

Fireworks/ Flares/Boat Parade — Chapter #35

Bill Soules suggested that in the SLA 2000 summer newsletter, it would ask people not to light their fireworks until after the big show because smoke clouded the view. Lorraine mentioned at the 2000 annual meeting that the Silver Lake Fireworks Fund met its goal. Re-signing the contract with Young Explosives last October resulted in a larger show for 2000.

Other business that was discussed at the March 2002 meeting was the Ring of Fire and the fireworks display on July 3rd. A visibility complaint prompted Lorraine to seek an alternate site, possibly at Camp Asbury, which invited the SLA there. However, Jim Young looked at that site and other possibilities and nixed them. It was decided to have the fireworks display at the Country Club pier. They would start the show at 10:30 pm after the Ring of Fire per consensus of the contributors to the Fireworks fund. The 2002 fireworks cost \$3,500.

A concern of illegal firework displays were discussed at the 2004 annual meeting; loud music and public drinking were also discussed. The previous year the police department sent letters to the Euclid-Walker Road residents on the open container law which helped in addition to the patrols. It was mentioned that this may need to be repeated.

The Budget Committee members recommended that SLA no longer run fireworks money through its accounts. The board directed Lorraine to write a letter and return checks to future donors that sent firework contributions but made the checks payable to the SLA. Bill explained that the SLA was not processing the fireworks money because the SLA Insurance carrier (Long Ins. Agency) advised the SLA to do so, not because there was a problem with the fund.

Ron Straitiff noted to the board in April of 2000 that he contracted for 60 cases of flares for the cost of \$2200. They would be sold for \$1.50 each (\$1.38 SLA cost). It would be discussed to raise the cost next year.

An issue of flare storage was brought before the SLA board at the May 2001 meeting. Lorraine talked to Ron Straitiff who setup storage in the Benedict's garage, she said the SLA would be at risk especially since the family did not have a member on the SLA approved board. Ron would ask the Benedicts to join the SLA Board. Another consideration was to have the Benedict's become a lifetime member; consensus - opposed.

Ron Straitiff ordered 77 cases of flares which cost approximately \$3,000. Directors had to report money collected for flares separate from the dues money. The address sheets have columns for both. Commercial outlets selling flares would be handled by Ron. The SLA would end the flare storage in the Benedict's garage. If a director did not get their flares when Ron delivered them at the June meeting, they would have to arrange a time to pick them up from him.

Ron Straitiff asked Lorraine to send a letter of thanks to Conesus Lake Association President John Connolly for helping the SLA get their flares each year. Flares would be sold for \$1.50 and could be obtained from Ron only at his garage. Ron would also handle all commercial distributors (marinas). At the July 2003 annual meeting President Bill Soules presented Ron Straitiff the Golden Flare Award, who each year went out of his way to order, obtain, and inventory flares for the Ring of Fire.

Ron Straitiff recommended that the flares be sold for \$1.75 each in June 2009. He noted that he had found an old plaque in his cottage that showed he had been a member of SLA for 40 years!

Ron Straitiff mentioned that the flare order came early this year (April 1st). The cost was \$46 per case or \$49 per case to place an order later. It was noted that 66 Cases were sold the previous year. Ron suggested raising the flare price from \$1.50 to \$1.75. This would increase income by \$300. He also noted that it was his 20th year providing flares for the Ring of Fire! Dick Swanson suggested to leave the flare cost as is and would note that flares would go up the following year in the newsletter. Bob Frosino said that flares should go up as opposed to dues, flares were a luxury, and dues were a

necessity. A discussion followed on both points of view. Larry Bauer moved to raise flares to \$1.75, Bill Maurer-2nd, most-aye, 2-opposed.

The Fireworks Fund purchased a \$75 SLA Judges banner for the Boat Parade. The homemade painted sheet that was being used shredded after 10 years. It was announced at the March 2003 meeting that Silver Lake Marine had agreed to hang the SLA Boat Parade Award plaques there.

Ruth spoke on the Boat Parade for Bob Frosino and said that volunteers were needed to run the Boat Parade and a boat was needed for the judges (approx. 3 hours of time). Larry and Sandy Bauer volunteered their boat and to be judges. Betty Nasca would help get the trophies. Bill Soules mentioned that a rain date would be the following day (Saturday). It was also asked to put this information in the winter and summer newsletters. The SLA tract directors should inform people of this matter when selling flares.

Larry Bauer updated the board on the boat parade and said that there were about 10 boats entered. He asked for one more trophy to be added for best of parade. It was then asked for ideas for what to call it. The winners would be posted on the website. Each trophy cost about \$30. Bob Frosino moved to add one more award, the board approved. Larry Bauer suggested the new addition this year (June 2010) would be the "President's Trophy".