Lake Onderdonk Improvement Association – Spring 2025 Meeting

5/24/2025 – 10:00 AM (BOD meeting at 9:00am briefly reviewed all items contained below)

Present: Steve Converse, President; Maynard Porter, Vice Present; Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro, Secretary; Randy Coons; John Merrill; Barb Porter; Chris D'Alessandro; Marlene Snyder; Mike Hartman; Jessie Crawford; Rebecca Giroux, Judy Converse, Maggie Gallucci. Absent: Joe McFadden, Treasurer

1. Welcome and call to order: Steve Converse called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

2. Secretary's report, review/approval of 8/24/2024 meeting minutes: Minutes approved without amendments as moved by Judy and seconded by Chris.

3. Treasurer's report, fundraising status, 2025 year to date financial report: Steve, for Joe McFadden, presented YTD expenses of $2,828.11. Motion to approve was made by Chris, seconded by Maynard and passes unanimously. Net income covers expenses and will be sufficient to cover the cost of weed treatment. Steve and Joe spent many hours updating the addresses of owners of riparian and non-riparian owners which yielded a return of 80% of invoices of dues and assessments. Additional efforts will be made to reach out to remaining owners regarding participation by members of the BOD. Karen reported that 238 tickets have been sold to date following the same mailing that was utilized for LOIA dues and assessments. Shout out to Curtis Canham for the ticket design and for Joe and Steve for updating addresses. Additional tickets are available and will be sold until the final drawing. John purchased an additional ticket and voila, he won today's drawing!

4. Approval of 2025 budget: Steve presented a budget of $19,043.00 (attached). Motion was made by Judy to accept, seconded by Barb and the 2025 budget was approved unanimously.

5. Association membership and recruiting: Steve discussed efforts to increase membership.

6. Update on weed control treatment: Steve reviewed the information sent with the annual assessments that we have changed vendors and product to Little Bear and Clearcast. Application will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Little Bear was selected as the most competitive vendor following review of three proposals. Clearcast was selected as recommended by Nicole White as it will work to eradicate curly leaf pondweed rather than knock it down only to grow back more fully the following year as well as decrease the depth of the lake. Last year the curly leaf resurfaced at the end of the summer. Jessie recommended notifying lake residents of the application date and it was agreed that information will be posted on the Honkers Site and via e-mail in addition to the sign Nicole will post at the dam.

7. Status of water chestnuts, other invasives/undesirables: Water chestnuts are currently well controlled. Members are encouraged to keep looking out for them and to pull the nut when they encounter them. Water lilies are spreading and can become out of control if not addressed. Members are encouraged to manage them on their lake fronts. Later we may coordinate a group effort as recommended by a home owner. Also, there are two active beaver dams and there has been felled trees on several properties.

8. Community Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)- Volunteers Chris and Karen D'Alessandro and Penny and John Stoever were trained on water testing which will be conducted once each summer month. The program was offered free this year and the BOD agreed to participate to gain data that may be helpful for our lake management plan and potential grants. A report of water quality will be produced by scientists with the state after testing the water that is collected, frozen and sent to the DEC by our volunteers.

9. Results of the annual survey: Steve sent a survey with invoices in January asking members to rank the priorities of the association. The results are attached and are contained in the newly drafted constitution representing the purpose of the association.

10. Next gen "Keep the Honkers Happy" signs: Maggie Gallucci distributed ideas for new signs addressing driving slowly. Members were asked for feedback and she will develop new signs for purchase. Maggie will reach out to membership for production once the design and materials are created and purchased.

11. ***Introduction of new draft constitution and bylaws:*** Steve developed a new Constitution and Bylaws to put LOIA in a better position as we seek to secure insurance and grant proposals. The BOD has met to review and amend the current draft. Steve presented this revised draft for members to review. This will be posted on our media sites. All are encouraged to reach out to Steve with input/edits in hopes of voting on it next meeting. John recommended re-wording of modification os A2.02 b. and c. - to "endeavor to protect", noting that LOIA does not have enforcement capabilities.

12. Status of upgrade, maintenance, and usage of clubhouse: Randy detailed all the work that had been done with the assistance of his brother Richard, John Stoever, Chris Pullmain and Mike Hartman. Randy will reach out to schedule a work day. In June we will explore moving forward on improving the lakefront owned by LOIA to enable usage by LOIA members who may not own lakefront. We discussed other ideas for improvements in the future including installing a compostable toilet/purchasing a port-a-potty and repairing the kitchen floor.

13. Other: Members were asked to consider ideas for fundraising for the next meeting. Members were reminded of the Social Committee and those interested should reach out to Judy, Chair. Steve reported a bit on the squatter situation on Echo Point Rd. He has been in communication with the owner of the property. There is an eviction hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

14. Nominations/elections for open BOD position, expired terms: Steve reported that Sue LaVigne retired from the BOD leaving a vacancy. Also, the President and Vice President positions were up for re-election. Penny Stoever was asked to run for the open BOD position and agreed to run. No one else sought the seat. Maynard nominated Penny, seconded by Maggie and was voted unanimously to serve on the BOD for the 2 year term. Steve asked the floor for additional nominations for expiring seats. Steve agreed to run for another term, Maynard wished to retire from VP and agreed to run for Chris' seat, Chris agreed to run for VP. No others expressed interest. A motion was made by Mike for this slate, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

15. New Business: Maynard presented that the dam was close to the top following all the rain. Debris was cleared that was causing some difficulty as noted by Randy at the last BOD meeting. All are asked to keep an eye on the dam. Rebecca agreed to follow-up with Steve Bright to explore reinforcing the wire encasing the dam so that future boards/debris would be prevented from becoming lodged.

16. Meeting scheduled : Steve reported the next scheduled meeting will be **Saturday June 21st** at 10:00am. Remaining summer meetings will be on 7/19 and 8/23/25 at 10:00am also.

16. First raffle drawing of 2025: Ticket stubs were turned over to Randy. Mya Gallucci pulled John Merrill.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34am as moved, seconded and approved. Respectfully submitted, Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro -LOIA Secretary