

Silver Lake & Miscellaneous Activities chapter #24

At the May 19th, 1990 meeting Doug Klein mentioned that Bud Munger ran the boating course for youth of the lake. He announced details in the Perry Shopper. Doug Klein said that 17 youngsters passed the Boating Safety Class. A second series would be held on Thursdays, August 16 & 23, 1990. It was planned to have the classes at the Fireman's Building in the Perry Village Park and Bud Munger would notify the papers. Jack Hourihan discussed the purchase of a radio for the Sheriff's boat; cost was estimated to be \$150 - \$175. Money was given upon notification of receipt of the radio.

Roy Schneggenburger of Waltz Tract reported that on July 7, 1998, NYS Governor George Pataki signed into law 8970-b, which meant all persons under the age of 18 years of age must have a boating certificate to operate a jet ski. The bill had provisions raising the age limit periodically until everyone regardless of age must be certified to operate PWC's.

The Silver Creek Restoration Committee had begun clearing a walking path from Walker Road to Federal Street along the outlet. Much debris, grading, etc. had been done. Marge McWethy made a motion that the SLCOA make an additional donation of \$250 to the Restoration Committee. This motion was seconded and passed. The donation was used for the East Lake Road entrance bordering a cottage. The SLCOA requested recognition on a plaque.

It was brought up at a SLCOA meeting that the SLCOA be involved with the Wyoming County Sesquicentennial. Chris reported the Institute would have a historical display in conjunction with the Art Guild on Labor Day weekend. Bob Murphy would return any old cottage memorabilia including photos which he could copy for the event. Clarence Clark reported that the County Fair in August had a historical building which the SLCOA can exhibit for free. Past President Howard Benedict could have items for display at Pike Fair.

A Wyoming County Tourist Promotion Agency representative Mary Landrieu discussed "Let's Sell Silver Lake" campaign to promote the use of local businesses by cottagers. The WCTPA gave out coupons and information bags to each cottage on Memorial Day Weekend and was asked if the SLCOA would be interested in enclosing anything in the bags. Tourism was over 1/3 of Wyoming County's sale tax revenue and ranked 2nd largest business in Wyoming County only behind agriculture.

Perry Police Chief Gary Jurkowski had replaced Bud Munger as lake patrol officer.

The SLCOA passed out DEC Surveys to all people living on the tracts around the lake. They were asked to fill them out; it was an ongoing survey on the feelings of lake quality. A fish stocking update was mentioned at the September 19, 1992 meeting. A survey will be done to see what the status was on the Walleye population. Overall fish population in Silver Lake was excellent.

The July 1994 Annual meeting had the Wyoming County Water Quality Resources Coordinating Committee, Soil and Water Conservation Service, and the watershed Commission with other area agencies hosted a Watershed Tour and Demonstration Day. Displays and educational information would be available as well as a bus tour of pollution-prevention projects completed in the past two years around the lake. Fun activities included a waterskiing demonstration and a demonstration of new spill-containment equipment and a gun designed to shoot boom lines across the water to quickly surround spills.

Perry hosted a winter festival and was seeking organization sponsors. Lorraine suggested the SLA to sponsor a two-day ice fishing contest. Margaret would ask Ray if he would do it through Mack's. Approval to purchase 3 trophies for: largest perch, northern pike, and walleye were given.

In March 1995 Don Cook shared that he was researching an award program as an incentive for lakeside conservation measures and hoped that the SLA would be involved. The title if this program was "Garden of Distinction". Bruce Tillapaugh of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service knew of a similar program for watersheds. At the October meeting Don raised the "Homeowners of Distinction" idea for good management practices and had the information which would be included in the SLA winter newsletter. In March of 1996 Don passed out copies of possible criteria and draft nomination form for the Board to review, anticipation was to start the awards in 1997. SCS had already sent good ideas to SLA.

At the 1996 Annual meeting it was mentioned that the SLA was sponsoring the Homeowners of Distinction contest as an education program that focused on good environmental practices in the house, yard, and garden. If you lived on the lake or in the watershed you would be eligible. You could even nominate yourself for this honor. The SLA hoped to generate some enthusiasm in the program.

It was said at the August 1995 meeting that possible future prizes for the cottage of the year, should the SLA move on that program, be the FOLA "Support Clean Lakes" license plate holder and a bag of fertilizer. Francis also recommended that all directors should receive a license plate holder paid for by the SLA. The motion for the directors and alternates (approx. 18) to receive license plates holders paid by the SLA was passed; the board members could pick them up at a board meeting they attended.

At the June 21, 1997 meeting, Alexander and Violet Luber were the SLA's nominees for the Home Owners of Distinction Award. The Luber's did wild plantings along the lake, recycle, they didn't bathe themselves or vehicles near or in the lake, they didn't dump/burn leaves in or near lake. Don would photograph the property from the water; Lorraine would take their pictures when they were presented the honors. Congratulations went out to environmentally-conscious green thumbs Vi and Al Luber of Traber South Tract, the first SLA recipients of the 1997 Home Owners of Distinction Award. The following year the SLA asked homeowners to write to the SLA about things they were or were not doing that benefit(s) Silver Lake. From the letters received, the ideas would be shared with the membership then the 1998 recipient would be chosen.

Bill Harrington discussed the upcoming balloon rally sponsored by Sean Quigley of "Balloons Over Letchworth". Sean was a resident of Silver Lake who operated a hot air balloon business. He and the local Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Great Silver Lake and Letchworth Park Balloon Rally. Volunteers were needed to pick up balloon passengers. Fifteen balloons were launched from the Country Club grounds and the Park throughout the weekend. The balloon rally had moved to Perry Park, July 30, 31, and August 1, 1998. Bill Harrington would ask the rally representative to speak at the Annual Meeting. Many people were sorry to see it move off the lake.

The Board approved spending up to \$150 for a P.A. system via a committee of Bill Harrington, Bill Soules, and Francis Foulkrod.