

Minutes of OLA General Meeting August 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Mona Lincoln. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Secretary read the minutes of the July 25 meeting. They were approved as read. The Treasurer read her report . It was approved as read.

Old Business: Mona advised that the Board has decided to include an order form for the Otter Lake Memories book with the kayak raffle letter which will be mailed next month. Kathy Lansing has resigned as OLA rep for the Town of Forestport Master Plan committee. Mona asked for a volunteer to replace her. Gene Trimble volunteered. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at the Town Hall.

APA meeting. Mona attended the meeting and reported that no future dates have been set because of lack of funding from the state for the Route 28 construction project. She explained that the OLA will not join with the White Lake Association petition to save the trees. She also noted the cost to bury cables underground is \$1 million per mile. All property owners along Route 28 will be notified by mail before any construction proceeds. Another public hearing will be held Maps are available from the DOT of the projected construction.

Mona read thank-you notes from CAP-21 and Chris Morin for his \$100 OLA scholarship.

New Business: Hanging flower baskets for 2010. Mona noted that twelve contributions have been received by CAP-21 from Otter Lake residents. CAP-21 needs to receive our decision whether to participate next year. A long discussion followed. Highlights: folks enjoy the flowers, need two volunteers to water and a truck, shall we wait until after construction, etc. Robb Reiley and Vicki Lincoln volunteered to do watering. Mona will consider if we need more volunteers and will notify CAP-21 of her decision.

Jorge Batlle showed a booklet compiled by the folks who live in the bay by the dam. It included photos and histories of each camp. He suggested that the History committee concentrate on separate sections of campowners around the lake and request their camp histories and photos. Ellie Connick volunteered to serve on the History committee.

Dick Engle thanked all who participated in the 2008 kayak raffle, and noted that it was a huge success in filling the coffers for the Bti fund. He will be responsible for purchasing and storing the kayak for the 2009 raffle. Mona noted that Dick Gloop has offered to include another mountain bike to offer the winner a choice of the kayak or the bike. The kayak will be purchased by the OLA, but if the winner chooses the bike, the OLA will then purchase the bike at that time. Mona thanked all who are responsible for volunteering their time to assist the OLA in 2009:

mowing, watering, flower gardens by signs, benches, merchants who sold our raffle tickets and Otter Lake Memories, website master, OLFD for use of building for meetings, and all others who volunteered their time and expertise to help the Association serve the community. Mona reminded members of upcoming celebrations: Old Forestport Days and the OLFD Steak Bake and truck raffle.

Elections: Hubert introduced the Officers and Board of Directors to the members. He explained the ballot process, one vote per household of paid members. All Officers have agreed to serve another 2- yr term. There is one Board position open for a one-year term. Peg Gehrig nominated Dick Engle for Vice President. There were no more Officers nominations from the floor. The Secretary stipulated her vote for President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Robb Reiley was the only volunteer for the Board position, there were no nominations from the floor. Voting will be held at the end of the meeting.

Hubert read the amended Bylaws Article XI, and explained the change. (see July minutes). Carole Gehrig made a motion to accept the amended Bylaw, seconded by Ellie Connick. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Dicker thanked all the Officers and Board members for a job well done. All applauded.

The results of the election by ballot: Incumbent Hubert Velepec retains his seat as Vice President and Robb Reiley will serve one year as Board member. All in favor, with one nay vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,