

OLA Membership Meeting Minutes July 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Mona Lincoln.

Hubert gave an informative talk about the history of the U.S. flag. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Secretary read the minutes of the June meeting. They were approved as read.

The Treasurer discussed the latest expenditures and read her report. It was approved.

Gabby Lodder announced the 2012 OLA Scholarship winners: Courtney Tasco and Colleen Kearney were awarded \$462.50 each. She thanked all members who donated to the scholarship fund.

Fundraising Committee: Camille Foote spoke to the members about the Meet and Greet to be held today at Kowalik's from 4-8 pm. She noted that the buffet will cost \$15 per person, with \$2 from each meal going to our treasury. She reminded members that credit cards will not be accepted. Camille commented that local business were very generous in donating baskets for the raffles, including kayak trip, golf package, restaurant meals, etc. She thanked her fellow committee members Gabby, June and Rob for all their hard work on the event.

Grounds Committee: Gene Trimble reported that the new carp signs have been installed, and the Association benches will be in place this week.

Membership Committee: Gabby advised members that the OLA will mail postcards to residents explaining our mission and accomplishments along with a request for new members.

Mona noted that the Forestport Master Plan committee has not scheduled a meeting yet this year. She reported that the Town Board meeting topic was the installation of a new bridge, and she answered questions from members about the proposal.

Old Business: Hubert reported that he is still researching options, and that the Board is still discussing the need for a liability insurance policy.

Dave Dylis explained that the online membership form is not yet on the website, but will be ready by the end of this year. He also explained methods of payment, etc.

Mona told members that if there is any dispute about use of right of way on the lake, residents should contact Town Codes Enforcer Brad Smith.

Correspondence: Mona reported that the Bti application was a success, per a letter from Kathy Vanselow. She also advised members that the electroshock fish survey will be done on July 30 by DEC aquatic biologist David Erway.

New Business: Hubert spoke about the election to be held at the August meeting for two seats on the Board of Directors. Both incumbent Board members have chosen to run again, and he has three volunteers so far for the ballot. Only one vote per household is allowed, and members who have paid dues may vote.

Mona reported that the Board had voted to purchase septic dye kits which will be available free to all residents. They will be available at meetings and by request. She will also announce the availability of kits in the spring letter.

Gabby Lodder thanked member for their positive response to the nature walk held in June. She also discussed our proposal to have Ranger Lee speak about survival techniques at a future meeting. Mona noted that she heard many comments praising the informative talk by Ranger Lee on the nature walk.

Mona won the 50/50 raffle \$46 was collected, and Mona donated her \$23 prize to the Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted/Sharon Engle