

SLCOA (changed to SLA) Meetings and Membership – Part 3 chapter #15

The 1990 Annual Meeting was held the last Saturday in August, the 25th at 9 AM in Epworth Hall. Cost will be \$1.40 per person for refreshments. Dick Bausch would check with the Country Club about using it for meetings from May through September beginning at 9 AM rather than 10 AM. Directors would meet at 9 AM the third Saturday in June, July, August, and September at the Country Club. Refreshments would be based on 15 people at the cost of \$35.

Chris Myers reported on why Lorraine Strum was working as co-secretary to the SLCOA and there were no objections to her continuing in that capacity. The SLCOA now had a Post Office Box, #265, at the Silver Lake Post Office (1990). Chris and Lorraine had keys.

Don Manning made arrangements for the SLCOA Board members to attend the August Town Board meeting in Castile to give a presentation on the lake. Elaine Cook thanked Bob Bowles for attending the SLCOA meetings. Mr. Bowles said that his basic interest was that Silver Lake was an asset and what we want by way of streets and water districts can only be made known to Castile by the SLCOA communicating in advance so that we can work on these projects and keep control of lake development together.

Groups that service the lake area which the SLCOA would want to give donations to at the Annual meeting were: Fire and Rescue agencies, such as Perry Ambulance, the Wildlife Federation, PIP (Recycle for Perry), Habitat for Humanity, Mercy Flight, CARE (Castile Area Residents for the Environment). Bob Bowles noted that the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors was solicited by Mercy Flight which had a \$4000 deficit. Wyoming County was its second biggest user and Wyoming County Community Hospital was the single biggest user in the 8-county area.

The SLCOA contributed to the following local organizations that was presented at the August 25th, 1990 Annual meeting; Silver Springs Fire Department, \$200; Perry Ambulance, \$100; Perry Fire Department, \$100; Castile Fire and Ambulance, \$100; Wyoming County Wildlife Association, \$100; Mercy Flight, \$100; PIP Recycling, \$50; CARE, \$50; and Habitat for Humanity, \$50. The Sheriff did receive money (\$146) for a 2-way boat radio from the SLCOA that year. There were some discussions to double some of the amounts in light of the current treasury amount and a motion was made and seconded. Any future contributions would be made based upon the SLCOA annual funds. SLCOA Board Members would contact agency reps so that they would be present at the August 25th meeting to receive the donation.

In July of 1991 marked the 30th anniversary of the SLCOA incorporation (July 13, 1961). The 1991 Annual meeting was held August 31st, at Epworth Hall. Discussion was held on future Annual Meetings. It was decided to try to hold them in June. Notices would be put in newsletters and the Directory. The suggestion of having the Annual Meeting in June 1992 received a favorable response.

The Membership Committee discussed the requested changes to the By-laws. The items that were requested were: 1) Having a purpose or mission statement of the SLCOA, 2) changing the SLCOA's name, 3) offer 4 different types of memberships: a) Acting-voting, b) Supportive, c) Business, d) Sustaining. No action was taken at this time. Elaine suggested the purpose of the SLCOA would be to improve the quality of Silver Lake. Vince Cali said that needed to be put in the By-laws. The proposed changes to the By-laws would be announced at the 1991 Annual meeting in August. They would be voted upon at the 1992 Annual meeting for approval by the membership.

A policy discussion on the Tract Directors "Replacement/Additions" dealt with attendance (i.e. still considered an active board member if 5 out of 10 meetings are attended; not missing 2 meetings in a row without replacement (alternate) or reason.

At the August 15, 1992 meeting of the SLCOA, the membership committee submitted this report for the changes to the By-laws. The committee proposed changes last July (1991) at the Annual meeting and were up for vote (1992). The voting would be for: Name Change, From the Silver Lake Cottage Owners Association to the Silver Lake Association; Add a Mission Statement; and changes in categories of membership (active; supporting; i.e., fishermen, boaters; sustaining; i.e., patron level; and business). To summarize, an active and business member will have voting rights. \$5 dues for active members may be paid by more than one cottage occupant each of who would receive a vote. Suggested dues for each category would be discussed if changes were voted in on Saturday August 22, 1992. Excluding dues from new By-laws would allow flexibility for changing them in the future. At the August 22, 1992 Annual Meeting all By-law changes were voted on and passed. Vince Cali would research the Silver Lake Association name to be assured that no other exists. It would cost approximately \$300 - \$400 for the name change.

