



Silver Lake Association (SLA)

Annual Meeting Summary Minutes

Date: August 9, 2014

Time: 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

Location: Camp Asbury, Koinonia Inn

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by Mark Emmerson, President.

II. Meeting Attendance

Total in Attendance - 42

III. Guest Speakers

Silver Lake Experience (SL Institute)

- Compared to a mini 3 day event “Chautauqua Lake Experience”
- Sponsored by The SL Institute and Asbury Camp & Retreat Center
- Will be held Thursday-Friday-Saturday, August 13 – 16, 2015
- It is SL Institute’s first endeavor with this event, wanted it to be achievable and not do too much
- Held for 3 days instead of a week, so not to disrupt the residents
- Many exhibits, activities, workshops, presentations, entertainment, spiritual opportunities, nature presentations & tour of Letchworth State Park and much more
- Goal is for at least 200 in attendance for the 3 day period, everyone in the area is welcome to attend
- Looking for more ideas and speakers to add to the slate of activities
- Need volunteers to help
- This is not an annual event but could be
- Formal schedules and registrations will be available beginning in January 2015
- Looking for sponsors and donations to support this event
- There will also be children’s activities
- Cost to attend will be determined at a later date
- Room and board will be available during the event

Wyoming County Sheriff Office

Provided an overview of the 5 divisions of the Sheriff’s Office

1. Civil
 - Evictions – suing law suits
2. Jail
 - Had 858 inmates last year
 - 559 men
 - 299 women
3. Communication
 - 911 Service Center – had 12,000 calls last year – Wyoming Co. has 1 center compared to 16 in Erie Co.
4. Investigation



- Welfare fraud – monitor sex offenders – has a Drug Task Force
 - Prescription Drugs are down
 - Heroin is up
- 5. Road Patrol
 - Had 9041 calls last year
 - 553 pistol permit applications
 - One of the last Counties in NYS to require the safety course for new applicants
- Proud of the sheriff's Office accomplishments
 1. Consolidation of services
 2. Communications
 3. Drug Task Force
 4. In service training
 - Firearms
 - Taser
 - OSHA
 5. Dispatch Center
 6. Crash Management Team
 7. Anyone who dials 911 and needs assistance will get the closest car of any law enforcement

Lake Patrol

- Very quiet on the lake this summer
- Provide presence for boaters safety and if boaters need any kind of assistance
- Patrol lake for safety violators
 - No spotters pulling a skier or tubers
 - Excessive speed
 - Unsafe driving
- Two (2) biggest problems this year are: (i) paddle boarders not wearing a life jacket and (ii) jet skis pulling a skier or tuber with no spotter or the spotter facing in the wrong direction
- There were no accidents on Silver lake this year
- If you are disabled you can call 911
- There are no regulations for fishermen coming near a dock to fish
- Be cautious and watch for kayaks, there are no rules for flags or colors to make them easier to see

Emergency Services

- The 4 digit address is a state wide project
- There are 14,000-15,000 parcels in Wyoming County
- A list with 4 digit numbers for parcels around Silver lake was handed out
- If you change your address number be sure to contact your Post Office

DEC

- DEC is included with the rotation of patrolling Silver Lake
- Patrol to check for fishing licenses, catch limits and seasonal fish, safety equipment and registrations
- In fall they check for hunting licenses and water fowl limits
- In winter they patrol Silver Lake to check fishing licenses and fish limits
- Must have a fishing license to assist another person fishing
- Must have a license 16 years of age or older
- Must have license on your person at all times while fishing
- Reported that many people were fishing without a license this year



- Involved with the construction specifications and permits for bulk heads (shore retaining walls)
- Help to prevent run-off sediment into the lake

Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District

- Collects data with the Silver Lake Association Water Quality Committee from testing (Hydrolab) and collecting (CSLAP) water samples from Silver Lake
- Conducts studies on erosion to prevent sediment from entering the lake
- Involved with the prevention of invasive species
- Involved with the Club Road Ditch Project to minimize erosion and sediment going into Silver Lake
- Helped with the Luther Road ditch project using fabric to prevent erosion and flooding
- Train Highway Department employees on how to prevent erosion
- Educate residents on what they can do to help Silver Lake
- Works in conjunction with the Wyoming County Watershed Commission
- Works with the agricultural community to help minimize nitrates and phosphorous from entering the lake
- Agricultural Environment Management 5 Tier Process Program
 - Investigation
 - Evaluation
 - Assessment
 - Planning
 - Implementation
- Has 22 active farms participating – all comply with the NYS regulations
- Suggest farmers use concrete storage containers for feed and fertilizer to prevent by-products leaching into feeder streams that go to Silver Lake
- Educate farmers on the best way to use fertilizers
- Work with students to test water samples from farm fields checking for amounts of nitrates and phosphorous present
- Involved with all municipalities (Castile, Perry, Mt. Morris, and Letchworth State Park)

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (July)

Minutes Approved by the Board on August 9, 2014

Vote: *Ayes: 24 Nays: 0*

Resolved: Motion carried

V. Treasurer's Report (July)

Motion: motioned to approve Treasurer's Report

Support: seconded approval.

