

Lake Onderdonk Improvement Association- Spring 2024 Meeting Minutes
5-25-24

Board Members present: Steve Converse, President; Maynard Porter, Vice President; Joe McFadden, Treasurer; Sue LaVigne, Secretary; Randy Coon, Barb Porter, Chris D'Alessandro, Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro

Membership present: Joe Graf, Joe Miller, Al and Maggie Gallucci, Mary and Lee Warren, Marlene Snyder Coon, John and Penny Stoever, Judy Converse

- I. Steve Converse, LOIA President, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.
- II. The minutes of the 9/2/23 meeting, read by Barb Porter, were accepted with the following amendments: The CD balance is \$6,600 and it is with Citizens bank. Moved by Judy Converse and seconded by Barb Porter.
- III. Joe McFadden, Treasurer, provided details of accounts:
There is currently a \$2,255 balance with Key Bank.
-Lake front assessments and dues received are pending, due date is 5/31/24. All are encouraged to join and pay assessments if not yet having done so. Much work was completed by Steve and Joe to update addresses for mailings to go to all individuals and families around the lake. All received a mailing about the dues, assessments and weed control plan as appropriate.
-Sue LaVigne magnanimously took over Ott's huge shoes to run the 300 Club Raffle. All who have not yet sent in their raffle ticket stubs or returned them are encouraged to do so —in addition to selling more tickets. This year the raffle was dedicated to Ottilie Foglio who passed 2/25/24. Ott faithfully ran the raffle for so many years. She created each ticket by hand and was responsible for so many proceeds to benefit the lake.
-Joe secured Federal tax exemption status and is in the process of filing to reactivate New York State Status. Giant debt of gratitude for these efforts.
- IV. Weed Control treatment
Burden Aquatics completed the weed treatment on 5/10/24. They did not use their air boat for the application of the 90 gallons of Aquathol K. \$10,000 was paid and there is a current balance of \$2,800. This will be paid by 5/31/24. The state sales tax on this bill will be withheld in anticipation of the renewal of LOIA tax exemption status.
- V. Status of water chestnuts/other invasives
Water chestnuts are currently under good control. All are encouraged to pull per DEC recommendations to get the nut to control this invasive species carried to the lake on boats. All are encouraged to eradicate bittersweet, an invasive species that chokes out trees and other plant life around the lake.
- VI. Water Quality Committee
Sue Mosher, Penny Stoever, Cindy Becker and Maynard Porter are members of the committee. Penny reported that she consulted with a company that cuts weeds and it is not possible to have this done due to the size of the equipment/launch capabilities and stumps in the lake.
Sue secured membership with the NYS Federation of Lake Associations.
Sue will no longer Chair this committee, but will remain on the committee. Penny agreed to chair this committee and anyone interested is encouraged to join. Penny reported that she explored Muck Away as an effective method of dissolving muck on the lake bottom which will reduce weed growth. Penny will provide more information to the Association on Muck Away, cost, directions for application and a coordinated plan for all who may want to use this for consistent application as a weed control alternative in the future pending successful field data. Many are excited to try in their waterfronts to see if it is effective and report to the group.

VII. Communications

Penny continues to update the Facebook Page. Contact Penny via Facebook with any posting requests. She additionally established a Honkers site which is a group site that allows anyone to post.

Curtis Canham continues to maintain the LOIA website.

VIII. Membership and recruitment

All were encouraged to invite neighbors and friends to attend in an effort to grow our community and maintain our values to welcome all and encourage lake preservation and improvement.

IX. "Keep the Honkers Happy" signs are out. Maggie has 5 remaining signs-please reach out if a sign is needed, several have not put theirs out yet.

X. Public Lake Access, boating, water based issues

The Board is consulting the new owners of the property that has historically allowed lake access. All members were encouraged to remain neighborly and respectful in their lake use for enjoyment for all. There has been a concerted effort by many to remove garbage in the lake and in front of the dam.

XI. Status of upgrade, maintenance and usage of clubhouse

Randy reported that the roof is complete-there were many to thank for work days-a giant thank you for labor of love to so many. The soffit was replaced in the back with a donation from Joe McFadden. Mike Hartman completed the electrical, lighting upgrade from fluorescent to LED bulbs and donated materials. The Porters additionally donated for materials. Marlene and Randy continue to clean and beautify the space.

Randy will coordinate a work day for some additional improvements. Big thanks to all who have worked and donated time, talent and resources!!! Please pardon if any names were inadvertently not mentioned.

XII. New Business: none suggested.

XIII. Nominations/Elections for open Board of Directors

Steve noted that current bi-laws dictate that there are term limits of two years on Board positions. In order to be in compliance, Joe McFadden was re-elected as Treasurer and Barb Porter, Randy Coon, Sue LaVigne and John Merrill were re-elected to another term. Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro resigned from the Board in Order to run for Secretary to replace Sue LaVigne, wishing to step down after so many years of wonderful service. No additional members wished to run for the Board and Karen was elected Secretary

XIV. Meeting Schedule:

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 10:00am

Remaining meetings are 7/20/24 and 8/24/24

XV. The first raffle drawing of 2024 will be held in the next week and posted on the LOIA signs.

XVI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro