

OTYC 2018 Annual Meeting

July 14, 2018 9:00 am EDT OTYC Clubhouse

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Attendees

Board Members in attendance included Bob DeVries, Nancy Cooper, Kanda McKee, Cathy Heiser, Mike Biskupski, Kerry Magrini, and Linda McKenzie. Scott Mulligan and Tommy Newland were unable to attend.

Seventy-two (72) members attended the meeting in person. A total number of 97 members were either present or had submitted proxies. Of the proxies submitted, 12 designated the Board to vote on their behalf and 13 designated another member. 42 members were needed for a quorum.

Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Peggy Elscott motioned to waive the reading of the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mary Tonneberger seconded the motion which carried. Jim Miller moved to accept the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Michael Ray and approved by the membership.

Commodore's Welcome

Commodore DeVries welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual Meeting. He thanked Tom Oehmke for volunteering to serve as parliamentarian along with the assistance of Joan Brovins.

Acknowledgements

Commodore DeVries spoke about volunteerism. He acknowledged the volunteer efforts of the Board of Directors and other members. We have 2 members who will be leaving in August because they have already served 2 three year terms. Mike Biskupski and Nancy Cooper.

- Mike Biskupski, has done the leg work on getting bids for the tennis court fencing and resurfacing and supervising both projects. He can always count on Mike to be a willing to volunteer for projects to be done, with good humor and a smile. Mike has been a valuable member of the Board for 6 years. He will certainly be missed!
- Nancy Cooper is our current rear Commodore and former Commodore, his mentor and go to person about club procedure and policy. Nancy has been very helpful with membership procedures and making sure, as a Board, we maintain time lines regarding any number of issues. He can always count on Nancy for good advice and wise counsel.
- Running for a second 3-year term is Vice Commodore Scott Mulligan. Scott has been a great asset on the launch repair and the updating of the Web site project. He can be counted on to help where ever he is needed.
- Cathy Heiser is our Treasurer and has a real talent for explaining our finances in a clear and concise manner. Her job is extremely important to the wellbeing of the club. Her wise advice is respected by all of us on the board.
- Kanda McKee is our Secretary. She had big shoes to fill when she replaced former Secretary Cathy Stephenson. Kanda jumped right in and has done a wonderful job. Always ahead of time in getting out minutes and board agendas, she can always be counted on to summarize Board discussions clearly and concisely.

- Linda McKenzie stepped up to be the Youth Camp Coordinator when we couldn't find a volunteer coordinator. She and Sara Goldman have done a great job. The youth camp is an important part of our club. Without volunteers to lead this great opportunity for our young people, this program would not be possible.
- Kerry Magrini has taken on the responsibility of maintaining and regularly updating our website. Her leadership, along with Scott Mulligan's technical support, has made our website the great resource for current club activities and information. Kerry is always looking for ways to improve the website and is very open to your suggestions. Kerry can always be counted on to volunteer to do almost any job that needs to be done.
- Tommy Newland is also a very hands on Board member. Whether it's help with the sunfish, providing encouragement to the Board to move forward on projects like the tennis court resurfacing and fencing pledge drive, or being willing to volunteer to help do whatever needs to be done. Tommy has been a solid addition.

All of your Board members volunteer countless hours to the club by attending monthly conference call meetings as well as contributing their time in the ways previously mentioned.

Commodore's Report

Prior to giving his report, Commodore DeVries asked Tom Oehmke to address the members regarding the Sunfish incident that took place on Omena Bay. 2 non-members took two of OTYC's Sunfish out on a windy day and one of the Sunfish turtled. The sailor was unable to right the boat and almost succumbed to hypothermia. Thankfully, Tom Buehler who was on shore was able to rescue the sailor and save the OTYC sunfish which he and his crewmate towed back to the Club. Tom Oehmke quoted the Watercraft Policy, which is available on the website. The club has no liability when a non-member uses any of our watercraft.

Commodore DeVries continued with his report after there were no questions from the membership.

