

Spring General Meeting
Fowler Town Hall, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Gale Ferguson opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending and the community for stepping up and contributing to the pest fund. Other local areas are experiencing infestations of caterpillars. A golf tournament was cancelled recently in Russell because there were too many caterpillars on the greens. We are lucky that the Sylvia Lake property owners saved us from suffering with caterpillars this year.

An address sheet was passed so those present could verify their address and add their winter phone number and email. It was noted by Mr. Corbett that the verification of the 911 addresses was a critical thing to do. His wife broke her leg in two places and when he called 911, they knew exactly how to find him. Anyone who has not done so, is encouraged to call from his or her camp phone to check that their information is correct.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lea Dickson read the minutes from the last meeting. They were accepted with the correction that it was Cora VonCollins (? or maybe Mrs. O'Shaughnessy) whose granddaughter had contracted, Beaver Fever/Giardia not Olive Horning. The assembled members approved minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ferg summarized the Treasurer's report. Everyone is reminded to pay his or her dues. (\$10.00)

SWAT Funds for 2004

Collected	\$8,770.00	
Expenses	<u>(\$6,149.00)</u>	
	\$2,621.00	Balance

SWAT Funds 2005

Collected	\$5,6200.00	
Balance	\$2,621.00	
Expenses	<u>(\$6,000.00)</u>	
	(\$74.00)	Spraying Stamps

SWAT Fund Balance 6/13 \$2,167.00

Book Fund Balance \$1,000.00

General Fund Balance \$1,457.64

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports from standing committees,

- Fish and Game (water level, beavers, fishing)
- Navigation Committee (boat safety, use of watercraft)
- Sanitation /Water Testing Committee (water & environmental testing)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Water Level is low. Gary Scott and others will be making a trip into the outlet to do some maintenance. Watch for signs. They will be removing some of the pollen and surface scum to improve the flow.

Maria McGrath has made a beautiful "Bear Claw" quilt that will be raffled off, along with a cord of hardwood, to benefit the concert fund. \$800.00 must be raised for the two concerts. Bands are lined up to perform on July 30 and August 6. Northbound will perform from Rob Meyer's deck on July 30 and Confusion from Betsy and Dan Kalina's deck on August 6th. Both concerts are at 7:00 PM.

Gale summarized other upcoming events:

- **Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby-** Sat./Sun.-JULY 2-3
- Enter your catch at the Ferguson camp from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Gale will pay \$1.00 for every 7 rock bass turned in. Thanks to Rosalie and Carlton Force for providing the fishing trophies again this year.
- **Light Up the Lake-** Flares will be lit at 9:30 PM on July 3. Joe Lacks has generously provided light sticks for kids as well as flares. Flares are available from Gale Ferguson or Dave McGrath, \$2.00 each. Proceeds to the Concert Fund.
- **Kite Flying Day-** Monday, July 4.
- **Safe Boating Course-** July 5-6-7, 10:00 AM – noon...Pre-Register by June 20. Call Jeanette for more information. Ralph Undercoffler will be teaching the class again and will see that it is posted on the state website.
- **Tour de Camps-** Saturday, July 16, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Donna Besaw is in charge of this event.
- **Association Picnic-** Saturday, July 23, 3:00 PM. The picnic will be held at the Public Beach. Thanks to Linda and Gary Scott, Joe Riley, Randy Gadbaw and all involved.
- **Boat Parade-** Saturday, July 23, 1:00 PM. Thanks to the Andy Leonard Camp for organizing the voting! Gary Jones read the names

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and distributed plaques from 2004 Boat Parade. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Place - Boat Division- the Kirby Camp, S.O.S
- 1st Place - Party Boat- Joe Lacks & Roy Smith, Sylvia Lake Fireman
- 2nd Place - Party Boat- Leonard Camp, Grease
- 2nd Place - Boat - Creativity- Allen Camp, Grandpa's Boys
- 3rd Place - Boat - Force Camp, Water Balloon Attack
- 3rd Place - Party Boat- Spilman Camp, Birthday Barge
- 4th Place - Boat - Cliffside Cottage, Sylvia Lake Online

GUEST SPEAKER

Tom Beschle of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. On June 1, Tom Beschle spent 3 hours on and around Sylvia Lake, reviewing our milfoil situation. Tom showed slides of milfoil problems at other lakes and discussed solutions that have been used at Millsite Lake in Jefferson County. These included chemical application, mats on the lake bottom to limit the hazard posed by the weeds at the surface, and cutting.

He said that Sylvia Lake was in very good shape, due in part to the lake's geology and confirmation; it is so deep that milfoil could only grow in the area between the shore and about 20 feet out. Efforts made last year by the community to pull and capture milfoil have been very successful and may have contributed to the situation, which he felt is excellent. We should keep an eye on it and continue to have "picking parties" to keep it at bay.

Thank you to Tom, for spending time with us and sharing his information.

MISC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone was encouraged to buy the raffle tickets. Linda Undercoffler has a new shirt design so watch the website for more information.

RAFFLE

Lea Dickson was again in touch with the magazine, Cabin Life. They sent copies for everyone at the meeting and a free subscription to auction. We counted off and used a random number generator to pick the number. Kelly Lacks won the subscription.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.