

OLPA Meeting

April 21, 2021

In attendance: Tim and Margie Creamer, Jim and Dede Walsh, Kate Walsh, Jim Monaco, Bill Ayling, Jen Griffin, Teri Lore, Linda Kelly, Lisa Yesinsky, Frank Moses, Marion Greenhalgh, Diane Dwire, Rich and Chris Thomas, Jim Kelly, Peggy Chase, Barb Merkle

Opening - Tim

- Due to the early good weather, boat traffic on the lake began almost as the ice went out

Treasurer's Report. - Teri

- Checking account balance \$69,228 (as of 3/31/2021)
- Grant account balance \$28,734
- Donations approximately \$2,500 and continuing to come in
- Expenses \$777 for Lake Friendly Living signs and materials (the committee has been authorized \$1300)

Grant Report. -Jen/Tim

- Weed Control- harvesting grant ended with small amount of leftover funds in our account.
- Stewards - last year of grant. We hope to have stewards covering all three entry points, beginning as early as 6am on the weekends to catch tournament boats. Hoping for grant renewal next year
- Harvester- surface harvesting for Curly Pondweed to start in late May for 5-6 days (60 hrs). Also plan "bog" pick up just before the 4th of July. No date yet for suction harvesting.

Lake Friendly Living. -Margie

- Committee of Margie Creamer, Marion Greenhalgh, Maureen Stathis
- 7 Finger Lakes are involved in this initiative. Trying to get lake users to take the pledge which is available on OLPA website.
- May 2-7 is an educational week with numerous webcasts related to this message. OLPA has sponsored one done by Janet Allen at 10am, May 4 . Margie will make sure this and others are recorded for future access
- Suggestions were made that we create a separate account to fund future speakers. Also, that the larger association develop a regional speakers board.

Wash Station -Tim/Jim

- Tim and Jim had a meeting with DEC and county representatives about putting the wash station at the SE end of the lake on the parking area connected with the Henderson property.

- This site would be convenient to all three lake access boat ramps with space to clean a boat/trailer and for one waiting in line.
- The DEC will cover all the equipment costs, including a storage shed, power washer type unit, and 550 gallon water reservoir similar to a station presently in use on Saranac Lake.
- The county will work on a responsibility plan for OLPA, assuming stewards will assist in operating the station. The unit has already been purchased so projected time for the start of operations is late this summer or beginning next summer.

Earth Day Event.

-Tim/Bill

- Scheduled for April 24, 9:00 at the Community Center. This year we are doing it in conjunction with the Otisco Lake Community Association's open house.
- The American Chemical Society is once again the event's financial sponsor.
- Trash pick up to be from 9:30- 11:30 or 12:00. Bring gloves and appropriate shoes or boots, bags will be provided.

OLCA.

-Tim

- Renee Dwyer is the new president.
- #1 goal is to make the center more available to the community and more accessible.
- Some ideas include a boater safety class, 4-H club, Chris Thomas' yoga class. They are looking for more suggestions. They are also doing a membership drive.

Projects/Planning

-Tim/all

- Maps - OLPA has purchased 25 old style maps of Otisco Lake with original buildings referenced. Teri is looking for help with creating a possible gift set and deciding on pricing.
- 9 Element Plan - Bill Ayling is referencing and building on work being done by the Central New York Regional Planning Association. They are looking at Otisco Lake in their water preservation work.
- FLLT/ Henderson Property — working out final details with the county before they open to the public
- Adelgid Grant— we are part of this grant with Skaneateles and Owasco lakes to identify the areas affected. Owasco has lost significant areas of trees. Dr. Dana Hall, from Owasco, will be giving a talk on non-aquatic invasive species for Lake Friendly Living webcast.

Respectfully submitted
Kate Walsh, secretary