

Sylvia Lake Association Meeting - August 28, 2009

Minutes of Meeting

- ▶ **President:** Sandy Kraker called the meeting to order at 7:10.
- ▶ **Secretary:** Jodi Hatch read the minutes from the June 19, 2009 meeting. They were approved by those assembled.
- ▶ **Treasurer:** Vice President, Faye Lockwood presented the report for Treasurer, Mona Allen. Summary as follows:

Balance: 6/19/09.....\$9,312.25

INCOME

Dues:	\$590.00
Donations:	\$161.00
Raffle Sales:	\$530.00
Interest Income:	\$7.41
Income:.....	\$1,288.41

EXPENSES

Bank Charges (new checks):	\$15.90
Kick off Party:	\$550.00
Concert Band:	\$350.00
Milfoil Benthic Barrier Mats:	\$1,204.68
Picnic Expenses:	\$480.00
Expenses:	\$2,600.58

Balance: 8/28/09.....\$8,000.08

- ▶ **Quilt Drawing:** Maria McGrath's Blooms and Butterflies Quilt won by Kay Leonard. The Association would like to thank Maria for again providing this wonderful resource to our community. Quilt sales are estimated to have taken in over \$600.00. Thank you, Maria.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES

Sanitation & Water Testing: Lea Dickson

Shari Barnhart read the report, which stated that 3 water tests were completed this summer for the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP). Sylvia Lake is in its fourth year of this program which assesses the long-term health of our lake. The first test this summer was done on June 28, second one on July 30th and the third test completed on August 24, 2009. Samples are sent to Paul Smiths College for testing and the results will be available in the spring of 2010.

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St. Lawrence County has recommended that bacterial water testing testing should be done every other year, but those at the meeting voted that the test be done each year starting int 2010. The fall newsletter will include a recommendation to residents to conduct a voluntary septic system test in 2010. Lea's report will be available on the website.

David Lockwood reminded the group that as part of the Sanitation Committee's work, he had done a camp-by-camp assessment around the lake last year and found that we are in mostly excellent shape. Many properties have upgraded and replaced older systems. But, there are still some camps with unknown status. If a problem is suspected, contact the county health office and they will accept your anonymous call and follow up. (Myrna Barney, St. Lawrence County Public Health Sanitarian: 315-386-1040) There was discussion about septic system updates and the red dye testing that had been done in the 1970's. Is it feasible today and what would it accomplish...?
- General Discussion

Fish & Game Committee: Gale Ferguson

It was reported fishing was great this summer! 3,600 Rainbows were stocked early in the spring and they moved into all areas of the lake. Gale said there was a good water flow to the lake. A local trapper had been active in the spring/summer and the population is now very diminished so as not to pose a problem for the lake. The boards are in.

Gale noted that there is beaver dam (you can see it on the right-hand side of Rt. 812) that is preventing a large amount of water from flooding into the lake. This influx of water would be a bad thing for many properties, so we are happy the beavers have found a home there.

Navigation Committee:

Sandy reported that residents were pleased with the new hazard buoys and their placement. Some discussion about a specific boat that was on the water this summer that produced a very, very large wake, even when moving slowly.

Also mentioned were the navigation of the roads around the lake. Four wheelers are obligated to abide by the same speed limits as cars (15 mph).

Social Committee:

Barb Maloy reported, and attendees agreed, that the picnic was a great one, good turn-out, good food. She is open to suggestions anyone has for next year's picnic. She felt "Lights on the Lake" was a success also and would like

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to continue it next summer. People enjoyed the band "FishBone" and hope to have them again for the concert on the lake in 2010.

Gale reported another successful fishing derby. Participants caught lots of fish with Avery Hayden being the big winner! Results will appear in the fall newsletter. Syrek family donated lures for this year's event and the Force family again provided trophies.

SPECIAL AND ADHOC COMMITTEES

Pest/Milfoil Committee:

Sandy stated this year's milfoil abatement process was very time consuming and physical endeavor. The Benthic barriers mats that had been laid in early July were picked up and turned over on August 22, 2009. There were four locations to revisit, in front of Conklin's, Porter's, the old hotel site and in front of the public beach. There was nothing but dust and muck when mats were pulled up and rolled over to another location. The mats will be pulled out by the end of September.

Sylvia Lake Book Committee:

Shari Barnhart reported there are 20 copies of Sylvia Lake Legacy available. Better hurry and buy them before they are obsolete.

Constitution Committee: no updates

Membership & Nominating Committee:

Olive Horning presented a complete report of the slate of officers and directors. There were no nominations from the floor. The past presidents seat, held by Lea Dickson is a one year position. It remains unfilled until there is another past president. The slate of officers remained the same. The committee is Olive Horning, Linda Syrek and Linda Scott.

9-1-1 Committee: (no report from the committee, but some discussion)

Barb Maloy noted that in order to update the 9-1-1 call center, you must call from a land line, not a cell phone. Many property owners have cancelled their hard-wired telephones in favor of cell phones. This may be an issue in an emergency. People should be aware they need a land line for quicker communication to 9-1-1.

Faye Lockwood reported that their road sign (Indian Head Trail) has been stolen again. She has contacted Joe Lacks for a replacement, but is concerned that, in an emergency, the lack of a sign would be dangerous and prevent emergency crews from finding them.

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NEW BUSINESS

Ralph Undercoffler would like to organize kayak races in the future. Any volunteers to help with this?

Ferg asked Ralph if he would again offer a boater's safety course next summer. Ralph agreed to do this, but said he needs at least 10 people signed up for this to happen. In addition, children must be age 10 on the start day of the course to be eligible.

A motion was made, and passed, to continue the \$500. stipend for the Sylvia Lake website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM