

OLA Membership Meeting Minutes August 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by President Mona Lincoln. VP Hubert Velepec offered another lesson about our flag's history, giving the dates when some states joined the union, then led members in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

The Secretary read the minutes from the July 28th meeting. They were approved as read.

Education Committee: Mona advised that Gabby has invited Ranger Gary Lee to speak at our May 29, 2013 meeting on the topic: How to feel safe and navigate yourself while hiking in the woods.

Fundraiser: June reported that the Meet and Greet held on July 28 netted \$338 to the treasury. She thanked all who supported the event.

Grounds Committee: Gene was not available for the General meeting, but Mona stated that he reported at the Board meeting that he wished to thank all the volunteers who helped with grounds maintenance this year.

Membership: Kathy Lansing reported that the postcard mailing to attract new members was done on August 3rd, and to date we have six new members who donated a total of \$525. Camille Foote asked for the total number of paid members for 2012, and June responded that we have 149 members, about half of the property owners.

There have been no meetings of the Master Plan committee this year.

Mona advised members that there will be a special election for local voters on September 18 from noon to 8 pm on the June 20 resolution for a referendum vote on the \$650,000 bond to reconstruct the bridge in Forestport.

Old Business: Hubert again stated that he is still researching the option to purchase a liability policy for the OLA-owned boat launch site. He noted that the cost may be prohibitive, and he will report on any further information at the May 2013 meeting.

Dave Dylis explained his proposed online form for PayPal payments to the OLA for memberships, Bti, Scholarship fund, etc, which should be up and running by the end of the year. He noted that the OLA website has had over 400 hits this year, with 97 repeat visitors.

OL Flags: Mona stated that Gene is pursuing our purchasing of more OL flags.

Election of Board seats: Hubert reported that the election will be held at the end of today's annual meeting for two seats on the OLA Board of Directors: Rob Reiley is the incumbent, and Kathy Lansing has declined to run for another term. The other names on the ballot will be Jorge Batlle and Jim LaFontain. Rob was invited to speak to the members about his qualifications. He stated that his family owned two camps since 1909 and 1918, and that he is a life-long summer resident at Otter Lake. He also serves on two boards at his winter venue in Florida. Jorge Batlle stated that he has owned his camp on Lakeview road since 1960 and serves as VP of his local FD at home, and is also a board member of another local group. Jim LaFontain was not present at the meeting. Hubert explained that all paid members must register with the Treasurer to receive a ballot, and that only one vote per household is allowed.

Fish Survey: Mona advised that aquatic biologist David Erway did the survey on July 31. She read a letter from him which stated that no vegetation was found in the lake, and denoted the different species of fish found. The results of the electroshock survey will be available in the spring. The most-used fishing spots were inspected, and the need for more grass carp will be determined by the survey results.

Correspondence: Mona noted that both OLA scholarship winners, Colleen Kearney and Courtney Tasco, have sent thank-you notes.

Mona stated that we have purchased septic dye strips, and they will be available for free to residents in 2013.

New Business: Hubert will request a speaker from the Sheriff's department to speak at a 2013 meeting to discuss the boating laws etc.

Holiday Raffle: Mona advised that the Board has discussed options for the prize offered to the winner of the raffle and asked members for suggestions. Some members suggest a paddle board, which is becoming popular, and some preferred the kayak, but no decision was made.

New Business: Mona asked for input from members for discussion, but there were no suggestions. She thanked the Board members for their dedication, all members who attend the meetings, grounds maintenance volunteers, and all who serve on the committees. Hubert thanked Kathy Lansing for her service as a Board member. All applauded.

The election for the two Board seats was held. Hubert read the results of the voting: Rob Reiley and Jorge Battle will serve two-year terms. All applauded. Jim Kreutzer thanked Mona for all her hard work and dedication as our President. Members gave her a standing ovation.

Marlin Markusson met with the DEC survey folks and reported some of their findings: he noted the different species in the lake, and explained the scaling of some fish to determine their age. One grass carp was caught, and it measured 18 inches long. He stated that the color of the lake water is correct, very clean, with no vegetation. He noted that the surveyors spent hours on July 31 doing their job, and that he was impressed with the process.

Mona reminded members to support the OLFD steak bake to be held on Sunday September 2 beginning at 4 pm at the new firehouse. The truck raffle drawing will be held at 10 pm.

50/50 Raffle: Total proceeds from the raffle were \$92. Bob Dicker was the winner, and he donated his half of the proceeds back to the OLA.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted/Sharon Engle