

OLPA ZOOM Meeting

June 10, 2020

In attendance: Tim and Margie Creamer, Kate Walsh, Deb Monaco, Nathan Bean, Barb Lynch, Bill Ayling, Ben Hardwick, Marge Robbins, Julie Abbott Keenan, Mark Murphy, Karen Thompson, Robert Friedman, Deborah Carr, Marion Greenhalgh, Linda Kelly, Teri Lore, Jen Griffin, Dave Perkins, Anita Williams, Mark Berger, Mike Plochocki, Jaymie H., Ann Marie Clark

Opening -Tim

- Though COVID 19 has caused us to make several changes, we are looking forward to a productive year.

Board Update. -Tim

- The size of the board has been increased from 5 to 9 members. This will give an opportunity for different perspectives.
- Peter Jordan has moved to Florida. Teri Lore is taking over his position as treasurer.
- Other new members are Linda Kelly, Ann Marie Clark and Jim and Deb Monaco who will share a single position.

Treasurer's Report. -Tim/Teri

- We are in the process of getting a new computer
- Mike Greene will be meeting with Tim and Teri in the next 10 days to set up more streamlined financial system
- Current account balances: Solvay Checking - \$29,600.00
Solvay Grant Checking - \$15,942.00
Solvay CD - \$30,059.78
- Insurance has been paid for board and events
- Grant money is expected to be delayed, but we have enough in our accounts to pay for weed harvesting, Dumpster Day and other expenses.

Matting/Harvesting Update. -Tim/Jennifer

- Pond weed harvesting is underway. Increased efficiency this year due to weeds being offloaded at OCWA and Hart's properties, with Rick Frost hauling them away from there. We have contracted for 80 hours of harvesting, double what we did last year.
- We should have extra money to clear some of the boggy areas the 2 days before the 3rd of July celebrations.
- Matting program still available. Nathan will install the OLPA mats for a fee. His phone number is on the OLPA website.

Grant Updates. -Jennifer

- Our main grant must be used by July 9th. We have the option of asking for an extension to spread it out.

- Weed study - HAB training live online today. A recorded version will be available. Volunteers needed for reporting, but no samples to be sent in for lab testing this year.
- Ben doing CSLAP again this year
- Stewards- have started work at marina. Part of grant requirement that we provide signage, disposal stations.
- Jim Walsh continuing to work with the DEC and OCWA on a boat wash station at the north end of the lake

Dumpster Day

- Moved to June 27th
- Barb Lynch to coordinate again. Staff can only direct, not help unload due to Covid-19. Service is free but we accept donations.
- Metal, trash and mattresses (\$20 charge) accepted at June collection.
- 2nd collection day in August.

Annual Meeting

- Still working on topics including the DEC fishing report
- Will probably record it and have it accessible online.

Watershed Shuffle

- Margie working on plan for “virtual” run with help from Anita, Linda and Ben
- Runners/walkers will pay \$25 for registration and receive 2020 shirt. Participants will log in miles from June 20-July 20 around a virtual 17 mile lake course.
- Volunteers needed to make signs, handle shirt orders, contact merchants for donations.
- Continuing to develop ideas to increase revenue such as runners soliciting pledges, neighborhood competitions.

Projects

- Calendars - 20 left. Can be bought through our website
- Weinheimer T-shirts available at Lakeside Vista and through our website. 10% of the proceeds go to OLPA
- Coffee cups - Kate Walsh and Debbie Monaco to work on OLPA mug. Julie Abbott Keenan suggested shops in Skaneateles as resource.
- 9 Element Plan - Julie Abbott Keenan reported that the county environmental protection committee had just met. Our funding request has not been acted upon but they didn't think our request unreasonable. Ms. Abbott Keenan also mentioned grant money available for “drinking water source” but we can't apply for that directly. Bill Ayling will be available shortly to work on 9 element plan.
- Website/Facebook - Mark Murphy asked us to post a letter on our website regarding yearly OCWA survey. Interns will be contacting residents by phone rather than in person this year so phone numbers must be updated.
- Donation letter was delayed this year. Will be going out to board members in next couple of days
- Scholarships - will again be given to graduating students at Tully, Marcellus and OCS.

- FLLT/Henderson Property - on the docket to become a county park, but funding this year has been cut by 25%. The county is looking at it as an educational site. The Willowdale property to open July 1st so as not to disturb eagles fledging.

Concerns/Questions

- Because Earth Day trash pickup was cancelled this year, we are encouraged to individually collect on our walks
- Question about weeds going over the dam in big clumps. These weeds were not a result of the harvesting, but due to normal boat traffic. It is not unusual with the increased recreational use recently.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Walsh, Secretary