Vote: *Ayes: 24 Nays: 0*

Resolved: Motion carried



VI. Presidents report and Year in Review

- Mark Emmerson thanked everyone who supported his first year with guidance and knowledge
- It was a very busy year but a good time to reorganize the Association
- We had to find new webcam locations for our lake view cameras, one new location is at Silver Lake Marine at the South End of Silver Lake
- We created a new website, silverlakeassociation-wny.org
- We have new Tract Directors and Alternate Tract Directors volunteering to help with the activities of our Association (membership drive, flare sales, voting and discussions on SLA agenda items, etc.)
- New Officers were voted in at our Annual Meeting (Treasurer, Secretary) our two (2) Vice Presidents will serve another term (unopposed)
- A new Water Quality Committee was formed as a result of our past Water Quality Chairman retiring from his position (he will be available as a consultant if needed)
- Our new Membership Cards and newly designed Directory were well received by the membership (membership was up 106 members for a total of 487 active members which includes 5 business members)
 - A vote was cast and approval made to continue with our membership cards with merchant discounts for all of our members
 - All previous merchants agreed to participate again next year. More businesses will be approached for next year's card.
- Inspection of previous Annual Reports show that previous SLA leadership achieved the following:
 - Sewers around the lake
 - Helped property owners purchase land from the rail road that went through their property when it ceased service from Silver Springs to Silver Lake.
 - Kept the wind turbines from being erected on land around Silver Lake
 - Emergency Management Committee assisted 911 Emergency Services in promoting proper addressing on lake resident properties
 - Made sure that all environmental and noise ordinances were followed in the building of the gas pumping station on West Lake Road.
 - Always involved in assuring the water quality of Silver Lake is the best it can be
- We are missing numerous previous Directories. A 1980 Directory is in hand. A person has what they called at the time Vacation Guides dating back to 1958. We need about ten directories to complete the set from 1980 to the present.
- If anyone has a Guide or Directory that is missing from the SLA archives and is willing to donate one, please contact Mark Emmerson.
- One idea for next year's Directory is to have our own calendar of events (town and village meetings, SLA meetings, Institute events, etc.)

VII. Committee's Report

Water Quality Committee

A report of a small Bio of each Water Quality Member was given

- The Water Quality Committee has 8 members which includes the past WQ Chairman.
- Secured NYS funding for our activities.
- Attended Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District (Warsaw) & Silver Lake Watershed (Perry) Meetings.
- Archived CSLAP reports.
- Created a handful of helpful documents ("Tips") and had them posted onto the SLA web site



- Additional documents are under development. If you have ideas for other Tips, please let us know.
- Arranged for the most recent (2013) CSLAP report to be posted onto the SLA web site. "Score card" is likely the most useful piece of these reports.
- Queried Village of Perry & F.X. Browne re. F.X. Browne report (told it will be available by mid-Aug. '14).
- Through WCSWCD followed up with Wyoming County Health Department, regarding an inordinately high *E. Coli* reading found at Perry Public Beach. According (WCHD) the *E. Coli* level was low during a subsequent test.
- On partnering with Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District, began discussions on "check" / "sediment" dam installation & maintenance. Tried to initiate discussions with Town of Castile on the same subject.
- Began discussions on invasive species mitigation and reached out to the DEC for guidance.
- Outreach efforts at the *Perry Farmer's Market* on Aug. 23 and 30 (materials and magnet distribution).
- SLA program activities (e.g., speakers of interest to membership).
- Recognized long time Water Quality Chairman for all he has done for the many years he has been a volunteer with the SLA. A brick in his honor was ordered to be placed at the Silver Lake Institute Heritage Walkway.

VII. The Approval of Tract Directors and Alternate Tract Directors

- Concern was brought up about the number of Tract Directors in the Silver Lake Institute (too few)
- There were not enough memberships to go around in the Silver Lake Institute this year. Next year we will have more membership packages for everyone
- Three (3) years ago the Silver Lake Institute was divided into four (4) quadrants each having a director. One of the Tract Directors represented the others as the principal Director (Captain)
- Mark Emmerson will contact the Silver Lake Institute to see who we have as Tract Directors
- There are currently six (6) tracts without Tract Directors; they are Fairview North and South, Country Club South, Silver Lake Institute (2), and Waltz Tract.
- We now have someone who agreed to be Tract Director for Waltz Tract.
- There are three (3) new Alternate Tract Directors for Country Club North, Walker Tract, and Traber South Tract.
- There was a suggestion to have addresses and phone numbers of off-season residences added to Directors list

Motion: motioned to approve all Tract Directors and Alternate Tract Directors

Support: seconded approval

Vote: Ayes: 24 Nays: 0

Resolved: Motion carried

VIII. Election of Officers

- There were no nominations from the floor
- Normally the Secretary would cast 1 vote for the slate of Officers. Because there is not a Secretary at the time of the vote, the Vice President, cast 1 vote for the slate of Officers.

The new Secretary and Treasurer are approved. The two (2) Vice Presidents will continue to serve another term.



IX. Amendments to the Silver Lake Association By-laws

- There was a presentation of proposed changes to the By-laws
 1. Changed – “Directors missing 3 monthly meetings in a row is a sufficient cause for removal”
 - Omit this statement
 2. Changed – “Water Quality Chairperson is part of the Executive Committee”
 - Omit this Statement
 3. Changed – “Pay a person on the Board a salary by a 2/3 vote”
 - No one in the SLA shall receive a salary
 4. Added – SLA leadership shall be allowed to spend up to \$300. in the off season without board approval
 5. Changed – Went from four (4) membership categories to two (2)
 - Active memberships and Business memberships
 - Business Membership does not have the right to vote
 6. Changed – Dues for Active Membership is \$10./year
 - Raise the dues to \$20./year
 - **Reasons for raising dues**
 - Has not been raised since 2000
 - Office supply (printing, paper, ink, postage, etc.) costs have all increased
 - Need to upgrade our webcam
 - Cost of meeting fees have increased
 - Insurance cost will increase
 - More membership cards are necessary
 - Directory financing
 - Purchasing merchandise (window decals, postcards, cups, mugs, clothing)
 - Sponsoring a picnic for the volunteers of the Silver Lake Association
 - Should take the amount we pay for dues out of the By-laws
 - The cost of dues can only be changed at the Annual Meeting by the Membership
 7. Changed – “Committee Chairpersons have to be tract directors”
 - A committee Chairperson or a committee member does not have to be a tract director
 8. Added – “If there is sufficient cause for removal of a Chairperson or committee member...by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board”
 9. Added – Definitions

Motion: motioned to approve By-law amendments

Support: seconded approval.

Vote: *Ayes: 24 Nays: 0*

Resolved: Motion carried

Motion: motioned to approve raising Active Membership Dues to \$20./year

Support: seconded approval.

Vote: *Ayes: 24 Nays: 0*

Resolved: Motion carried



X. Merchandise Revolving Budget Line

- It was suggested to have a revolving budget for the Clothing & Merchandise Committee
- Any time money is deposited into the SLA bank account from clothing sales, that money will be readily available to purchase more clothing merchandise. In this way there will always be an allotment of monies available without Board Approval for purchasing clothing merchandise.

Motion: motioned to approve Revolving Budget Line for clothing merchandise

Support: seconded approval.

Vote: *Ayes: 24 Nays: 0*

Resolved: Motion carried

Motion: motioned to approve \$2500. for the revolving line

Support: seconded approval.

Vote: *Ayes: 24 Nays: 0*

Resolved: Motion carried

- Does the Homeowners insurance cover our clothing merchandise in case of fire or theft?

XI. Flare Update

- Started with 81 cases before our sale of flares. 11 cases plus 4 flares in inventory from last year and 70 new cases ordered.
- A few cases are not accounted for, not all tract Directors have submitted their membership documents.

XII. Service Awards

- Would like to present two (2) Service Awards
- Neither person was present, will have presentation at a later date

XIII. Yellow Dot Packages

- Sheriff did not bring them to the meeting
- Can pick them up at the Sheriff's Office in Warsaw
- Will look into having some available at another meeting

XIII. Voter Registration Forms

- Voter registration cards were made available

XIV. Adjournment

Motion: ALL motioned for adjournment.

Support: seconded approval.

Vote: *Ayes: 20 Nays: 0*

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm