

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
of Oquaga Lake Improvement Association
August 29, 1986

The annual meeting of the Oquaga Lake Association was called to order by President Carole Peduto at Scott's Meeting Room on August 29, 1986, at 7:40 p.m.

Mary Pat Lee read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read. Ed Wilmarth, Treasurer, distributed a financial statement of the Association. He explained the statement and answered a few questions about reimbursement to members who contributed an extra assessment in 1978-79. As soon as the receipts are located, reimbursement will be discussed.

Bill Ashman, Activities Chairman, thanked everyone for helping with the summer's activities which were well attended. He would welcome suggestions from everyone, particularly new people on the lake. He needs volunteers to help with next year's activities.

Larry Welliver, Fishing Committee, discussed the voluntary banning of lake trout fishing and recommended stocking of the lake.

Al Wilmarth, Membership Committee, related that she, Monica Tremonti and Ruth Duggan have composed a membership letter, attaching a topographical map, owners' listing, and boating rules, which will be sent or hand delivered to all new people on the lake. They have begun this summer and will continue next season, particularly emphasizing the boating rules with the hope this will improve adherence to the rules.

Bill Ashman, Nominating Committee, commended the retiring board members Bob Quinn, Bob Hanson, and Dick Duggan for their dedication and untiring efforts. Bob Hanson and Dick Duggan's years alone represent more than a half century. The new members nominated were Gunther Ottens, Carole Peduto, Cathy Greenman, and Jim Shreve. Motion was made for the new board members and unanimously approved.

Carole Peduto explained the necessity to treat the lake and reported that we treated at an optimum time to improve the quality of the water. The dosage was minimal but effective, with no guarantee that it will be effective for more than one season; therefore, we should continue monitoring for another season. Mark Millspaugh reported that it is advisable to treat next year. Hand vote approved next year's monitoring.

Carole reported that Mark Millspaugh attended the Federation of Lake Associations' Conference this spring and submitted a report which is available to all interested persons.

Dr. Fred Penning thanked the Board for their year's work, particularly on the sewer project. He discussed the need for a leash law at the lake and some type of zoning (perhaps only a local ordinance with restrictive controls on building). He read a letter written to Tom Hamlin, Town of Sanford Supervisor, and the letter received by him from Hamlin. He also discussed the effect of acid rain fallout and a handout was available at the meeting.

Carole expressed concern for lake safety. Mort Levy organized a boat safety course this season. Barb Ashman reported a committee was formed to study this concern. Many years ago the Association passed a law that boats go counterclockwise. During the winter months, Barb Ashman as Chairman will contact other lake associations to see what they have done concerning boat size and size of motors. She suggested that a letter be composed to send out to persons who are not complying with present boat regulations. It was suggested from the floor that all membership should have a memo of these regulations, that all floats have reflectors or reflector tape, that all boats with motors have a registration sticker, and that we have no drinking while driving. Mort Levy mentioned that the patrol next year will be checking for valid registration. He reported that this year's patrol found every person in sailboats had life preservers but that some powerboats had nothing in the boat for safety and there were a number of powerboats without any fire extinguishers. There is concern on weekends that canoes are unable to go out on the lake because of wake. Mort Levy reminded anyone interested to have a boating course before next year to contact the Sheriff's Department or the Susquenango Power Squadron.

Carole reported we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who initiated the sewer project. Current status of system is to hookup those with gravity flow first, then some with pumping, and then go around the lake. Hookups should start this week. There are presently 15 cottages without electrical approval. Those persons should immediately have the electrical hookup approved or they may be responsible for tying off the old tank, hooking up the new tank and hookup to the system. Homeowners may be responsible for unusual hookup for antiquated systems. There is a warranty of one year upon completion of project. Warranty begins when last tank is hooked up and continues for one year. The contractors will check all tanks. If anyone has problems, please contact the engineer, Dick Stoll. There was discussion about who to call after November 1 or completion of project. Carole will check into this matter and get the information in a newsletter. Jim Harvison said to leave the electrical switch for the pump on for the winter. There was a question of who owned the tanks because of maintenance. Maintenance on tank and pump are owner's responsibility. If you want a shutoff valve between your cottage and the tank, it is up to the owner.

There was discussion about numbers on cottages. If you have a number, it is suggested that you continue to use it. It was suggested that the post office receive a copy of the owners' listing for the topographical map to help locate people at the lake.

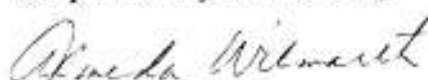
Brenda Levy encouraged the Association to support "Raise the Roof" in Deposit by purchasing booklets of coupons for \$35 which are tax deductible. They are trying to become registered as a historic site and they want to turn it into a performing arts theater. There is a golf tournament September 20 to help support "Raise the Roof." Doris Scott remarked that the recent movie made in Deposit was because of the movie theater, typical of the age when theaters sprung up.

Carole said the slaughterhouse project is on hold.

Ruth Axtell read excerpts from Oquaga Lake News of 1928 as a matter of interest that conditions have not changed a great deal in all these years. Other exhibits of historical interest are available at the Deposit Community Historical Society on Second Street, Deposit, on Thursdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.

There was no new business. Carole thanked the entire membership and the Board for accomplishment of this year's projects. She also thanked the Scotts for hosting the opening and annual meetings. Immediately following this meeting the new Board will meet to elect officers. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Almeda Wilmarth, Member
Oquaga Lake Improvement Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 29, 1986

There was a brief meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oquaga Lake Improvement Association immediately following the Annual Meeting for the express purpose of electing new officers. Officers elected at this meeting to serve for the year beginning August 30, 1986 through August 28, 1987 are: President, Carole Peduto; Vice President, Bill Ashman; Secretary, Cathy Greenman; Treasurer, Ed Wilmarth.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Peduto

Carole Peduto, President