Once again the fall of 2017 through the early part of the season has been a busy one:

1. The boat launch ramp, which was damaged by waves in late winter of 2017, was repaired in October. Members were able to begin using the ramp again this spring!
2. This spring the tennis court was totally resurfaced and new tennis lines were painted on the court. In addition, two pickleball courts were lined on the surface. Two portable pickle ball nets, 12 wooden paddles, and 24 pickle balls were also purchased. All of this equipment is available for use not only by the youth camp but by all members as well. While the old fence has been removed and new fence poles have been installed, completion of the fencing is not expected until the end of this July.
3. This winter two docks had pier poles pushed over 2' out of the water by ice. Kal Excavating pounded the polls back into the water in late May. Hopefully, this is a onetime occurrence.
4. This summer job descriptions are being developed for Board officers, Board members and all club chair persons. A job description template has been distributed to all of these position holders. The target completion deadline is August 15. Eventually, all job descriptions will be posted on the website member page and are scheduled to be reviewed annually. This system will allow new board members and chairs to have up-to-date job descriptions when they take over a position.
5. Next week randomly selected club members are going to be meeting in 2 groups. Their ideas about club activities and volunteerism will be solicited. The Board is interested in knowing what our members like and what suggestions they would have for additional activities. While all ideas may not practically be able to be implemented, the Board is very interested in their input. Thanks to Dick and Nana Kennedy and Mary

Tonneberger for their initiative in leading this effort. Thank you also to the club members who agreed to be a part of these focus groups.

Treasurer's Report - Cathy Heiser

The OTYC Profit and Loss Statement (P/L) for 2017 and projections for 2018 and 2019 were available for membership to review. Cathy touched on some of the line items. A copy will be posted on the website.

In 2016 the Board approved an operating reserve of no less than \$40,000. In 2017 the Board approved a 10% due increase. In 2018 OTYC membership contributed \$18,390 towards the renovation of the tennis court. The P/L reflects expenses of \$20,183.65. The additional expenses are due to the purchase of pickleball nets, balls and rackets.

Cathy touched on the importance of maintaining a reserve for major expenditures, both unexpected repairs and expected investments related to the club's assets. She addressed last-year's question of the \$18,000 in CD's and whether or not they were restricted. These funds are not restricted.

Some questions from the floor were raised and responses provided:

Tish Renz questioned the use of legal counsel and the high expense in hiring Tom Oehmke, even though he is a member of the Club. Tom Oehmke responded:

Some of the previous expenses paid for his services as legal counsel covered the following:

- Prior to uncovering non-compliance with State of Michigan corporate filings, the Club had been dissolved and was no longer a Corporation, putting all members at risk of being personally liable.
- State and federal government filings for the Easy-Docks required working with the Army Corp of Engineers and the opposition of an OTYC neighbor (who engaged their own attorney) to the Club's Easy-Dock application required legal advice and involvement.
- Similarly, State and Federal permits were needed to restore and repair the boat launch.
- The re-writing of the OTYC Bylaws required legal input so that the end product complied with Michigan law.
- The lease re-negotiation with the DEQ which occurs every 25 years required legal counsel.

Tom explained his involvement. If his involvement could be done by anyone in the OTYC, he does not bill. If an attorney is needed, he bills at a discounted rate.

Drew Erhart requested the checking account balance. We have approximately \$85,000 in checking.

Prior to the Committee Reports

Commodore DeVries noted that not only do our Board members volunteer a great deal of their time to support our club, the chair persons of our programs and activities also volunteer countless hours to make our club successful.

Committee Reports

Building - Dennis Armbruster

Again this year, all is well with the main building, with no serious issues to report. This winter was again relatively kind to the building. Ongoing maintenance is necessary and expected. Storage room in the boathouse has allowed the clubhouse storage area to be more organized and usable. Pest control is an ongoing issue. We have one company who does twice yearly preventative applications. Last winter, we had fewer critters in the building and damage was very minimal. The building's paint, applied the previous spring, seems to be in very good shape. The front porch does require some touch-ups in some heavily worn areas. Maintenance items continue to be addressed. This spring, the refrigerator needed minor repairs.

The existing well remains a potential issue. Because of the age of the well, its shallow depth, and unappealing water appearance due to high iron content, a new well and conditioning system continue to be on our "watch" list. The water quality was tested this spring, and it is safe to use, though use of the drinking water cooler located in the bar area is encouraged.

The boathouse is in good shape and functioning well, allowing the nautical and outdoor equipment to be properly stored.

The housekeeping staff (Sarah and assistant) is doing a great job cleaning the main building and the kitchen weekly. We should appreciate their work in keeping the building looking great. Members need to continue to help keep the building clean after events by tidying up afterwards and disposing of trash. If supplies are needed, write a note on the sheet in the kitchen.

Dennis thanked the many persons who contribute efforts to maintain, improve, and clean the building throughout the year. It is certainly a team effort.

John Smart requested an upgrade to the current bathroom fixtures, sinks and toilets. The Board agreed that this was a reasonable request and would address it in their next Board meeting.

