

OLPA Meeting

July 29,2020

In attendance: Tim and Margie Creamer, Debbie Monaco, Maria Petrela, Anne Marie Clark, Frank Moses, Geoff Miller, Jen Griffin, Dave Stathis, Jimmy Kelly, Bill Ayling, Teri Lori, Jim Walsh, Rachel Lewis, Mike Hooker, Kate Walsh, Mark Burger plus others only identified by partial name or telephone number for a total of 26.

Opening - Tim

- Tim welcomed everyone & acknowledged both Geoff Miller from OCWA & Frank Moses from Skaneateles Lake Association.

Treasurer's Report. - Teri

- Checking account balance \$78,971.57
Grant checking account \$8,950.00
- Expenses: Harvester (paid with grant money) \$16,100
Milfoil suction \$4510
Shuffle tee shirts \$1028
Shuffle signs \$240 to date
Annual dues (FLRWA) \$200
- Income: Dumpster Day - \$970 in donations from day
Calendars – \$600 (still on sale)

Grant Updates. - Jennifer

- We completed all our work with the harvesting grant which ended July 9th. We will also be reimbursed for some of R. Frost's weed transport.
- Stewards - FLI does the training and paying for stewards. They will bill us in September and there will be a little delay before we are reimbursed.
- In order to fulfill our responsibilities for grant we should be a) creating waste disposal stations for boaters to dispose of weeds on their boats at the launch sites and b) putting up signage.
- We have joined in a grant request with Skaneateles Lake to control the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) a bug that kills hemlocks, important in storm water control. Frank Moses was responsible for including us in the grant writing for this. Haven't heard result yet.
- Water Chestnut pull Saturday, August 1 at 9am, Turtle Bay

Dumpster Day. -Tim

- Very successful! Filled 3-40yd dumpsters. \$960 in contributions plus \$600 in regular yearly contributions.
- Next Dumpster day August 22nd. Thank you to Barb Lynch who will staff it again

Annual meeting. -Tim

- Will be later this year due to pandemic
- Among presentations will be “Lake Friendly Living” by Maura Toole, and the DEC presentation including the fish report

Watershed Shuffle. -Margie

- Great response! 106 participants so far, including 11 from out of state. Final day to sign up to receive shirt August 1st.
- There are no prizes this year since distances are recorded on honor system, but it's a great way to support the lake.

Coffee mugs. -Kate

- Maureen Stathis is creating a graphic for us to put on coffee mugs and sell . Debbie Monaco and Kate Walsh also involved. Tim suggested teaming up with Coffee Mania in Homer to create gift sets.

Projects/ Info. -Tim / all

- OCWA Summer Interns continuing to canvas the lake. Have had good cooperation. There is a link on the website to fill out the questionnaire online and ask for dye packs if needed.
- Legacy program— Rachel Lewis has volunteered to start. She has experience with a lake community in the Adirondacks as well as as a board member at Marcellus Library. She has many fresh ideas about involving renters on the lake. Talked about generating a “renter’s” packet with information about our lake as a public water source, as well as general information about the area.
- Weinheimer T-shirts available at Lakeside Vista for \$18 (\$2 to come back to us)
- Calendars still available for \$15.
- 9 Element Plan— Bill Ayling revamping old plan bringing it into conformity with other Finger Lakes. Stressed the importance of involving local stakeholders. Ex. Onondaga Department of Health is committing \$9000 this year to our weed control efforts. Julie Abbott Keenan will help us get funding for the Plan. Tim has sent her a preliminary budget to present to the legislature.
- Donation letter will go out later this month. Delayed in deference to the employment situations caused by COVID 19 for many of our residents.
- Scholarships were given to the three high schools in our district. Each recipient sent a very nice thank you note.
- Boat wash station— Jim Walsh gave history of the effort. OCWA is still interested as possible site, but is involved in significant construction this year making it impossible in the near future. Another possibility might be the Henderson

property but that would depend on the County and the FLLT. The DEC has a mobile station available once we have a location

Concerns/Questions

-All

- Question: Is boat washing mandatory? Not at this time. Rachel Lewis described system on Star Lake which tracks renters.
- Question: What happened to water temp and lake level postings that used to appear in newspaper? Could they be posted on OCWA webpage?
- Jen Griffin alerted us to HABS report this month on Burma Rd. Question: Where can untrained observer see what it looks like? A link will be put in FAQ on our website.

Meeting ended 7:30

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Walsh, Secretary