

Minutes of OLA General Meeting June 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Mona Lincoln. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Secretary read the minutes of the May meeting. They were amended and approved. The Treasurer was excused from the meeting. Mona read the Treasurer's report and explained recent expenses. The report was approved as read.

Sharon related the places of business where the Otter Lake Memories book is available for sale to the general public. She will report on proceeds to date at the next meeting. The fundraising committee is also considering holding a fishing derby and/or a guided trail hike for 2011.

Kathy Lansing noted that the Master Plan committee has scheduled their first meeting of the year on June 30. She will report on the agenda at the July meeting.

Nine applications have been received for the OLA scholarship. The winner will be announced at the July meeting. A member has donated \$25 toward the scholarship, so the total award this year will be \$125.

Thirty-two folks from various local communities attended the boater safety held at the OLFD on June 19. Sgt James McCarthy of the Sheriff's Dept, who gave the course, will be asked to speak at a future OLA meeting. He advised that a Sheriff's boat will patrol Otter Lake at least once this summer. Mona asked members if there is any interest in scheduling a hunter's safety course in the fall. She explained that the OLA is dedicated to educational projects. No decision was made.

The Town of Forestport Board held a public hearing on the personal garage sale resolution. Another hearing will be scheduled soon. Mona urged members to attend the Board meetings and let our voices be heard on local issues.

Keys for the boat launch gate will be available to this week for those who have requested them.

August meeting: There will be no changes to the Bylaws to vote on. One Board member's term ends this year. Nominations will be accepted by VP Hubert, and nominations from the floor will be accepted at the August meeting for the Board position.

Jim Kreutzer spoke as chairman of the Adopt-a-Highway program for the OLA. He asked for volunteers to meet once or twice this summer. Plastic hats from the DOT will be available. He noted that the OLA is listed on the sign at the entrance to Otter Lake as being responsible for the program. Ellie Connick suggested noting the date of cleanup on our website. She also suggested that volunteers wear heavy gloves.

Dick Engle noted that the sale of the Otter Lake Memories books has slowed down this summer. He suggested that all donors of over \$55 to the OLA receive a free book. This offer could be made on our website and noted in the next Spring letter. Mona will ask members at the August meeting for their approval.

Discussion: Dick Engle suggested that a strict check of the list of keys sold be done by the Treasurer before any new keys are sold to residents. Joan Trask advised that a beaver dam has been erected beyond Frog Pond Lane on Lakeview Rd in the swampy area. Mona feels that the Town may be responsible for this type of problem. She will check with the Highway Dept. Barb Tillinghast noted that the dam is behind her house, but she deems it as being no problem. Others noted that there were beaver dams by the outlet dam last year.

Peg Gehrig won \$25 in the 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,