

Lake Onderdonk Improvement Association – Early Summer 2025 Membership Meeting

6/21/2025 – 10:00am

Present: Steve Converse, President; Chris D'Alessandro, Vice President; Joe McFadden, Treasurer; Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro, Secretary; Randy Coon, Board Member; Barb Porter, Board Member; Maynard Porter, Board Member; John Merrill, Board Member; Penny Stoevers, Board Member; Marlene Snyder; Mary Warren; Mike Hartman; Maureen Hartman; Lee Warren; Calvin Switzer; Joe Graf; Cindy Becker; Al Gallucci; Maggie Gallucci; Mike Marks; Don Lee; Doreen Wiedman; Ken Storms; John Stoevers

1. Steve Converse called the meeting to order at 10:05.
2. Secretary's report, review/approval of 5/24/2025 meeting minutes: Paper minutes were available for review. Maynard noted that there are "beaver homes" on the lake not "beaver dams" as recorded. Minutes were approved with that amendment. Moving forward minutes will be sent to an e-mail list of those attending the meetings/past meetings as well as posted on the websites for review and amendments prior to the next meeting for the sake of efficiency and eliminating waste.
3. Joe reported a balance of slightly over \$8,000 and the treatment has been paid. Steve explained how he and Joe updated the addresses for owners and sent letters resulting in an increase in paid assessments and dues this year at approximately 80%- essential as the costs of treatment have gone up despite our current vendor offering the most competitive price. Members wondered about those not paying. Steve reported that we hope to build interest in the association to encourage non-paying individuals and families to pay. Remaining expenses include raffle payments to winners and electric bills, repairs and improvements. Re fundraising, Karen reported a current sale of two hundred forty-five 300 Club tickets with 7 bonus tickets given for those selling 10 or more tickets. Members were invited to buy/sell more of the remaining tickets. There are 14 more drawings including the two \$100, one \$250 and one \$500 prize. We aspire to be in a solid financial position to protect and enhance the lake for all members.
4. Update on weed control treatment: Steve reported again on the new vendor, Little Bear and the Clearcast results. The application date was 5/28/24. It took longer to knock down the curly leaf as was expected. The curly leaf has since been knocked down with hopes of diminished regrowth in the fall and next year. The Clearcast is certainly as effective as Aquathol K in knocking down the extreme growth of curly leaf this spring. Additionally, it has died and floated to the sides and out the dam. The hope is that we may be able to skip future treatments as indicated. Cindy wondered when the water would be tested post application to report the numbers on the parts per billion and hoped it would be done soon. Steve agreed to contact Little Bear and inquire about the testing date.
5. CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program) water testing status : Stoevers/D'Alessandros presented on the testing process. After scientific water sampling with instruments provided for free with training this year by NYSFOLA, the lake water was processed, placed in bottles, frozen and shipped in an insulated cooler to the researchers. Reports will indicate water quality to include water clarity, temperature, chlorophyll, calcium, phosphorous, nitrogen, harmful algal blooms, water quality trends and more. Members can look on the website for results that were obtained years ago for Lake Onderdonk. Reports can be accessed through the CSLAP website on any lake. This process will be repeated in July, August and September. It has been noted that there has been a substantial amount of algae (non-harmful) in the lake this early spring-perhaps due to rainwater runoff and increased nitrogen

and phosphorus from all the increased curly leaf we hope to eradicate. Testing will be helpful and may put us in a better position to apply for grants in the future.

6. Approval vote for new constitution and bylaws: Steve presented the new constitution and bylaws which was sent via e-mail to members, made available last meeting and available on the websites. Members noted the website has an inactive e-mail. This issue will be explored. Changes were reviewed to include payment of dues for voting members, term limits to the board, etc. Maynard made a motion to accept, seconded by Al Gallucci and it passed unanimously.
7. Upgrade, maintenance, and usage of clubhouse and lakefront property: Randy Coon reported that there will be a work day July 26, 2025. We discussed the topic of lake access at the Board meeting and the momentum to develop LOIA lakefront property has been put on hold for the time being, as the level of interest in doing so is unclear among LOIA non-riparian and lake front owners. The idea was to clear the lake front of bushes, erect a kayak rack and perhaps a dock in the future. There is also a question of liability insurance which would need to be addressed. Don noted that there has been historical interest in right of ways and access. LOIA will await hearing from members regarding developing LOIA access and leave right of ways on other property to property owners.
8. New business: Steve inquired about scheduled Potlucks and a fundraiser. He will confer with Judy Converse, the Chair of the Social Committee, regarding summer events.

Cindy wondered when the dam was set to be inspected. This led to a conversation of the lack of clarity Re: who owns the lake, the road and the dam. Members have looked at the structure which appears sound.

Doreen noted that it was difficult to read the LOIA signage. Randy offered to write darker and larger.

Mike suggested the Board consider getting new signs with lettering.
9. Meeting schedule: Steve reminded members of the next scheduled meeting **Saturday July 19th** at 10:00 AM. The remaining summer meeting will be 8/23/25 @ 10:00am
10. Week 5 raffle drawing: Victoria Marks drew the winning ticket for this week. Marcia Weaver was pulled.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro, LOIA Secretary