs will appear (maybe July).

CSLAP – New volunteers are needed (requires training, lake time, and a boat). Changes needed in NYS law (Jim to contact local State Senator). CSLAP, BFS, and DEC will be monitoring the lake in 2024 and 2025. E9 Plan is under way. Allocate \$4,000 for matching grant (for stream sampling of 3 streams) from \$10,000 motion last year.

6. Merchandise – Need new person to take over for Scottie; Betty and Bill Murdock will move merchandise and Paul and Mickie will store it temporarily; Betty has vendor list and had coordinated with Scottie.

7. Journal (Mickie) – Normal input needed for next Journal (spring 2024); Mickie may coordinate the next Journal with input from Susan; Jim for message, Wayne for boat parade, Betty for Route 80, Peter for photos, and Kiyoko for science updates. Theme will be “The Ripple Effect” as developed by Scottie.

8. NYSFOLA – Wayne will attend this year in May.

9. Website – Needs some updating.

10. Facebook (Debbie) - Facebook is up to date; need to post request for more paid members.

11. Coordination with Other Organizations - This is an on-going process with OCCA, Otsego 2000, and Otsego Land Trust as needed.

12. Boat Parade (Wayne) - OLA’s Annual “We Love Our Lake” Decorated Boat Parade will be held on July 6th at 3:00 PM forming off Three Mile Point; theme will be “Let’s Celebrate Scottie Baker”.

13. Annual Membership Gathering 2024 - (Mickie & Robert, others) – **MMSp** for the Annual Membership Gathering (formerly called Annual Membership Meeting) will be held at the Otsego Sailing Club on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM. Jim will contact and coordinate with the Commadore. Planning committee will consist of Mickie, Paul, Doug, Debbie, Betty, and Kiyoko. Main topic to be determined. Other items will be election of officers, Lake Citizen Award, Presidential Award, scientific updates by Paul, Kiyoko, and students of SUNY Oneonta and SUNY Cobleskill plus the silent auction. Wayne to contact The Freeman’s Journal and The Daily Star. Tim will be on vacation that week so Doug will coordinate the coffee and donuts (Tim has all supplies and urns). Tim will finalize two new sign boards and set them out if someone else can pick them up after the meeting. More people needed at registration table to talk with existing and potential members.

14. Lake Citizen Award (Board) – To be determined.

15. Presidential Award (Board) – To be determined.

16. Route 80 Embankment Failures (Betty) – Betty is coordinating with NYSDOT for a meeting in June or July; various designations are needed; planting and seeding at recent failure; a work in progress by NSDOT and Betty.

NEW ITEMS

17. Cornell University’s Highway Superintendents Program – Pat Kennedy, member of Town of Otsego Town Council, informed OLA about Cornell University’s Highway Superintendents program including seminars and classes and noted that she had attended one. Betty, Mickie, and others did the outreach and sent letters to the Towns of Otsego, Springfield, Middlefield, and Village to encourage their Superintendent to attend one on May 6th & 7th in Madison County. **MMSp** for \$300 for each representative to attend.

18. How to Honor Scottie Baker – Mickie will draft an article for the spring Journal; photos and displays at Annual Membership Gathering; theme of boat parade in Scottie’s honor.
19. Buffer Strip Work Day – Scheduled for Friday, May 31st at 9:30 AM at Lakefront Park; BOCES students to attend as usual; Lake and Valley Garden Club will fund the activities; Mickie and Paul to coordinate and attend.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

20. Date for Next Board Meeting – The date, time, and location of the next OLA Board meeting will be determined by Co-Presidents and sent via email.

ADJOURNMENT

21. **MMS**P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn, Secretary

MOTIONS PASSED VIA E-MAILS SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

None

OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Spring 2024

Co-Presidents: Jim Howarth and David Sanford

Directors at Large: Wayne Bunn and Debbie Creedon

Vice-President: Vacant

Student Director: Brian Hefferon (SUNY Oneonta)

Treasurer: Betty VanHeusen

Webmaster: Tim Pokorny

Secretary: Wayne Bunn

Technical Advisor: Kiyoko Yokota

Directors/Middlefield: Peter Regan, Doug Willies

Legal Advisor: Martin Tillapaugh

Directors/Otsego: Paul Lord and Tom Chase

Winter Update: Mickie Richtsmeier (Interim Editor)

Directors/Springfield: Mickie Richtsmeier and Robert Nelson

Directors/Cooperstown: Martin Tillapaugh and Gary Kuch

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