

## The History of the Silver Lake Association (SLA) Chapter #12

### ***Membership, Directors, and Miscellaneous***

Dr. Paul Burgeson read the minutes in the absence of Ann Hiebach who has indicated that she had resigned from her position as Secretary. Several tract directors have retired and new nominees will be contacted. At the 1981 Annual Meeting about 75 attended. New tract directors were elected; they were Bob Murray and Frank Freeman.

At the Annual Meeting held at Epworth Hall in 1982, 50 attended. The new Tract Directors were introduced, they were; Bob Parks, Woodrew Becker, and Ron Straitiff. To increase the number of cottagers in the SLCOA, it was agreed if the directories were available by mid-June; the tract directors can distribute them along with the July 4<sup>th</sup> flares and collect membership names and dues at the same time. It was agreed to set coordination for the flares, directories, newsletters, and membership census for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983. June 11th, 22 Directors showed up at Howard Benedict's home for the first meeting of 1983. Gil Landon handed in his letter of resignation as Treasurer and Tract Director. Old Orchard Beach Director Fred Ball is seriously ill and a letter of concern was sent.

At the 1983 Annual Meeting held at Epworth Hall about 70 persons were present. New tract directors that were introduced were; Ted Krolikowski for ***Old Orchard Beach*** North Tract and Don Connelly for ***Old Orchard Beach South Tract***. A plaque was presented to Gil and Erma Landon for their dedication to the SLCOA.

The Presidents' report stated that many directors had trouble getting people to join the SLCOA because they felt the association did not do anything. The Directors were asked to tell the cottage owners of the accomplishments the SLCOA were trying to do for the good of the lake while selling memberships. At the end of Dr. Humphrey's report he thanked all the Officers and Directors for their loyalty, support and continued sacrifice of their time for the good of SLCOA. Howard Benedict, Jane Bellamy and Platt Fowlston were asked to work on nominations as Dr. Humphrey, Harold Soules and Frank Freeman resigned from their posts.

The final message from the President Dr. W.M. Humphrey read: ***"Ten years ago I was elected President of this association with a pledge I would push for programs to clean up the lake, namely sewers, a new dam, and curtailment of agricultural run-off. With tremendous help from the Officers, Directors, and members I have been able to accomplish most of this program. I have therefore tendered my resignation as of this year. I want to say this has been a great experience and I have enjoyed the people I have met. I have endured the frustrations of bureaucracy which I never knew existed. I thank all of you for putting up with me all these years. The new slate of officers will carry on this organization to even greater endeavors. I am sure you will give them all the support you have given me." Thank you.*** There were 51 people that attended the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1984 Annual Meeting held at Epworth Hall. A plaque was presented to Dr. Humphrey for his 10 years of service as President of the SLCOA.

At the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1984 meeting it was said that the computer listing would be used to identify members (winter and summer) addresses. The year sticker was given as the proof of membership. Many new Tract Directors were nominated and approved at the meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1984. The tract and names were as follows: **Institute**-Bill Martin, Jim Rando and Bob McMurtry; **Sutton Tract**-Dr. George Evans; **Fairview**-Donna Easton; **Walker**-Dan Mance and for the **Country Club Tract**-William Conway.

It was approved that all memberships be set at \$2.00. Other notes included that the membership cards would be updated when they were reordered; window posters ran out and would be ordered ASAP; and the computer listings prepared by Bob Murray will be used to record membership rather than the membership cards. Bob Murray was thanked for all his effort in computerizing the SLCOA membership addresses and both he and Dr. Humphrey stressed the need for more complete address data on our membership cards.

Again it was asked what the cottagers get for the \$2.00 membership fee. It was stated that the SLCOA would try and get people to join by issuing a mailing letter. It was also suggested to send all cottagers a newsletter in the Spring only to try and get new membership. The letter should show what has been accomplished over the years.

Jane Bellamy, Ted Krolikowski, and Lee Frette formed the new nominating Committee. At the 1985 Annual meeting new directors were elected, they were: Lyn Griffen-**Old Orchard Beach**, Jim Fuller-**Fairview**, Tony Fricano-**Luther/Wheaton**, and Richard Rahn-**Eberstein**. The Officers were as followed: Howard Benedict-**President**, Bob Moscicki and Elaine Cook-**Vice Presidents**, Jane Bellamy-**Treasurer**, Lyn Griffen-**Secretary**, Bob Murray and Doug Klein-Membership. It was decided that the secretary's report be typed and distributed to all tract directors. The tract directors may wish to circulate the minutes among the cottage owners.

A new Nomination Committee was established and consisted of Frank Young, June Walter, Ron Straitiff, Jim Fuller, and Bob Parks. Bill Gleason was now the new chairperson for the Institute Tract Directors. Bill updated the Institute's computer listings, using an up-to-date card file maintained by the Institute. Bill would also try to identify 10 – 12 individuals who would like to serve as tract directors in that area.

Howard Benedict opened the August 2, 1986 Annual meeting with approximately 65 in attendance. During the open discussion portion of the meeting these issues were brought up:

- Many residents would like stricter animal control in the Town of Castile. It was researched that it would have been too costly to adopt a leash law, which would have required a dog warden and maintaining an animal shelter.
- The effectiveness of the Sheriff's patrol was still in question.
- Some residents brought up the subject of lowering the lake level in the Fall to work on break walls and to prevent damage to properties from ice during the winter.
- It was questioned if the tax bills were being applied equally to all cottage owners, regardless of status as year-round or summer resident.
- Castile Town Councilman was questioned about the possibility of a water district being installed at Silver Lake. A postcard survey would be sent out to determine the interest from the residents.

In 1986 Ken Willard resigned as tract director for Silver Grove and was replaced by John Pachuta. Jim Fuller had resigned as Fairview Tract Director and was replaced by Bob Hawks. A thank-you card was sent to Tanya Leeman, who resigned as Tract Director for health reasons.

Don Cook compiled a "phone tree" of tract directors as a means for filtering information. Elaine asked to have committees set up to be responsible for newsletters, flares, directories, news releases, and membership and social.

Elaine Cook opened one of the first meetings held in the winter month of November 1987. The meeting began by reviewing the SLCOA By-laws. Because of the time it would take to review and with the number of directors present, it was agreed that the By-laws be mailed to all of the directors for their review and comments. After the directors had time to review and comment on their changes it was asked to send their comments to Doug Klein. A special meeting was held to collaborate and put together a draft to have ready for the May meeting discussion.

Eric Parker, Zoning Administrator for Perry and Castile, discussed the rewriting of the zoning laws and would like the cottage owners input for new regulations. The lake would be treated as a separate district because of the uniqueness of the properties. Current regulations have resulted in a large number of applications for variances and have elicited a range of opinions from property owners. The SLCOA will meet with Eric to design a questionnaire which would be mailed out to cottage owners to determine popular opinions regarding the new laws.