

OLPA Board Meeting

August 26, 2020

In attendance: Tim and Margie Creamer, Teri Lori, James Monaco, Jennifer Griffin, Linda Kelly, Ben Hardwick, Bill Ayling, Kate Walsh, Anita and John Williams, the Carrs, Dawn Grace, Shannon Delaney, Kim, Scott, Frank Moses, Bob Moses, Karen Patzke, Anne Marie Clark, Chris Thomas, Jonathan T., Pat Tighe, Marge Robbins, Tom Tighe, Kate and Jim Kelly, Jonathan, Julie Abbott-Kenan

Opening.

-Tim

- Thanks to Frank Moses for his Skaneateles Lake Educational website which speaks to both lakes. A link will be added to our website.
- Links to other partners in our area are also on our website.
- Shannon Delaney will talk about coordinating an effort to better utilize the Otisco Community Center in Amber.
- Julie Abbott is joining to talk about her efforts as our legislator.

Treasurer's Report.

-Tim/Teri

- Checking account balance: \$82,962.85
- Grant checking account: \$8,950
- Expenses paid: \$575 to Sign Solution for Shuffle and Dumpster Days.
\$1350 to Jay Distributing for Shuffle shirts
- Outstanding debt: \$4,510 for major suctioning of Milfoil
Outstanding receipts: \$12,500 of our grant money for work already done, plus \$10-12000 expected with grant renewal in December. This will give us "seed" money for next year's weed work.

Grant Update.

-Jennifer/Tim

- Grant money covered all our harvesting costs
- We will get a bill at the end of the summer for boat steward costs over the amount of our grant. The boat launch is now open and stewards are doing work there.
- Question: How effective can stewards be if not there year-round 24/7? Answer: they are assigned during the most active times. Large part of the job is education so boaters will monitor themselves. Seems to be working since we have no new invasive species. Their job is to prevent weed travel, not weed growth.
- Discussed individual neighborhoods getting together to rent barge for floating weed removal. This is expensive and we still need a disposal site. We are in discussions with OCWA.
- Tasks required for our grants are providing signage and disposal stations for the possible invasive species removed from boats. We need to make sure this is done at the new launch area.

Dumpster Day

-Tim

- Another successful event. One trash and one metal dumpster filled.

- Haven't received the bill yet
- Thanks to Barb Lynch. She's agreed to do it again next year. We will be looking for helpers to unload.

Annual Meeting -Tim

- Annual meeting deferred to next year due to COVID-19.

9 Element Plan Funding. -Julie Abbott-Kenan

- Julie thanked Tim for the detailed proposal which she will put forward with the legislature. Though budget constraints are tough due to COVID cost to the community, she is confident she will be able to get us some money. The budget hearings were pushed back, hoping to get some federal aid.
- She's also meeting with OCWA about a suitable wash station solution.

Watershed Shuffle - Margie

- Great success! 126 participants
- \$3500 raised from major sponsors
\$1700 in extra donations given at time of registration
- Net earnings \$5500!
- Lots of nice stories and pictures shared by participants. Photo essay shared with FLWA to show other lakes what we are doing
- Thank you to all volunteers.

Coffee cups -Kate

- Maureen Stathis' designs were shown as well as a picture of the type of mugs we are considering. We are waiting for samples to arrive to make a final choice.
- Coffee Mania was also contacted about coffee to be included in a holiday basket type presentation.
- Questions about how we will advertise this. Suggestions included Lakeside Vista, Amber Inn, D&R, Nojaims and Vesper Hills. We also hope to get a picture on our Facebook page and website.

Amber Community Center. -Shannon Delaney

- Shannon moved here from San Francisco a couple of years ago and has questioned the underutilization of the Community Center.
- She's holding an open meeting at the center September 24 at 6pm. She describes it as a grassroots effort to get activities going from children's educational programs to CPR to cooking classes.

FLLT/Henderson Property -Tim

- The Henderson property has been officially acquired by FLLT. As such it falls under "perpetually natural" rules. Andy Zepp will be at our September meeting to discuss plans for its use.

Projects/Info.

-Tim / all

- Renter's Information Packet — Rachael Lewis to work on it this Fall. Any ideas may be sent to her through the OLPA website.
- Boat Wash Station— Jim Walsh continues to work on this. Scott Prindle is the new regional director of the DEC. They have committed to paying for the station once we have a location. The Henderson property is out of consideration. Julie Abbott-Keenan to talk with OCWA about it next week.
- Calendars— We are down to 5 unsold calendars. Thank you to Linda Kelly for all her work on this. She is asking for pictures for next year's calendar, hoping to have it on sale in the early Fall.
- Weinheimer T-shirts are available at Lakeside Vista or from Kim Weinheimer. \$2 from every shirt sold goes to OLPA.
- Donation letter is going out on Labor Day.
- Legacy Development— Rachel Lewis is working on a way to leave part of one's estate to OLPA.

Concerns/Questions

-All

- None

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Walsh, Secretary