

Minutes of OLA Board Meeting, May 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:52 am by President Mona Lincoln. Board members not present and excused: Kathy Lansing and Rob Reiley.

The Secretary read the minutes of the September 24, 2011 Board meeting. They were amended and approved.

The Treasurer read her report and discussed expenditures. Following some clarifications, the report was approved. The winner of the kayak raffle was Matt Deutscher, and the proceeds from the raffle were \$2198.

Education committee report: Gabby Lodder noted that the nature talk and hike with Ranger Gary Lee is set for June 30. The hike itinerary needs to be chosen. Some Board members suggested Brandy Lake or Round Pond. After discussion, the Board decided to ask Gary for his choice. Gabby will distribute flyers to residents and advertise the hike in the local newspapers.

Fundraising committee report: Mona reported that the meet and greet held at the Otter Lake Station last year was a success. A time and place for this year's fundraiser needs to be chosen, and volunteers are needed. Discussion: Gabby suggested August 4, a Saturday, which will be more convenient than 2011's Wednesday night. No decision was made.

Grounds: Gene Trimble noted that two signs are lost at the dam site and other signs need repair. Mona noted that the Otter Lake flags need repair. Gene will speak with Brian Judge, who has offered to fix the flags and reach out to other volunteers. Discussion about trailer parking at launch site. Mona said that the area must be kept clear for dry hydrant access by the OLF and for visitors to Crescent Island camps. A discussion followed regarding the Association's participation in this year's hanging flower basket drive by Cap-21. It was noted that we have not been asked to participate to date. Perhaps the Town would pay for two baskets near the OL entrance and exit signs, or maybe we could hang a dozen baskets on select poles. Board members questioned the availability of volunteers to water the flowers, or perhaps the Town would consent to water them, Mona will investigate options, and report to the Board at the next meeting. A member asked whether the blinking traffic light by the tennis court would be removed since the OLF has relocated. No one knows yet.

Master Plan committee liaison Kathy Lansing is absent, no report. Mona has no report on the latest Town Board meeting. She noted that the Town meeting usually held in Otter Lake in August will be held on July 18 this year.

2011 C-Slap report: Mona passed out copies of findings and noted that the full report can be read on our website. There will be no testing in 2012 by the NY Federation of Lakes. The DEC requested access to dam site to complete the survey on carp in lake. The last count was done in 1999.

Correspondence: Mona advised that a notice of intent form must be filed with the APA for Bioconservation, Inc. for tracking pesticides. The DEC permit for the Bti larvicide application will cost \$100 in addition the the Bti application fee.

New Business: Camille Foote tendered her resignation as Secretary of the OLA. Sharon Engle was appointed Secretary at the September 24, 2011 Board meeting.

Liability insurance for Directors and Officers: Mona passed around prices quoted for such a policy. No Board discussion. Mona asked for a volunteer from the Board to present the details at the general meeting. Mona was asked to speak to the members.

Dave Dylis noted that members may pay their annual dues online through **PAYPAL**. The applicable fee will be 2.9% or 30 cents per member, plus any donations other than membership dues. **Discussion:** all agreed that this will be convenient. Dave volunteered to set up a form for payment on the OLA website. Gene made a motion to give Dave permission to set up the form, seconded by Jim Kreutzer. All agreed. It was suggested that the Spring letter be sent online rather than by snail mail, but it was decided that would not be feasible at this time. Mona will remind the members to attend the grand opening day at the new OLFD building.

Open Discussions: Correction to agenda, date for next meeting should read June 30. Board members also discussed the baskets donated for last year's meet and greet by local businesses and also by members. Gabby mentioned that much planning and hard work made last year's event a success. Mona will notify members whether the venue for the June 30 meeting will be at the old or new firehouse. Sign will be placed on Route 28 in front of the correct meeting place.

It was noted that the cost of the keys for the boat launch gate is \$10 for members. More keys are needed. Sharon will check to see who has the master key.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,