

Oquaga Lake Improvement Association

Annual Meeting- August 28, 88 8:00p.m. Carole Peduto opened by thanking past and present Board members as well as all association members for help, support, and active interest during her many years as Pres. General applause noted our appreciation for all of the time, effort and excellent leadership Carole provided.

Minutes- Minutes of the opening meeting of July 14 were read and approved.

Financial Report- Treasurer Ed Wilmarth passed a detailed financial report showing over \$33,000 in available funds. The report was approved with thanks.

Water Safety- Barbara Ashman was pleased to report notice of general improvement of water and boating safety. She thanked all for involvement and encouraged residents to continue awareness and reporting when necessary. Regarding buoy issue: Barbara said the committee is still awaiting more information and written notice of approval from the state; their understanding at this point is that owners or the association is not liable when buoys are properly placed. However, issue is on hold until next summer.

John Young questioned if the entire association should be involved-not just the committee or the board.

David Crowley warned the whole association of over involving the state in our lake decisions.

Doris Scott noted the state is already involved with licenses, fish stocking, etc. Our water is not private.

Janet Tritten motioned that a ballot vote be taken before approval or placement of buoys occurs. David Crowley amended this motion by adding that a meeting for all lake association members be held for further discussion and information of committee's finding before the ballot vote. Jane Schneider seconded this. A vote was taken-motion was defeated.

Several other comments were made regarding the buoy placement and possible state involvement, but the issue was rested with Carole Peduto assuring us that the committee will move slowly and carefully, and will keep the general membership well informed.

Activities Report- Flora Rosefsky began her report by reviewing the opening cocktail party held July 9 at Grace and Gene Roma's and chaired by Barbara Skiadas- thanks to all for a nice evening. Next year we may make it a longer event-cocktail-buffet with music.

On August 10, Scott's held a Lake Association Dinner and Family Revue evening. About 30 members enjoyed a lovely dinner and another 20 joined them for the show. Hopefully this will become an annual tradition with much more participation.

The First Annual Justin Hartz Memorial Golf Tournament was held Aug. 13. There were many participants from the lake- next year we will cooperate in promoting their efforts. This year the proceeds went to the Deposit Community Theatre and Performing Arts Center. Judge Castaldi took part and announced he was fortunate enough to win dinner and a show at Scott's.

Field & water sports were held Aug. 20 with about 35 children participating. Judy Hughes chaired the event, and Ginger MacInnes will write an article for the Courier noting winners. The Family picnic was also on Aug. 20, chaired by Barb Cecala- about 150 enjoyed the day. Thanks were given to the volunteers and to Scott's for providing their facility with the lovely view.

Next July 4th weekend, Deposit will celebrate its Bicentennial; we are encouraged to become involved- see Flora or Ginger MacInnes for more detail. There was general agreement about a reasonable donation given to the launch owner who plans to give rides for the event.

Flora ended by noting there are 8 weekends in a summer, and we don't want to become too organized but wish to provide enough events for those who like to participate. If you have ideas for other social events, please see Flora ! Thanks to Flora for the pink, 3pg. newsletter; next year she hopes to publish this in June with a calendar of all Association summer events.

Membership committee- Al Wilmarth announced there are 97 members this year- an all time high. She commented on the two fold purpose of collecting dues and of welcoming new people on the lake. Thanks were given to the committee for a job well done!

Nominating Committee- Ruth Duggan reported for her committee including Helen Henderson and Monica Tremonti. This year's slate consists of: Mort Levy, BettyMae Smith, Almeda Wilmarth, Ginger MacInnes. Brenda Levy motioned to accept the slate; Fred Penning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Carole announced with thanks the board members who were retiring after 3 years of service: Joe Hester, Monica Tremonti, Sheila White, Ed Wilmarth

Zoning- Bill Maines chairs this committee; he announced they had their first organizational meeting. The committee includes two attorneys and several association members. During this meeting Tom Hamlin expressed his view of the timeliness of our interest and action. Bill believes that zoning- now called Land Use Management- will be a long but worthwhile project. He will report again next summer, but the committee will be active during the fall and winter.

Announcements -Carole Peduto announce the necessity of repairing the outlet gate and some pipes. Ed Wilmarth along

with Bud McMurry found the repair areas; we are presently trying to get estimates on this repair work. Any contractors interested should contact a board member.

New Business- Mr. Al Donlevy asked if members want to contribute to stocking the lake with fish. Carole suggested contacting Bob Hanson, as he handled stocking before. Mr. Donlevy will report back at the opening meeting.

Lucille Fenning noted many thanks to Carole Peduto for doing an excellent job as President and acting pres.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Harveson; seconded by Bill Ashman- adjourned at 9:15.

<u>Election of Officers</u> -	President-	Bill Ashman
	Vice pres.-	Flora Rosefsky
	Treasurer-	Almeda Wilmarth
	Secretary-	Kathy Greenman