



Sylvia Lake Association
Happy Hour Meeting
August 16, 4-6PM
16 Hotel Road, Sylvia Lake, NY
www.sylvialake.org

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 PM

Members were welcomed by President Barbara Maloy Kane. Officers and board members were recognized:

Officers:

President-Barb Maloy Kane

V-President-Jim Jackson

Secretary-Lea Dickson

Treasurer-Robyn Estey

Board Members:

Bill deLorraine

Shirley Putman (absent)

Michele Lallier (absent)

Ralph Undercoffler (absent)

President Barb Kane gave a heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the Sylvia Lake Association. Many personal thanks to Faye Lockwood and Linda Syrek who have generously given their time and expertise over the years. They have volunteered their services for milfoil eradication, water testing, Sylvia Lake Legacy Party, 40th Anniversary Party, Nominating Committee and the Social Committee and much more for many years.

Barb reread the 1980's Sylvia Lake Book and reminded us of the many families that continue to love and support the lake. And the many folks that have passed.

Approval of minutes: June 20, 2014. The minutes were approved and ready for Shari to post on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 8/16/14

\$8432.51

72 properties have paid to date. (\$1800.000) Budget set by Board in 2013= \$2500

Robyn indicated that membership reminder notices will be sent around October 1, 2014 before the year end operating report is completed.

Dave Syrek had a few questions regarding membership. Robyn reminded him that the number of properties (157) are deceiving as many of our members are multiple property owners and usually only pay on one property.

Sanitation & Water Testing Committee: Jim Jackson E-Coli, Lea Dickson- ALAP

Jim reported that the test results from 6/20, 7/29 were good. Samples were collected from:
Hotel Bay
Middle
Outlet
Old Beach

Complete results are available on www.sylvialake.org

Lea reported that the Board of Directors had determined that we should suspend our participation in the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program. (ALAP) After 8 years in the program, valuable and cumulative data has been collected and is available online. The protocols had been changed to require the samples be taken immediately to the lab at Paul Smith's or at a drop-off location. We are currently unable to get the samples to the lab (4hour round trip) within the time designated by the lab. We have been invited to rejoin the program at anytime.

Here is the link to the 2013 report:

<http://www.protectadks.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ALAP-2013-Sylvia-Lake.pdf>

Fish & Game

Dan Estey reported that he, Gale Ferguson, Wayne Jones, Keven Bush and Scott McHelvy cleared debris from the outlet. Many thanks to our volunteers for the dirty, difficult and exhausting job of keeping our waters flowing.

Results of the 33rd Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby:

Youngest: Landon Harter

Largest Smallmouth Bass: Cody Syrek 20 1/2"

Largest Largemouth Bass: Hayden Roberts 17 1/2"

Most Rock Bass: Ferguson Camp (Hunter Gillette) 172, Porter Camp 162, Kirby Camp 107

Largest Rock Bass: Jerricka Walton (Kirby Camp)

Most Dedicated Fisherpersion: Claire Manahan -53 Rock Bass/Rainbow Trout&Smallmouth bass

Total Rock Bass: 786

Navigation

Buoys and Mats. No report. Discussion of issues at next board meeting.

Ralph Undercoffler's Boater Safety Course was filled to capacity. 24 attended. Many thanks to Board member Ralph Undercoffler for providing this valuable service to the community.

Social

Discussion regarding attendance numbers at Summer Kickoff Party. Newsletters were sent a little later this year. How to improve attendance? Will discuss at board meeting. The 2015 Fall meeting and social will be held again at Lea and Shari's, 16 Hotel Road. No date has been set.

4th of July activities were enjoyed. Ferguson and Force families were thanked for their support of Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby.

Date for Boat Parade will be set at board meeting. The Boat parade has changed its focus over the years from kid centered to adult entertainment.

Many thanks to Rosalie and Carlton Force for the many years of service to the community. Rosalie and Carlton were our 2014 Boat Parade Grand Marshals.

Boat Parade Results:

Creative Children Award: The Alicia & Bob Porter and Clara & Sean Cummings families *101 Dalmations*

Spirit Award: The Bush Family *Sylvia Lake Saloon*

Honorable Mention: The Estey Family *Don't Worry....Be Happy*

Best of Show Pontoon: The Kirby Family *Kirby's Ice Cream Truck*

Best of Show-Small Boat: Maloy/Kane Family *The Little Mermaid*

Concert: Mike Welch and friends will be contacted for best concert date in 2015.

Picnic on hiatus

A survey was suggested to determine community priorities. Once the board completes the survey questions, Shari will develop the survey for the website and coordinate with the board the results.

Old Business:

The five Priorities the Sylvia Lake Association Board has identified are

- 1) Continue documenting the effectiveness of the 12 aquatic weed barrier mats
- 2) Explore eradication options/Grant availability
- 3) Collect periodic water samples for biological testing
- 4) Establish a community group to explore "upgraded" 911 road signage
- 5) Update Property Owner/Newsletter Database

Barb explained the importance of better signage on our main roads and tributaries. Reminded the members of the importance of reflective names/numbers on their properties.

Nominating Committee: Olive Horning, Melissa Saidel

Olive presented the 2014-2015 Sylvia Lake Association slate of officers and Board Members:

President- James Jackson

Vice-President- Shirley Putman

Secretary- Lea Dickson

Treasurer- Robyn Estey

Past President- Barb Maloy Kane

Board Member- Bill deLorraine

Board Member- Michele Lallier

Board Member- Ralph Undercoffler

Board Member- Alex Carpenter

Motion to accept and passed.

New Business:

Dave Syrek suggested the association establish a scholarship for local students. Jim offered the Gouverneur Foundation as an organization to administer the funds. No action was taken
Meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM and the social continued.

Respectively Submitted,
Lea Dickson
Secretary

Neighborhoods represented: West Shore, Hotel Road, North Shore, Wintergreen Bay, Indian Head Trail, Mansion Grounds

Property Owners attending:

Faye Lockwood
Linda and Dave Syrek
Barbara Maloy Kane
James Jackson
Joanne Orford
Jim Moses
Ron McDougall
Wayne and Missy Jones
Bill and Joanna deLorraine
Lea Dickson and Shari Barnhart
Robyn and Dan Estey
Terri and Craig Metzgar
Dave and Maria McGrath
Olive Horning