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Oquaga Lake Association Annual Meeting

August 28, 8:00 Secretary Greenman read the minutes of last year's meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Ed Wilmarth distributed a summary of funds of fiscal year ending August 28,87. He reported that most of the saving accounts would be put into one renewable 6 mo. C.D. fund- leaving about \$500 in checking account for easy access. Total available funds are \$29,734.29. Ed reminded us membership money is low this year. Pres. Peduto thanked the Wilmarths for straightening out the many accounts and for doing an excellent job.

Committee Reports- Activities- Bill Ashman thanked Joan Young, the Rosefskys, Monica Tremonti, Judy Hughes, and the Scotts for all their help with the cocktail party, the children's sports and the family picnic.

Membership - Al Wilmarth said that she, Ruth Duggan, and Monica Tremonti continued meeting with cottage owners and new people especially- welcoming them and emphasizing boating safety.

Safety Committee- Barbara Ashman reported the board decided to:1. Have each owner and renter register boat numbers with the board.

2. We will have law enforcement patrols each week of next summer.

3. We will have staggered buoys around the lake about 200 ft. from shore for the safety of swimmers, canoes, and rowboats.

4. Barbara encouraged those present to report unsafe practices on the lake, and offenders will be notified by the board by letter first- next by the Sheriff.

Linda Rosefsky spoke with Sheriff Ruffo and John Parnika this week and they assured her they'll be here this year and will come again next summer. Pres. Peduto said the town officials can back us up on infractions and we will be investigating N.Y. State Legislation for further action.

Ethel Busfield motioned that the Board should be duly authorized to restrict jet skis and to reprimand those who are acting against lake rules. David MacGuinness seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was also suggested that owners recall the small size of our lake when purchasing new boats and motors. Ed Wilmarth said the main concern of the Board is to maintain safety-not to punish individuals. He informed those present that our first avenue of action is to send out the letter from the Board to offenders. Only then will authorities become involved.

Water Quality- Pres. Peduto reported on water monitoring.

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Mark Millspaugh said we're in the Citizens Lake Assessment Association. 35 lakes in N.Y. are involved; this is our first season- it is funded by N.Y. State Legislative vote. He started testing in April and has continued weekly sending samples to Albany. Findings from this summer were very good- no algae bloom is expected. Membership in this program saves the Lake Ass. about \$5,000. He made a request for help for next year- about one hour a week.

A suggestion was made to check to see if all cottages have everything hooked into the sewer system- washing machines, for example. Also noted- personal water checks for drinking safety can be made at Costellos Lab in Bing.

Election Committee Joe Hester reported for nominating committee- He thanked board members who were retiring this year- Dick Ulmer and David Tucker. Joe recommended the following nominations- Flora Rosefsky and Clayton Axtell Jr. These were unanimously approved. -

Carole noted there was a letter sent by Bob Mills to all cottage owners. Venting has been unsatisfactory in some cases. McFarland and Johnson said they might turn a gauge down on some offending tanks. Complaints must be put in writing to Mills and McFarland/Johnson by October.

Ginger MacGuinness wrote an article for the Deposit Courier about the Sports day events- winners were listed, etc. she brought copies for those interested. Ginger also brought a VCR tape of old movies they took of Oquaga in the 30's. Many of us enjoyed seeing these after the meeting.

Bob Quinn suggested there be a beginning annual meeting next year. We will resume this practice next year.

Election of officers will be held Friday Sept. 3,87.