Grounds - Keith Disselkoen

The winter was again kind to the property. There was very little winterkill on our plantings. The ornamental trees in the garden were treated this year although it was not done last year so the result is somewhat disappointing. The tree surgeon will do so again next year and assures us we will see improved results. We are continuing to monitor two kinds of elm trees, a slippery elm and an American elm, near the entrance to ensure their survival. The ash tree along the waterfront will be watched. Other trees seem to be in great shape.

Cleanup day was held on June 3 with about 25 enthusiastic participants. Thank you to all who lent a hand. The work was nearly completed with an additional smaller workday on June 24 to complete some of the work delayed by the grading and changes to the parking area. With the final dust suppression application, this season's projects are now completed.

Additional sand was added to cove beach and the south beach. Some of this has already washed away but it makes for a very nice addition to our property. We also did some tree and brush trimming and removal on the south beach area and have now planted grass in the shaded area of south beach along the sidewalk. When mature, we anticipate this will continue to be a popular area to bring your grandchildren for sand castle building and a cool afternoon in the grassy shade.

We have completed the installation of two handicapped parking spaces adjacent to the building's 'kitchen entrance.' These well marked spaces, perpendicular to the building, were done in coordination with Kanda McKee and Debby Disch. Note, parking is not allowed on the north side of the new posts to ensure sufficient space for egress from these new designated spots. A handrail and staircase were installed to aide in walking from the parking area to the porch.

Kal Excavating installed additional gravel on the parking area and completed grading for improved drainage and reduced puddling. Parking procedures are being evaluated to ensure we have sufficient capacity as well

as to protect the sprinkler system from damage from parked cars. Parking should not occur on the grass unless there is an event so large that additional parking is required. Please stay on the dirt/gravel areas!

Chris Verdery encouraged us to monitor the trees Keith mentioned in his report. He feels there is one dead ash tree that needs to be removed.

Rat Renz question the sand being spread on the south beach. It was hoped that families with children could use this space as a beach. And during the winter, the floating docks are pulled there.

Waterfront - Jim Morrison

Highlights of activities on the waterfront so far in 2018 and a summary of key issues:

Boat Slip Rental - the annual lottery for boat slips was conducted in February, with four members submitting applications for the four available slips.

Just when we thought winter was over.... A spring snow and heavy winds in early April resulted in significant ice damage to the finger piers separating slips 1&2, and 3&4. The piles for those piers were jacked up approximately 3 feet, with ladders, access ways, and some decking being significantly damaged.

We had a plan...Kal Excavating was contracted to re-drive the piles, however the pile driving activity in late May resulted in significant collateral damage to the deck structure, the concrete pier, and the piles themselves. 2XT Services performed the repair work, bumpier 1 was determined to be beyond repair and temporarily abandoned. Repair work by 2XT was completed on June 1. The committee boat (Slip 1) is now accessed from the retaining wall, and rental slip 2 is temporarily accessible from one side only (Pier2).

The Sunfish Fleet... The floating docks were launched and anchored in mid-June and four of the 6 sunfish were moved to the floating dock. Sunfish #5 has been placed on the transport caddy and placed near the garage, and can be accessed by members as needed. Sunfish #6 experienced hull damage last year, and is unusable until repairs are made later this summer.

Questions were asked about the replacement of the 1st dock and the repair of the committee boat. Both of these are being discussed by the board with the help of Jim Morrison and Bill Krusel.

Membership - Nancy Cooper (reported for Bill Renz and Suzy Wheeler)

Types of Membership

Full Members

Family New

David and Julie DeWitt

Matt and Kelli (White) Fitzgerald

Clark and Colette Gulsby change in status/single to family

Jim Morrison and Susie Tock

Single New

Abbey Bosco change in status/legacy transition

Catherine Buchholz change in status/family to single

Alex Edgley change in status/legacy transition

Caroline Gulsby	change in status/legacy transition
Julie Krist	change in status/family to single
Helen Maher	change in status/family to single
Rob Oberndorf	
John Ray	change in status/family to single
Crawford Smith	change in status/legacy transition

Guest Members: David and Ashley Goldberg, Greg and Pam Landa, David Lightner and Susan Valiga, Jim and Anne Promo, Gary Roll and Kathy Schaeffer, John and Kristie Somnavilla and Joel and Linda Zylstra.

Lifetime Members: Mary Cone, Dick and Nana Kennedy, Trudy Lewis, Carolyn Marbach, Alis Robinson and Bill Sandt.

Resignations/Terminations: Caitlin Gilfeather, Sean Gilfeather, Bernie and Carol Gros, George and Annette Husted, Carol Knoll, Chuck and Martha Moffett, Elizabeth Schleef, Ralph and Mary Skrocki, Jimmy Smiley and Rick and Donna Simonton.

