

OLA Membership Meeting Minutes July 27, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Mona Lincoln. President Lincoln led the meeting in the pledge in VP Hubert Velepec's absence.

The Secretary's Report was read by June Wellman in Sharon Engle's absence. The report was approved as read.

The Treasurers Report was read by June Wellman and was approved as read.

Mona Lincoln reported on the results of the Scholarship Applications. Since donations had been very generous, the four (4) applicants will receive \$250 each. Letters and funds are to go out the following week.

The Fund Raising Committee report was addressed by Gabrielle Lodder. She stated that the "Meet and Greet" is slated for Sunday, July 28 at the Otter Lake Station from 4:00-8:00 p.m. She urged all present to attend and bring family and friends. She stated that ads and announcements were sent to the local papers and the flyers were distributed around Otter Lake and vendors. She reported that vendors that were asked to contribute were very generous once again.

President Lincoln reported that the banners that were purchased were received and will be hung as soon as possible. Gene Trimble, head of the Grounds Committee, asked for volunteers with a truck so the canners could be hung.

The Membership Committee report was covered by Gabrielle Lodder. She reported that we have approximately 130 paying members, but that our mailings go to at least 300 potential prospects. A postcard mailing will again be going out shortly to urge those potential prospects to join OLA.

The Forestport Town board meeting was reported on by President Mona Lincoln. There has been talk on issuing permanent permit fees on docks. At this point, she stated, they are just talking about it and that no decisions have been made. Member George Haskell asked if we need to go to the APA if a dock being constructed is 6 feet wide or more. He was advised to contact the Town of Forestport regarding permitting.

Mona Lincoln reported to the general meeting that Dave Dylis is still working on the online page for membership payments of dues. She also stated that Dave has asked to be dropped from the Board due to work schedule conflicts. He is, however, still planning to continue his work for the OLA as webmaster.

President Mona Lincoln reported on the progress of the Electro-Shock program. At this time there are still no details, however, she was informed that Otter Lake has no weeds or bladderwort. It is well known that boats bring in invasive species and boat owners are urged to wash their boats before bringing boats from one lake to another.

Mona Lincoln reported on the Stewardship Program stating that State and Local verbiage on what we (the OLA) can do needs to be revised. At this point in time it is still up in the air.

New Business: President Mona Lincoln stated that Officers' and Board members' terms of office are to expire this year. The OLA is looking for new blood for the association. The meeting to be held August 31 will hold the election of new officers and board electives.

Mona Lincoln stated that we have had no cooperation with parking at the OLA boat launch. The board will be placing signs stating that there are parking restrictions and may rewrite policy in that regard since the policy that is at hand may not address this. The OLA will also issue stickers on trailers reminding of parking restrictions.

Mona Lincoln also reported that there is an organization that supplies canisters to collect fish lines in the water so birds are not caught in them.

Old Business: Members reported that on the 4th of July there were patrols out on the lake looking for violations by boaters. Life preservers, display of licenses and speed in the coves were some of the violations noted.

40/40 Raffle: \$52 won by President Mona Lincoln. She paid her OLA dues out of it which was received with laughter from the members.

Our next meeting will be held August 31. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted/Gabrielle Lodder