The annual meeting of the Oquaga Lake Improvement Association, Inc. was held at Scott's Hotel on Friday, Aug. 29, 1980. The meeting was called to order by President, David F. Crowley, at 8:00 P. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and were approved unanimously.

A Public Meeting was held at this time to discuss the Oquaga Lake Sewer Project. Mr. DeBlanco of McFarlane's-Johnson Engineering Firm, explained the revised system. There were no adverse comments from any member present.

The Treasurer's report was read by Bob Hanson. The first payment on our note at Marine Midland Bank was made on Sept. 1979. Sept. 29 the final interest payment was made. Balance at the bank was $303.00. Dues were collected from 63 members, at $30.00. Receipts were $1850.67 plus $21.67 from ice cream sales. Total $1911.57.

The report of the summer picnic was made by Dick O'Connor. Attended by 104 adults, the party was a great success.

Bob Dickerson reported that there were 46 participants in the Pageant and Water events. Much credit given to Rich and Bob Dickerson on a job well done.

Sy Kliosky's Swim-A-Thon collected $600.00. 17 of 18 people took part.

Gruel-A-Thon - 7 families took part. Sy Kliosky family won the trophy, which will pass from family to family each year.

Talent Show organized by F. Rosensky, E. Rosensky and A. Quinn, had 16 acts. Trophy's were given and show was a real success.

The Nominating Committee proposed four people for the Board of Directors of Oquaga Lake Imp. Assn.:

Bob Quinn
Bob Hanson
Dick Duggan
Carol Peduto

They were all approved.

A committee to review the By-Laws of the Association
was proposed. The motion as made, seconded and approved.

David Crowley explained that to make any change in the By-Laws a motion to do so must be made at a regular or special meeting.

Lake lowering was also discussed and Association Deal with Scott's explained to new members.

Ralph Russell discussed his problem at the outlet of the lake, explaining that with the lake as low as it, he cannot launch his boat. He would like to dredge and move channel, near his lake front. Nobody objected.

Treasurer Budget for the Board of Directors was set at about $1,000.00.

David Crowley proposed dues stay at $30.00. This was seconded by David Tucker and approved.

Dr. Tremonti suggested looking into the possibility of purchasing some land to use for the children for sports. Some felt this would be too expensive. Dr. Tremonti is going to look into the possibility. He needs volunteers.

Trailer situation was brought up. Trial date for this situation is set for Sept. 9, 1980.

The new members proposed and accepted are:

  N. Klephor    J. Simek
  S. Tabeek    Dr. M. Levy

Dick Ulmer thanked David Crowley for all his fine work as President.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Crowley and seconded by Bill McVaugh.

  Respectfully submitted
  Mary Pat Hooe.
Take these rules to heart; they are made because we'd like to see you here next year. It wouldn't be the same without you!

NEW YORK STATE BOATING LAWS are to be obeyed.

Highlighting these rules:
1. Motor boats must be registered.
2. Children under 16 years will have an adult or Boating Safety Certificate in the boat with them. The same dangers exist on the lake as on the road.
3. Safety equipment:
   One (1) life jacket per boater and One (1) extra life jacket for the skier.
   Horn or whistle to WARN others.
   Three visible lights for night boating. These are: red for port; green for starboard and white for stern.
   Anchor and line (good for towing).
4. Operators of power boats are responsible for the wake created by their boats and for any resulting damage.

POWER BOATERS:
1. Know how to stop and turn before you start.
2. Drive in a counterclockwise direction.
3. Non-powered boats have the right-of-way. Avoid collisions no matter who has the right-of-way. Pass similar craft as you would a car regardless of the position of the driver in the boat. Motor boats can stop.
4. Keep speed relative to shore, number of boats on the lake and the time of day. Boating between dusk and 10 A.M. demands a slow 5 mph speed. Boating at any time when close to shore (2 ski rope lengths) also demands a 5 mph speed, except when pulling up or dropping off waterskiers.
5. Five or more motor boats on the lake at one time, especially if they are pulling skiers, is a dangerous situation. You are urged to exercise extreme caution under such conditions.
6. Following a Skier? Cease and Desist Immediately!
   There is no margin for error.
7. The boat towing a skier shall not be within 100 feet of another boat, or swimmer, nor should the skier be within 25 feet of either.
8. Keep arms and legs of boaters totally inside the boat while it is moving. (It is too easy to fall out.)
9. Only one motor boat is allowed per rental unit.

SKIERS:
10. Skiing is a three person operation - the driver, the spotter, and the skier. (The spotter must be at least 10 years old).
    Establish hand signals with the spotter for start, stop, speed up, slow down, return to shore, and circle the lake again.
12. After a fall, raise your hand so others know you are alright.
    If your boat must leave you, hold a ski vertically so speeding boats can avoid you.
13. Encourage your driver to avoid flashy, high speed turns when retrieving you after a fall. It distracts other drivers from watching out for you, the most vulnerable person in the water.

SWIMMERS:
14. Swimmers shall have life guards and have a boat or large raft accompanying them if they are more than 75 feet from shore (the length of one ski rope). Avoid diving when motor boats are approaching.

July 1980
Board of Directors, Oquaga Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
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Board of Directors Meeting

August 29, 1980

The meeting of the new board convened immediately following the annual Association meeting. Officers for the 1980-1981 year were elected: President, Dick Ulmer
Vice-President, Bob Quinn
Secretary, Carole Peduto
Treasurer, Bob Hanson

As a follow-up to a recommendation made at the annual meeting, a bylaws committee was selected with Carole Peduto as Chairperson, serving with Fred Fenning and Leon Simmonds. The bylaws will be reviewed and proposed changes will be presented at the next annual meeting in 1981.

Bob Quinn and Bill Mathis will chair an activities committee and make plans prior to the summer. It was decided that an opening get together, perhaps a cocktail party, should be scheduled. Also, there was general agreement that collecting money during the field sports should be eliminated in the future.

There was some discussion regarding the possibility of providing land for tennis courts through the EPA during construction of the sewage system. At the appropriate time, this will be pursued.

The goal of this Board will be to establish a sewer district and pursue the sewer system to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Peduto, Secretary