

## **OLA Membership Meeting Minutes June 29, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by President Lincoln. VP Hubert Velepec led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

The Secretary read the minutes from the May 25 meeting. They were approved as read.

The Treasurer read her report and explained some items. Her report was approved as read.

Gabby reported that retired forest ranger Gary Lee will speak after the meeting today. There will be no more speakers this year, but she has chosen some 2014 speakers conversant in local history.

Mona advised that the final date for scholarship applications is tomorrow. Loretta Kaye requested the number of scholarships awarded in 2012. Mona responded that as of last year it was decided that there will not be one winner chosen, but the amount of donations received for that purpose is divided for that purpose among the number of scholarship applicants.

Rob Reiley addressed the meeting concerning the Meet and Greet planned for 2013. The tentative date is either July 27 or 28 to held at the Otter Lake Station. Flyers will be distributed to camps and homes, and an ad will be placed in local newspapers.

Mona reported that the cost for new flags this year is \$1700. Sharon asked for volunteers to clean the weeds, etc. around the Otter Lake signs.

Membership Committee: Gabby Lodder reported that the Association will do another membership mailing with postcards left from last year.

Master Plan Committee: Mona stated that there had not been a meeting yet this year and that the OLA new liaison is Gene Trimble.

Forestport Town Board Meeting: No info to report. The August 21 meeting will be held at the old firehouse in Otter Lake. Mona discussed the town recreation program.

Old Business: Hubert stated that he is still working on options for acquiring a policy for insuring the Association for liability. Mona and the Board members will meet with an agent at the boat launch area in July to discuss the various policy needs.

Dave Dylis is still working on the online page for membership payments. The DEC results from the electroshock survey are not available yet. Septic dye strips available at this meeting Mona also advised that the paperwork for DEC adopt-a-natural-resource stewardship program is being revised, causing a delay in renewing our membership.

Ivan and Loretta Kaye are concerned about the debris in the culvert on Lakeview Road. Mr, Kaye advised that a local resident used to clean the culvert, and Mrs. Kaye stated that she has called the Town to request their service. Mona stated that she will call the town to request that the culvert be cleaned out. A short discussion followed on road construction.

Correspondence: The OLA has received a thank-you note for the renewal of our membership in CAP-21.

New Business: Mona noted that the Officers' and two Board members' term of office will expire this year. Elections will be held at the August meeting. The Secretary has chosen not to run for another term. Mona asked the members present to offer candidates to VP Hubert Velepec.

Jorge Battle displayed two signs from the old OL post office donated to the OLA by ex-resident Ron Miller. The Association will ask the OLFD for permission to display the signs in the meeting room. A member asked when the post office was closed. Sharon responded that according to the Otter Lake Memories book, the post office closed in 1967. Members shared their memories of using the post office.

Mona reminded members that the OLFD is holding a spaghetti dinner tonight to benefit both the FD and the Town recreation program.

A discussion followed on the disposition of the sandlot/logging area on Lakeview Road. Following the discussion, Mona offered to call the Town office to see if a permit is on file and whether the area is considered wetlands. Joan Trask advised that the land has been sold and that the new owner should be responsible for cleanup, but Jim Kreutzer responded that his relative has not yet purchased the property, but he has received approval from the Town to erect a garage on the property if all other codes are followed.

50/50 Raffle: \$67 won by George Haskell, who donated proceeds back to the OLA.

Gabby introduced retired forest ranger Gary Lee as speaker at today's meeting. Mr. Lee is a naturalist, and also a long-time columnist for local newspapers. He spoke on how to survive in the wilderness and gave many helpful hints and instructions on various items necessary to carry into the woods and shared many stories from his experiences on rescuing people lost in the wilderness. The members had many questions for Mr. Lee and thanked him for his very inspiring and informative talk.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted/Sharon Engle