



Sylvia Lake Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2019 4-7:00 PM  
The Casablanca Restaurant  
[www.sylvialake.org](http://www.sylvialake.org)

President-Bill deLorraine  
V-President-Sandy Kraker  
Secretary-Lea Dickson  
Treasurer-Cindy Shaw  
Board Members:  
Shirley Putman  
Ralph Undercoffler  
Melissa Tersmette  
Emily Sprague

**Call to Order:**

The Sylvia Lake Association Annual meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President Bill deLorraine. Bill welcomed 48 SLA members and gave thanks and gratitude to the following for their time volunteered for "preserving, protecting and promoting the welfare" of Sylvia Lake.

Ralph Undercoffler - DASH (diver assisted suction harvest committee), milfoil mats  
Mike and Missy Tersmette - Milfoil abatement, mats, Director  
Robyn Estey - Treasurer  
Lea Dickson- For all U do! Madam Secretary...  
Shari Barnhart- Website, Flyers, tech support  
Carrie Runner - got the Boat Parade going again  
Jane Dodds - DASH  
Gale Ferguson - Fishing Derby, DASH  
Sandy Kraker - Buoy crew, milfoil mats  
Alex Carpenter - milfoil mats, VP/Director  
Dave McGrath - "Solid waste specialist"  
Harland Brown - Trophies  
Olive Horning - Nominating committer Chair  
Tim Knowlton & Kids from BOCES, Wayne Jones, Lea Dickson, Robyn Estey, Carrie Runner, Kurt Runner, Lynn Allen, and Shari Barnhart. Installation of West Shore Map Kiosk

## Report on Milfoil Abatement (DASH Committee)

Ralph Undercoffler provided the following summary of their findings regarding options for addressing milfoil and other invasive weed in Sylvania Lake.

DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) Sub-committee of the Sylvania Lake Association

August 11, 2019; 2:00 PM

Aboard the SS Ferguson

Committee members present:

Ralph Undercoffler, Jane Dodds, Mike Tersmette, Gale Ferguson

- A. Statement of problem: Although our current system of milfoil control/abatement using benthic mats is effective in the largest patches of growth along the east shore and south end, it is a challenge to recruit volunteers to move the mats as necessary to eradicate the milfoil entirely.
- B. Report on Black Lake Association presentation (Thursday, August 8, 2019) on milfoil control efforts- DASH representatives Jane Dodds and Gale Ferguson (along with several other Sylvania Lake residents) attended the meeting and provided information on what our neighbors at Black Lake are doing to address their milfoil problem. Jane provided a copy of the Black Lake Newsletter that had pages of information on control techniques, benthic mat comparisons including sizes, materials, cost, places to buy mats, etc. The report also contained the advantages and disadvantages of suction harvesting, hand pulling, benthic mats, and mechanical macrophyte harvesting. DASH will try to provide copies of the report at the SLA meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> to share the findings with our neighbors here at Sylvania Lake.
- C. Current DASH recommendations to the SLA Board:
  1. Provide educational presentations on why milfoil is a problem, what can happen if it isn't controlled effectively, how individual property owners can protect their waterfront and the lake in general, and how to use simple and effective steps to eliminate milfoil from shallow water;
  2. Establish a loan system for "weed winders" so property owners can eradicate milfoil at their camps;
  3. Investigate whether benthic mats can be cut to smaller sizes making them easier to move by volunteers;
  4. Have property owners experiment using small tarps, foot mats, or other materials that will not decompose underwater to see if they can be effective in milfoil control and easily useable by individual property owners;
  5. Devise a list of willing volunteers who would become knowledgeable about the placement and movement of benthic mats and are willing to help when needed-but not every time-the mats need to be moved;
  6. Continue to contact companies in the northeast that provide DASH (or similar) to see if they would provide a quote for services. Two DASH committee members have made multiple calls but have not been able to speak with a company representative about our needs. Also, concerns about commercial contracts include whether or not Sylvania Lake is a big enough project for companies to tackle, would a multiyear contract be required, and without question the cost of DASH services, especially if a multiyear contract is required;
  7. Delay contracting with a DASH service provider until the techniques listed above (see 1-5) have been tried and the results evaluated.

## **Election of Officers:**

Olive Horning, Chair of the SLA nominating committee presented the slate of officers and directors.

Bill deLorraine-President  
Sandy Kraker-Vice President  
Lea Dickson-Secretary  
Cindy Shaw- Treasurer  
Ralph Undercoffler-Director  
Shirley Putman-Director  
Melissa Tersmette-Director  
Emily Sprague-Director

No nominations from the floor and a motion was made and approved to close the nominations. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

## **Adjournment: 4:45PM**

Respectively Submitted,  
Lea Dickson, Secretary  
8/19/19

Our regular meeting agenda was suspended so the SLA members could enjoy the delicious buffet prepared by the Casablanca staff. All proceeds of the buffet will benefit the Pest Defense Fund.

## **Additional Information:**

**Bank Balance. \$11,619.83**

### **37th Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby**

Thank you to the Ferguson family for continuing this tradition to new generations.

985 Rock Bass were entered.

Elaina Porter with 173 Rockies was the top fisher person. 2nd place went to the Peck camp with 155 fish followed by Jessica Walton (120), The Hughes Camp (117) Team Alyiah 115 and the Kirby Camp 74.

Trophies provided by the Force camp were awarded to Hunter Gillett – Largest Smallmouth, Nolan & Clare Manahan-largest Rainbow, Finn Force-Largest Rock Bass. The most dedicated fisherperson award went to Jessica Walton. Youngest person entering a fish-Braelynn Kirby and the mystery prize for smallest Rock Bass went to the Hopper camp. We still are waiting for an entry in the largest Largemouth division (first legal fish entered by someone less than 15 gets a nice trophy.)

## **Boat Parade: Thank you Carrier Runner and judges**

**Grand Marshall** - Rena Griebusch & Captain Karl

**Honorable Mention**-“Carnival Sylvia” - Walton's Camp

**Best in Show Runner Up**- “Dawg Party” - Force Camp - Greg Force, Rhonda Force, Cindy Gadbow, Dan Reilly, Liz Dodds, Caroline Sprague, Shannon Montgomery and James Johnston

**Children’s Award** -“Under the Sea” - deLorraine Camp

**Spirit and Enthusiasm Award**- “Love the 80’s” - Putman Clan

**Best in Show**- “Wild West” - Kirby's Covered Wagon

**Honorable Mention:** “Fear the G” - McCarthy/Devlin Camp

**Honorable Mention:** Tropic Life is HOT!” - Carrie and Kurt Runner

**5th Annual Nori Grout Regatta- Thank you Grout and Force Family**

1st - Greg Force

2nd - Tricia Grout Garrett

3rd - Joe Robles

4th- Don

5th-Sandy Kraker

6th-Emily Sprague

DNF-Jon Jackson, Len Warner

**Water test results:** available on [sylvialake.org](http://sylvialake.org) Thank you Joanna and Bill deLorraine

**The West Shore Kiosk** is installed. Thanks Kurt and Lynn.