Deaths: Bill and Marilyn Graf, David Kulick, Bob Lewis, Tom Maher and Mary Helen Ray.

	2018		2017	
	# of	# of	# of	# of
Summary	Memberships	People	Memberships	People
Family	114	226	119	234
Single	50	50	48	48
Lifetime	6	7	7	10
Guest	7	14	4	7
	177	297	178	299

Logo wear - Susie Goldman

In addition to the comic relief, Susie reported that we made \$600 at the first potluck. She has “old” logo wear that she is trying to get rid of and will accept an offer. Bayshore Supply is our vendor this year.

Social - Gayle Madison

The 2018 season began with the Memorial Day Party hosted by John and Judy Smart. The Opening Dinner on June 23rd was hosted by Sally and Brian Shapiro and catered by The Tribune of Northport. The first calendared Toddy Time on June 28th was preceded earlier in the month by several spontaneous Toddy Time gatherings on the front porch. Many thanks to Laurie Remter for her work as Toddy Time chairperson providing hosts for each week. The Fourth of July Picnic this year was hosted by Kim and Linda Kemper, Kanda and Harold McKee and Debby and Les Disch.

Once again, as Catered Dinner chairperson, Doni Lystra has planned a full schedule with five catered dinners this season. On July 16th Barb and Jamie Karchon and Bonnie and Jim Scarlett are hosting a dinner. Julie DeWitt, Kris Mampe and Susie Goldman are hosting an Ethnic Garden dinner on July 30th. On August 13th Roberta and Allan Cohen are hosting a dinner prepared by 9 Bean Rows. Italian fare will be hosted by Kim and Dennis Armbruster and Judy and Bruce Balas on August 27th. Hosts are still needed for the September catered dinner.

The Ladies Social meeting was hosted on July 11th by Gayle Madison and Caryn DeVries with dessert and iced tea served in the community room at Sunset Lodge. During this important meeting volunteers signed up for the coming year's activities.

The first Wednesday potluck of the season was July 11th. The last potluck of the season is on August 29th. Thank you to Lisa Newland for organizing potlucks in July and to Charlotte Read and Mary Smart for organizing in August. As Potluck Entertainment Chair, Kelli Fitzgerald has planned a full schedule of enjoyable entertainment for each week.

The Ladies Luncheon will be on August 16 hosted by Helen Putnam Bradley, Sharon Cron and Susie Morrison. Details will be printed in the Scuttlebutt.

Other scheduled events include Beer Tasting with Bill Renz on July 21st.

While not a happy social event OTYC is honored to host the reception following the Memorial Service on July 20th for our beloved deceased member, Mary Helen Ray.

And finally, to close the season Laurie Remter will host the Labor Day Party.

OTYC Breeze - Trish Bosco

The Breeze newsletter was published and mailed twice this year with a winter and pre-summer edition. Thanks to all who contributed. Member news makes it fun! Please be sure to update your mailing address with membership to be sure to receive your Breeze!

Joan Brovins brought up some Breeze mailing issues and reported changes in names, addresses, etc. that were not made. Mike Adelson encouraged accessing *The Breeze* on-line, but many people like to retain the physical copy for scrapbooks, etc. Cathy Stevenson did not want anyone to lose sight of the great newsletter and gave kudos to both Kerry Magrini for the website and Trish Bosco for *The Breeze*.

Scuttlebutt - Mary Tonneberger

- 617 listings- some multiple per household
- Approximately 45 sent since last annual meeting
- Topics focused on upcoming social events, club management, youth camp/registration, and member activities of special interest, including obituaries
- Normal deadline- Saturday evening before Sunday distribution; exceptions made for Commodore's alerts and special events

Youth Program - Linda McKenzie

Adult Supervisors: Linda McKenzie, Sara Goldman

Staff: Brigitte Middleton-Brown - Director, Jack McKenzie - Co-Head Sailing Instructor , Audrey Saxton - Co-Head Sailing Instructor , Emily McKenzie - CIT/Sailing , Elise Kennedy - Sailing, Tess Edgley - Sailing , Grace Bosco - Tennis, Robbie Magrini - Tennis , Tess DeMarco - Tennis, Gillian Walker - Floater

Enrollment (pre-registrations as of 6/17/18): Week 1 - 21 campers , Week 2 - 21 campers , Week 3 - 20 campers, Week 4 - 19 campers, Week 5 - 10 campers

We will be capping the number of campers at 25 each week in order to maintain safety and ensure everyone has the best possible experience.

