

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7 p.m. Thursday October 24, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present: Barb Hicks (Zoom Host and Chair), David Murray, Susan Murray, Kirsten Brouse, Anne Scotton, Cathy Kari, Linda Cuthbertson (Secretary)
Regrets: Keith Desjardin, Jen O'Donoghue, Nancy Lynn

Approval of the Agenda

Motion (2024-05-01)

Moved by Anne and seconded by Cathy “ that the agenda with 8(h) “Archival Records” added be approved as distributed”.

Carried

Approval of Board Minutes from August 18, 2024

Motion (2024-05-S02)

Moved by Susan and seconded by David “ that the minutes of the OLA Board Meeting August 18, 2024 be approved as distributed “.

Carried

Treasurer's Report

Jen was unable to be at the meeting but did submit 2 reports, Year to Date Actuals as of October 24, 2024 and Proposed Budget for 2025. Discussion and approval motions will wait till the next Board Meeting.

Update on Roles

Susan is looking for someone to be the Lake Ambassador Coordinator. Nancy and Heidi expressed an interest so Susan will talk to them. Susan will be the new Shoreline Plant Sale Coordinator.

OLA Projects and Priorities List/ Chart

Barb distributed a copy of the chart dated October 17, 2024 and together we updated the information and removed some projects. Barb sent everyone an updated version shortly after the meeting. Some Board members offered to contact and confirm volunteer participation for some of the project roles.

Meeting Dates

Board Meeting Dates: February 20, 2025
April 17, 2025
May 15, 2025
AGM Sunday June 1, 2025

Updates

There was considerable discussion about the OLA's historical and future role of the Lake Steward Team. Lake Steward data collection and reporting sometimes requires a level of expertise and scientific knowledge that our volunteer organization lacks so partnering with more qualified research or study groups is an option that was discussed. It was noted that OLA has benefitted from working with many partners over the years. Changing the role description and name of the team was also discussed.

It was agreed that Lake Steward data collected over the years needs to be consolidated. There are 7 boxes of materials and at least one box of data. Kirsten will reword the planned research proposal so it allows for data assessment and forward a draft to David and RVCA. This will require hiring someone with expertise or a university student studying water testing and lake quality issues.

The Board agreed to rethink its role in completing the yearly "State of the Lake Report". This year Barb has agreed to complete the report. It is a report our membership value. Any questions about the report or water quality interpretation will be directed to Kirsten.

Members have had dock issues due to high water levels.

To encourage recruitment of volunteers and show appreciation for OLA volunteers it was suggested we plan a Volunteer Appreciation Event in April 2025 during Volunteer Appreciation Week. Discussed possible location and format but no decisions made as this time.

The granting program for shoreline work should benefit as many OLA members as possible. Jen will be asked to come up with a proposal for allocation of these funds for discussion at the February meeting.

David has a number of boxes of OLA materials and historical records and doesn't want to continue to store them at their residence. It was decided consolidation of these materials should be done. There is a box of "Love Your Lake Data" from the previous study.

David moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m..

Reports

The following reports were submitted and distributed before the meeting: August 18, 2024 OLA Board Minutes (Barb), Communications Report (Barb), Membership/Mail Box/Lake Ambassador/Lake Steward Team Report (David and Susan), Budget Reports (Jen), OLA Projects and Priorities Chart (Barb).

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Next Board Meeting by Zoom February 20, 2025.