Fifty people attended the July Annual meeting in the new Pioneer Museum on Walker Road. The 1993 meeting was held earlier that year after many requests from cottagers. It was the first time the public was allowed inside the new Pioneer Museum on Walker Road.

There was a concern that the 1993 Annual meeting might get out of order. The SLCOA was taking the heat for the Town of Castile decisions that impacted the lake. Some felt the SLCOA should have sent an open letter on assessment and say more on it. Suggestions were made by SLCOA to have a Sargent of Arms; more tract director attendance; publicize the agenda/make extra copies; should not inhibit expressing of opinions. Because of the Annual meeting's long discussion on that issue, Clark Rice's popular slide show of old on Silver Lake was cancelled.

Vince Cali would serve as Sargent at Arms at the Annual meeting; there is no main topic for this meeting. Lorraine would contact Greg McKurth of Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation Service, perhaps he would discuss the July 30th Watershed Tour SCS sponsored. To maintain order at the Annual meeting speakers would be asked to register on a poster board which Lorraine provided listing name and topic. Other (non-voluntary or not signed up) items would be moved to the August Board meeting. Last year, some folks had questions and issues to raise but didn't due to the lengthy property revaluation discussion.

Francis requested that next year's address lists for tract directors include a form/portion that required them to break down numbers and money for dues and flares. Elaine also requested that tract directors submit personal checks rather than cash when they turn in their dues and flare money collected.

At the last meeting of 1996 Bill Soules formally moved SLA to go with Erie Insurance and directed the treasurer to pay the first premium payment. Motion was passed

The Annual meeting of 1997 opened with approval of the minutes and treasurers reports. Then Elaine gave special thanks to the Officers and Board members for the time and effort they put into the Association. She also thanked Lorraine for the news coverage of the Boat parade and the Home Owners of Distinction Award, two programs the SLA would continue to sponsor.

Because of a tornado the March SLA meeting was cancelled. A lot of limbs fell into the lake and sunk as a result. Biologist Rich Elias found that interesting for some reason. Also the Planning Board meeting scheduled for June 2nd that was to discuss the Klein farm closed manure storage lacked a quorum because of the tornado.

Because of the Treasurers report (\$530.81) indicating the assets of SLA were a bare minimum level prior to submission of the annual dues, a straw poll was conducted regarding raising the \$5 dues. 12 polled indicated they would support an \$8 rate. Should the board decide to raise the dues, plenty of notice would be made. A little over half of the lake residents held a membership in SLA.

Elaine and Lorraine needed a new heavy duty file cabinet; SLA had outgrown the two they had. Elaine had a two drawer and Lorraine had a four drawer. Bill Soules would handle this matter. Lorraine could now send out the minutes via email. SLA board would contact her with their email address. The motion for the file cabinets was approved and Bill was given a check to cover the cost of a new four draw and a two drawer cabinet, approximately \$290.

June 19, 1999, it was told that Don and Elaine Cook would be leaving the SLA after having purchased a home on Honeoye Lake. Board members knew they would be a hard act to follow and they would be missed. Moving date would be July 29th, 1999. This would create a vacancy for the presidency. No one volunteered to place his or her name on the slate. Elaine recommended Rich Eliaz. Rich would consider filling in on a temporary basis and would be interested in a shared presidency. He would chair the annual meeting. Elaine thanked all for their help and support the last 10 years. Keys for the future were getting more help and bringing more people in as there were more issues to address.

Old business that was discussed at the June 1999 meeting was; Elaine gave the SLA file cabinet to Francis; Lorraine ordered boat parade trophies and ribbons. She also reported that the newsletter coupon for comments received stated that the people wanted the SLA to address jet skis, weeds, and junk.

1 verbal and 2 mail-in nominations were received for the Home Owners of Distinction Award. Listed in order received were: Ken Hall – Eberstein Tract, Roy Boswell – Munger Tract, and Bob & Annette Payne – Traber Tract. The SLA Board okayed the Paynes winners of the award and would have a presentation at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed to continue with this program.

At the October 1999 meeting the SLA President Rich Eliaz set goals to have more communication between SLA and local government. At this meeting Jim Reger, Director of Wyoming County Emergency Services met with the SLA for 1 ½ hours. Some of the topics that were discussed were; fire and ambulance coordination; 911 and the four digit lists; negative response from lakerees when Silver Springs Fire Dept. conducted an education program; fire safety; fire response systems and strategies; dry hydrants; and County needed volunteers for Haz-Mat and road rescue teams.