

Minutes of OLA Board Meeting

June 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am by President Mona Lincoln. Absent with excuse: Camille, Jim Kreutzer, and Anne Wright. The Secretary read the minutes of the May meeting. They were amended and approved. The Treasurer read her report (attached). After clarification on Bti fund and savings, the report was approved as read.

Mona asked the Board to vote on a suggestion to have the members recite the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag before all general meetings. The suggestion was approved unanimously.

Education committee: Camille Foote will try to arrange a boating safety course for 2010 in Otter Lake. Deputy McCarthy reported to Camille that a patrol boat will be on the lake this summer. Also, a reminder that after snow melt, there is no need for bird feeders. They attract bears.

Kathy Lowell will speak at the next Town of Forestport board meeting about the sewer district survey.

Mona spoke with Brian Judge about the drainage problems at the boat launch. The DOT has reported that they will be able to assist with the culvert and storm drain in 2010 as part of the Route 28 construction project. Mona explained the repair procedure. The roadway into the launch area may be redesigned. The cement culvert across the highway by the tracks will be removed and redesigned to take water along the roadway and then down to the lake. Mona sees no need for OLA funding for the project. She will have more to report on the subject at the July meeting. The Board discussed the presence yet again of a trailer parked at the launch area. No action taken yet. Mona read a resignation letter from Bob Young, who cannot continue his term for personal reasons. Some Board members offered suggestions of names for a possible replacement. Mona will appoint his replacement to fill his term ending 8/2010. The Board agreed that the Secretary will send Bob a letter thanking him for his service to the OLA.

Scholarship applications 2009: The OLA received five applications. Jean VanValkenburg, committee head, rated the applications and gave her recommendations. The Board discussed whether to award only one winner this year. After the discussion, Hubert made a motion to accept Jean's recommendation to award the \$100 to one winner, seconded by Sharon. After discussion, Hubert amended his motion to offer three applicants \$100 each: Morin, Walley, and deVolder, seconded by Sharon. All agreed. Jean will send letters and checks to the winners.

Mona spoke to the Board about the role of the OLA in the community. She will remind members that we are not a policing organization.

After a lengthy discussion on whether to amend Bylaw XI to read "This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members in attendance" adding "in attendance" to

the existing Bylaw, it was agreed that the Board will make the final decision on amending any Bylaws and will then inform members of their decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,