

Minutes of OLA General Meeting, June 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Mona Lincoln. VP Hubert Velepec gave a talk on the history of our flag, which he will continue at the next meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Secretary read the minutes from the May 26 meeting. They were amended and approved.

The Treasurer read her report and explained expenditures and other items. Mona explained that we will transfer funds to a CD or money market account. Her report was approved.

Education committee: Gabby advised that the deadline for scholarship applications is today. The winner will be announced at the July meeting.

Fundraising committee: Gabby announced that Ranger Gary Lee will lead the nature hike after the meeting today. She also announced that the date for this year's Meet and Greet will be chosen soon and flyers will be available, posters will be at local businesses, and an article will be in the local newspapers. The venue will be Kowalik's, with a buffet, 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, and more.

Grounds committee: Gene Trimble noted that the flags are now in place, and that some need repair. He noted that Brian Judge, owner of Otter Lake Rustics, helped install flags. New flags will be ordered soon. He thanked volunteers for mowing grass. The OLA benches which were stored last fall have not been found yet.

There was nothing to report from the Membership committee or Master Plan committee.

Town Board meeting: Mona advised the topics discussed at the most recent meeting were the Forestport bridge project and the property maintenance law proposal. A public hearing will be held to discuss these topics, but no date has been set.

DEC survey: Mona said that the fish survey will be done on July 30 or July 31. She will report the results at the July meeting.

Hubert reported that he has been researching the cost of liability insurance for the Association. He discussed his progress to date, but no decisions have been made.

Dave Dylis is absent today. He will report on the OLA website updates at the July meeting.

Meet and Greet: Mona asked whether the members have an opinion about selling tickets at the next meeting, at the door on the day of the Meet and Greet, or some other method. There was no decision made.

Correspondence: Mona read a letter that she received from David Erway, DEC Aquatic biologist. We also received a thank-you letter from CAP-21 for our membership dues.

OLFD: Mona noted that in the past we have donated \$100 to the OLFD per year. This year the Board has voted to donate \$1000 to the OLFD. Mona advised the members that the July and August OLA meetings will be held at the old firehouse.

Sharon spoke in memory of Betty Lockwood, former OLA Secretary and Treasurer, who passed away this week. She remembered that Betty and her husband Harold, for many years president of the OLIA, were responsible for much of the progress that the Association has made in serving the community. She said that Betty was a lovely lady and will be missed by all her friends in Otter Lake.

Mona noted that flyers are available at the meeting denoting the new rules for recyclables on trash pick-up days.

50/50 raffle: \$88 collected. Bonnie Bravo was the winner of \$44, which she donated back to the OLA.

New Business: Bill Hinge asked a question about the rules for using rights-of-way around the lake. Mona stated that is not the business of the OLA, and camp owners must resolve differences with neighbors whose camps adjoin these areas. Sharon noted that this issue has been discussed many times throughout the years, and the Association has resolved to abstain from any discussion of rights-of-way. Mona offered to check to see which authority might be contacted to resolve disputes.

A member advised that an orange and yellow kayak is missing from his dock.

Jorge Batlle noted that the color of the lake water seems muddy. Mona responded that the C-SLAP latest report stated that the lake water is fine. There will be no testing done this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.