

OLPA Board Meeting

May 13,2020

In attendance: Tim and Margie Creamer, Jim and Deb Monaco, Linda Kelly, Teri Lore, Bill Ayling, Jen Griffin, Peter Jordan, Ben Hardwick, Kate Walsh

Opening -Tim

- Thank you to Margie for setting up Zoom Meeting

Board Members/Openings. -Tim/all

- Decided to increase the size of the board at the Fall 2019 planning meeting
- New members: Jim and Deb Monaco (sharing one position), Linda Kelly, Teri Lore as new treasurer.
- Peter Jordan has stepped down. OLPA gave him gift in recognition of all his work, even beyond treasurer

Treasurer's Report. -Tim/Peter

- No formal report as transition incomplete to Teri
- Organization has \$30,000 CD plus approximately \$35,000 in bank account plus grant money still available.
- Mike Green helped to get the 990 reports to the federal government and Tim updated the charities report.

Computer update

- Peter unable to clear extraneous material from hard drive so will buy it from OLPA allowing us to purchase one more compatible with our needs.
- Subcommittee of Teri, Tim and a volunteer to confer with Mike Green to decide on machine.
- OLPA owns some Microsoft office software, Quickbooks, though online Quickbooks has been recommended as a better, easier choice.
- Jen mentioned a company which sells reconditioned, off lease machines with full-service backup. They are located in Syracuse on Teal Ave.

Grant Report. -Jen/Tim

-Weed control

- About \$16,000 left in grant account. Grant ends July 9th. We can file for an extension, but not sure its needed at this time.
- Pond weed harvesting begins late May. Recommend using most, if not all, on surface harvesting rather than getting grant extension to use it on Milfoil extraction. We expect \$8,000 from the County which we can use on that plus some of our own money.
- Cuttings may be off loaded at Hart's Point this year, increasing productivity.
- Nathan has hired 3 people to work with him this year with Milfoil extraction. They'll be putting down mats in June (these will be unusable in 2-3 years due to wear). We should encourage neighborhoods to form groups and hire Nathan privately. We would suggest that he make up a proposal which we can pass on to the homeowners.

- Change in HABS surveillance this year. Only done by pictures and descriptions. No sample taking. No word yet on training.
- Ben continuing his biweekly work with CSLAP. If we have a questionable area, he offered to sample it. We presently pay for a second CSLAP site. Because our lake is small, there has been very little variation between the two. Question whether 2nd necessary (payment sent in January)

-Stewards

- We are hiring 2. FLI will train. We're in year two of grant, but didn't have to pay last year. Our DEC money is on delay so we may have to front the money for an indefinite period of time.
- Tim to talk with Julie Abbott Keenan to see what we will get from the county

Mat Program. -Tim

- Still available to homeowners with contribution to OLPA

Scholarship Program. -Tim

- Agreed to continue to give to student from OCS, Tully and Marcellus. \$250 each. Due to Pandemic, there will be no formal presentation this year.

Schedule 2020. -all

-Meetings

- Continue monthly meetings on schedule using Zoom
- Contact membership with invitation code via Facebook and/or using member database.

-Shuffle

- Cancelled in its original form due to COVID 19.
- Ben suggested "Virtual" race. He will have more details on the logistics after participating in one.
- "Race" need not just be a road run/walk. Could be bike, kayak.
- Participants would pay to "enter" and get tee shirt sent to them. Pictures could be sent by individuals and posted on Facebook or our website.

-Dumpster Days

- Rich Frost has agreed to continue
- Tim to ask Barb Lynch if she will moderate. Unanimous agreement to continue.

-Annual Meeting

- Discussed format. ?Zoom or pre-recorded lectures we could post on YouTube or another platform.
- Could do webinar with agenda pre-posted so members could submit questions. Looking for content suggestions. One suggestion was to access local historian which might bring in new interest in OLPA.

Projects/Planning -Tim/all

-Mail Chimp Account

- Thanks to Cate Griffin for updating account

-Calendars

- Successful. Still have 20, but even so it paid for itself
- Next year start earlier (Oct.), do more marketing.

- Possible photo contest with paid entry.
- Tiger Muskie shirt
 - Local artist Kim Weinheimer has designed tee shirts with fish graphic. She has offered to donate \$2 of each sale (\$18-\$20 ea.) to OLPA
 - We agreed to put the information on our Facebook page.
- Coffee mugs
 - Tim has two samples of cup design which we can consider. Again, thought we could get input on graphic from membership.
 - Mugs would be for sale and given at certain contribution level.
- Wash Station
 - Jim Walsh continuing to work with OCWA and DEC on property located at the north end of the lake on Rte. 174.
- 9 Element Plan
 - We have proposed a budget for Julie Abbott Keenan to take to the county to pay for the work. The county gave Skaneateles approximately \$100,000 for theirs.
- FLLT/ Henderson Property
 - Property sale went through
- Amazon Smile
 - Encourage use whenever ordering from Amazon. Portion of their profit goes to us.

Concerns/Questions / Wrap-up

- OLPA received some memorial donations from the Amber beach neighbors
- Oneonta State College is instituting a Lake Management tract. They will be looking for internships on the lakes. We could use them in the tributary mapping.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Walsh, Secretary