

## **OTYC Board Meeting**

**August 4, 2017  
Adelson Residence**

**Attendees:** Bob DeVries, Mike Biskupski, Kanda McKee, Cathy Heiser, Mike Adelson, Scott Mulligan and Cathy Stephenson; Libby Mustaine and Nancy Cooper were unable to attend. Newly elected Board members Kerry Magrini, Linda McKenzie and Tommy Newland attended as guests; Kerry participated by phone.

In the absence of Commodore Cooper, Cathy Stephenson called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm EDT.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes** – Cathy Heiser motioned to approve the July 13 and July 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Mike Adelson seconded the motion which passed. Mike Biskupski motioned to approve the July 25, 2017 Minutes of the Board Meeting comprised of carryover and newly elected Board members. Kanda McKee seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in attendance voting (including the newly elected Board members), with the exception of retiring Board members Mike Adelson and Cathy Stephenson.

**Approval of draft 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Cathy Heiser motioned to approve the draft 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes which had been circulated for review without the financial statements and Mike Adelson seconded the motion. With the addition of the financial statements that were distributed at the Annual Meeting, the motion was approved. The Board approved draft Minutes will be posted on [www.OYTC.club](http://www.OYTC.club) and will be presented to membership for approval at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**Annual Meeting Feedback** – Overall feedback from the Annual Meeting has been positive. The Board's preparation appeared to pay off. The Treasurer's report was well received and there appeared to be no issues over the planned 10% dues increase. It was characterized as a friendly, painless meeting. There was limited discussion of the rental slip policy and was limited to only those who had rented slips.

**Tennis Court Update** - Mike Biskupski reported that Henco provided an estimate of \$9400 to skim, sand, repair the concrete and then resurface and paint the tennis court, plus an additional \$425 to paint lines for pickleball. The court could then be sealed each year as a repair & maintenance item. Mike said that if we look at this as an investment, the approximate cost breaks down to \$500/yr which seems reasonable for the enjoyment realized among members. There are many alternative quality courts available in Leelanau County now, and he feels we do not need to completely replace the court at a much, much higher expense. The repairs would be a significant improvement and greatly improve its utility for the Youth Camp. Mike noted that the court was last resurfaced in 1993, 24 years ago.

Mike further stated that repairs to or replacement of the fence is likely to be very expensive. To accommodate a pickleball court, however, we do not need to reconfigure the fence. Bob DeVries said we could have a pickle ball court on each side of the tennis court net, perpendicular to the orientation of the tennis court. Portable nets would be used for pickleball. The estimate to repair the surrounding fence is due this week. It will have 5 different detailed options, including removal of the existing fence.

Cathy Heiser indicated that investment in the tennis court will require some creative financing options that she will begin to consider.

Board members also expressed that such improvements should also reflect the addition of spectator benches and any needed repairs to the stairs to the tennis court.

**Boat Launch** – Bob DeVries announced that the MDEQ and, during the course of the Board Meeting, the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), approved our permit! A sigh was heard all around. Bob credited Tom Oehmke and Jim Morrison for their individual efforts on this initiative. Completion of the ramp is targeted by September 1. Bob shared more good news: Bob and Keith Disselkoen successfully moved the dislodged plank back in line with the other planks, meaning that Kal Excavating will not have to add another plank and can “rip wrap” the planks in place. Scott Mulligan stated that he is willing to personally attempt an interim solution by adding rocks to shore up the ramp. He will do so, assess its functionality and, if it is functional, re-sign the ramp noting that a temporary solution is in place that is available for use at the member’s risk. Bob confirmed that the \$15,000 project estimate is still good.

**Ash Trees** – Scott Mulligan shared that the dead ash trees on the Sutton side of the OTYC property are not within 35 feet of the center line of Omena Point Road which is the area within which the Road Commission would cut down dead trees. Scott talked with Lynn Sutton who said he has no real concern about the dead trees.