Themes: Week 1 - America, Week 2 - Pirate Week, Week 3 - Color War, Week 4 - Science, Week 5 - TBD

Linda thanked Tommy and Jordan Newland for getting the sunfish and committee boat out of storage and rigged in time for camp to begin; Cathy Heiser for prompt paycheck distribution as well as reimbursements; Parents for volunteering to bring lunch on Fridays to the campers; and members of OTYC for their generous donations to repair the tennis court and add the pickleball court.

The search for the camp director began in late February to secure a solid candidate. Ads were placed in the Leelanau Enterprise, Indeed.com as well as posted through some local businesses such as Omena's U-Pick Flower Farm and Facebook. We narrowed our search to two candidates and made the recommendation to the board to hire Brigitte Middleton-Brown. Brigitte lives in Northport and works as a preschool teacher at the Leelanau School. She has a degree in special education and is also the mother of 4 children of her own. She is a wonderful calming influence for the staff. She is organized, has a great rapport with the campers and keeps everyone engaged, safe and happy.

We are very confident with the staff we have this year. Many are returning staff members for which we are very thankful and we have 2 new staff members, Emily McKenzie and Tess DeMarco. We plan to teach sailing as well as tennis with a new addition of Pickle Ball due to the generous donations of many of the members of OTYC. The campers are excited to continue to learn tennis and try to master this new sport so they can compete with the adults! Some of the same traditional activities like jumping off the dock, scavenger hunts, tennis and sailing competitions, bowling and whipped cream fights will of course take place in addition to some new fun activities. We hope to run the 5th week of camp with Brigitte supervising along with members of the OTYC board (Sara & Linda will have returned home at that point in the season). We will be hosting "Tie Dye Tuesday" again thanks to the hard work of Trish Bosco in July with a fashion show of our creations at potluck.

OTYC Youth Camp Supervisors Needed for 2019!

Though Sara Goldman and Linda McKenzie have greatly enjoyed running the OTYC camp for the past 3 years, it is time for them to retire. This camp is a wonderful tradition that has been in place since the club's inception in 1947. The sole purpose of the youth camp always has been to foster friendships in and around Omena. Many longtime friendships have been created throughout the years and the youth camp is an important factor in maintaining the future of the club. The board is looking for two replacements for Linda and Sara. Both promise to make the transition easy and have all documents in order. It's a fun position in the club and a great way to get to know the future of the club! Please reach out to Sara, Linda or Bob DeVries if interested.

Website - Kerry Magrini

Kerry had the information for accessing the website at everyone's seat. The page is otyc.club. Username/ email address is member@otyc.club. Password is [otyc1947](http://otyc.club)

The Board is very excited about the possibilities this website will give the club to keep everyone up to date on what's happening at OTYC. Scott Mulligan and Mike Ray set it up. There is a public side that anyone can see, which includes three main areas; the history of the club, information and forms on membership and information and forms for the youth camp. All other information is only viewable if a member signs in. As a member, you can view the calendar of events, an announcement page, our bylaws, minutes from board meetings, photos of OTYC events and thanks to Cathy Stephenson almost all past Breezes. The addresses and local/cottage phone numbers are also listed. We have added a new member page and a guest member page to keep you informed and helps to get to know our new members. If you have other ideas that would further the club or keep the membership informed, please contact Kerry or Scott Mulligan . Kerry thanked Scott for his guidance and patience as she learned and explored the basics and the potential of otyc.club.

Nominating Committee - Kanda McKee (for Suzy Wheeler)

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Suzy Wheeler, also included Sally Shapiro and Cathy Stephenson. The Board thanked these committee members. Kanda reviewed the proposed slate for three year terms: Karen Edgley, Don Lystra and Scott Mulligan, noting that each has made numerous contributions to the OTYC over the years. Commodore DeVries asked if there were nominations from the floor and there were none. Mary Tonneberger moved that the nominations be closed. Tish Renz seconded and the motion carried. Marcia Biskupski then motioned that the slate be accepted as presented, Kathy Bosco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The effective date of the change in directors is August 15th.

Additional Questions from the floor

Susie Mulligan asked if there was a sailing program beyond the youth program. Linda McKenzie responded that there currently is no sailing program and no races have been scheduled. The door is not closed on this issue. Lisa Newland volunteered to set up a sailing race near the end of July.

Meeting Adjournment

Dennis Turner motioned to adjourn the meeting Dennis Armbruster seconded. With all business concluded, Commodore DeVries adjourned the 2018 Annual Meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kanda McKee, Secretary