

**Otter Lake Association General Meeting  
July 30, 2016  
Otter Lake Firehouse**

Mona Lincoln, president, called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Hubert Velepec gave a short history lesson, and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Jim LaFountain read the minutes from the meeting on June 25, 2016. Cathy Boughton motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Ellie Connick seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

June Wellman presented the treasurer's report. John Trask motioned that it be accepted as presented, Jim Kreutzer seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Committee and Liaison Reports:**

**Education Committee:** Mona Lincoln is looking into the possibility of a speaker for August.

**Fund Raising Committee:** The Meet & Greet fundraiser plans are moving forward, scheduled for August 20 at the Otter Lake Station. Several wonderful raffle prizes have already been secured.

**Grounds Committee:** Jim LaFountain reported that a tree was removed and improvements have been made to the boat launch area. Plans in the future include collaboration to improve drainage at boat launch. Volunteers are still needed to mow at the pillars and Joan Trask volunteered to do so. We still need more volunteers - please consider so that no one has to do it more than once! Mike Crupe and Jim LaFountain have been mowing so far.

**Forestport Town Board Meeting:** Mona Lincoln did not attend. The meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month if anyone is interested in attending.

**Membership Committee:** no report

**Old Business:**

**Boat Launch Gate Keys:** Jim LaFountain reported that new keys will be issued in 2017 for those members that renew in 2017, and available for purchase by any new members or those who have not previously purchased a key.

**Insurance:** Tabled

**Pillar Repairs:** We are waiting for the insurance company to correct their paperwork and issue a new check before repair can begin on the pillar. Loretta Kaye has volunteered to move the plants surrounding the pillar, but is hoping that we could schedule the repair for late August or early September so that the plants have a chance at survival through the winter.

**Correspondence:**

**Scholarships:** Letters and checks were mailed out to the recipients. Thank you notes were received from Carter Schmitz, Jennifer Tasco and Danielle Commisso for scholarship awards.

Cap 21 membership renewal request has been received.

It was noted that Dick Engle, husband of former long time board member, Sharon Engle, passed away at the beginning of July. The board is sending a sympathy card.

**New Business:**

**Website:** We were notified by Dave Dylis, our webmaster, that our website hasn't been functioning. He wasn't aware of it until recently, but will research the problem and get it working again.- This may require using a new server.

**Elections:** Hubert Velepec reported August 27 will be our annual meeting and election. There are two board positions open, please let Mona or any other board member know if you are interested. Board members have 3 year terms.

Inquiry was made regarding the pond behind Camp Skipper on Lake View Road. There is a beaver dam there which is blocking water flowing into the lake. Mona will inquire with DEC, but it was noted that this is private property and may not be something that can be handled by DEC.

Inquiry about scholarship committee. This year Mona Lincoln read and determined those to be awarded. Loretta Kaye has volunteered to be on the scholarship committee for next year.

An inquiry was made about flower baskets hanging on Rt 28 in Otter Lake for next year. It was mentioned that before we make a final decision regarding whether we will have them, we need to make certain we have volunteers to water the baskets frequently. Mona will inquire with Old Forge basket group about their plans for next year. Christine Lathey volunteered to help create a volunteer watering group.

50/50 Raffle: Peg Gehrig won \$19, which she donated to the BTI fund. Thanks Peg!

Christine and Ed Lathey introduced themselves as new owners of a camp on Rt 28. Welcome!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim LaFountain, John Trask seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Eden,  
Otter Lake Association Secretary