**Extending the Club’s Season** – Cathy Heiser confirmed that there would be no additional insurance cost if we were to keep the Clubhouse open longer (i.e. from May through October) and no concern from the insurance company regarding increased liability. The real cost would come from additional cleaning and supplies that might be required. The weekly cleaning cost of the Clubhouse, including the kitchen, is \$350. Discussion ensued, concluding that the benefits to the members of extending the season for “light usage” would outweigh the negatives and a trial period should be considered. Scott Mulligan made a motion to extend the 2017 season through October 15 for “light use”, to evaluate the continuation of this policy following the 2017 extension period for any future extension. Cathy Heiser seconded the motion which carried. Board approval was given with the following contingency that the Building Committee Chair, Dennis Armbruster, had to approve the extension. Additionally, the Board agreed that guidelines (including the following) should be developed governing the use:

- Building Committee Chair must be in approval of such extension.
- Usage must be pre-planned, in advance, and posted on the Social Calendar
- “Light Usage” does not include use of the kitchen (for example, use for catered dinners or potlucks), but is rather along the lines of gathering on the porch for Toddy Times.
- Each event needs to have a member responsible for clean-up, turning lights off and locking of the Club at the conclusion of the event, as with all other events.
- A “chair” needs to be named to have overall responsibility for the extension season.

*Please note that this needs to be formalized, responsibilities confirmed and the extension through October 15, 2017 communicated.*

**Commodores' Reception** – Cathy Stephenson provided a summary of the event for which Bob DeVries agreed to emcee. Board members attending each agreed to bring “nice hors d’oeuvres” of a sufficient quantity for the event (target serving 25, although 80 are expected to attend).

**Sunfish** – All the watercraft but 2 sunfish have been stored in the Boathouse (including the 2 on dollies), the 2 remaining on the EZ Docks are for continued use by members until mid-September. Thank you to Tommy Newland and the Camp Staff! Tommy will store the last sunfish upon his return to Omena in September! The hull of one sunfish (stored on the top rack in back of the Boathouse) was found to be damaged before it was placed in storage. The Board agreed to repair the sunfish now rather than wait to next Spring to repair the hull, estimated at \$900. Bob DeVries will ask Bill Krusel if he could transport the damaged sunfish to/from Traverse City for repair. Discussion occurred regarding the cause of the damage and whether compliance with the proper launch and docking procedures had been followed. It is clear that no one should use the sunfish on the EZ Docks unless they have been trained. Additionally, signage needs to be posted by the EZ Docks which note the procedures to follow. Tommy Newland agreed to draft and post a sign and then inform Mary Tonneberger to include a communication about proper procedures in Scuttlebutt. It was also suggested that a simple sign in/sign out sheet be developed (date of use--boat registration #--name--comments). In this way, if a problem surfaces, we may become aware of it and address the issue before it becomes more serious. *Responsibility for this procedure still needs to be determined.* Linda McKenzie agreed that it would be appropriate to communicate the cost of repairs to the Youth Camp team, including campers who are the most frequent users, so that are made aware of the significant cost.

**Wall Clock** – All agreed that a new wall clock would be a good addition to the Club. Cathy Stephenson will coordinate with Dennis Armbruster.

**Treasurer Update** – Cathy Heiser indicated that for the October Board meeting, she will provide an update on projected 2017 financial performance.

**Acknowledgements** – On behalf of Commodore Cooper, Cathy Stephenson, conveyed Nancy’s thanks to the Board for all the work that had been accomplished during her tenure and for the collaboration and camaraderie. Those present expressed their gratitude to the departing Board members as well (Mike Adelson, Libby Mustaine and Cathy Stephenson) acknowledging their contributions. Cathy reiterated how much she had enjoyed working on the Board and expressed the hope that the newly elected Board would experience the same fulfillment.

**Next Board Meeting Dates** – Incoming Commodore DeVries set the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 pm Eastern time for monthly meetings. There will be no December meeting. Bob vowed no meeting would ever be longer than 90 minutes. Kanda will send out meeting invites for the future meetings to ensure they are added to everyone’s calendars.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Stephenson, Secretary