

**Otter Lake Association General Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2015**  
**Firehouse Community Room**

The meeting was called to order by president, Mona Lincoln, at 10:00 AM.

Hubert Velepec gave a brief history of the flag before leading the pledge of allegiance.

We started by introducing our guest speaker, Renee Kopek, who provided an informative presentation on Lyme disease and the local support organization for the same.

The secretary's report for the May 30, 2015 meeting was given by the guest reader, Jim LaFountain. Loretta Kaye motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Kreutzer, and passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given by June Wellman for June and July 2015. Jorge Battle motioned to accept the report as presented, George Haskell seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The question was asked as to how many members the association has, with the corresponding reply: 124 members currently on record.

**Committee and Liaison reports:**

Education Committee: no report.

Fund Raising Committee: no report.

Grounds Committee: Gene Trimble reported that the mowing was going well. The Association recently purchased a lawn mower and weed whacker to make it easier for volunteers. Recently someone mowed at the dam site area and it looks wonderful. We are wondering who did that - a thanks for whomever it was!

Membership committee: We currently have 124 members. It was decided not to do a second membership mailing, calculating that the expense to do the mailing would likely be more than would be received in added income, based on past experience.

Forestport Master Plan: - no report

Forestport Town Board Meeting: Mona Lincoln went to the last two meetings and reported being pleased to see people from Woodgate and Otter Lake in attendance. Representation from our area of Forestport demonstrates our interest and concern in decisions made. She also reported that an animal control policy is being created to be added to the leash law which is already in place. Currently The Town of Forestport is following state law.

**Old Business:**

\* Scholarship awards were given to Danielle Commisso and William Johnson.

\* Update on the application to add maintenance level of new carp to Otter Lake: the process is ongoing and we will send out a new request in fall for spring implementation. David Erway, from DEC and Leigh Walrath, from APA, along with Mona Lincoln, Bob Vandewater and Dan Josephson will tour Otter Lake in August.

\* Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) thanked us for coming to their training. Jim LaFountain, Mona Lincoln, and Bob Vandewater attended. Jim LaFountain gave a brief overview of their training. It was decided to purchase equipment for the acquisition of plant matter from the lake for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

\* Dave Dylis communicated that our OLA website has crashed several times of late. We were using a free host service, so he switched to a different free service. We have asked that he check on an affordable "for pay" service.

### **New Business:**

Membership was advised of the upcoming election of Officers and Directors in August. Officers are reelected annually. Two board member terms are coming up for reelection this year: Rob Reilly and Jorge Battle. The annual meeting is in August, and members are encouraged to come to vote in the election. We also encourage any member interested in being on the board to let us know so they can be placed in nomination for a position.

A question was asked regarding if anything can/or has been done about the unsightly mess as you enter Otter Lake. Members are encouraged to write and/or call Parker Snead (cell: 315-525-1492 or Town of Forestport office address) to complain and to ask what is being done.

It was asked if there would be a Meet and Greet this year. The response was no, but maybe next year.

It was mentioned that the flowers at the pillars are beautiful and a special thank you was given to Loretta Kaye and Patti Crupe for their continuous care and skill to make such lovely gardens.

New members Bob and Linda Ogar introduced themselves to the membership and were warmly welcomed into the group.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- \* Pancake breakfast, Sunday, July 26 at the Otter Lake firehouse
- \* Town of Forestport has several things going on in August. Check their website for events, dates and times.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marlin Markusson, it was seconded by Jim Kreutzer and was passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Eden,  
Secretary, Otter Lake Association

