

**SYLVIA LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
General Membership Meeting  
August 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Gouverneur Country Club

Social Hour at the Country Club began at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to Bill & Joanne deLorraine for monitoring Covid status at the doors! Delicious hors d'oeuvres were provided by GCC staff, and members brought desserts

Shortly after 7:00 p.m., President Bill deLorraine called the SLA Meeting to order, and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Secretary's Report: Motion for approval of August 2019 minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Cindy Shaw reports current balance of \$25,666. Of this balance, \$15,200 is specifically designated for Milfoil abatement, with contributions from SLA members, families, and a generous anonymous donation that more than "matched" our contributions.

Committee reports:

- Water Quality Committee (Bill deLorraine, J.Dodds, S.Kraker) water testing was done in mid-May, to get pre-season levels, and will be done again before Labor Day. Testing results are available at [www.sylvialake.org](http://www.sylvialake.org)
- Fish and Game Committee (Gale Ferguson, M.Hatch, B.Cook) Ferg reported that NYS stocked the lake with 2400 rainbow trout on April 7, and he assumes the native fish population welcomed them eagerly. He reports many lake trout are now large enough to be "catchable" at 21". At the conclusion of his report, the Board presented Ferg with a print of his "Fishing with Ferg" logo, and gift certificate in appreciation for his many years' work. Ferg replied with remarks..... He's been on the lake for 71 years! He remembers (mostly fondly) the teamwork that went into SLA activities. Our first Concert on the lake in 2007. Fighting tent caterpillars, beaver, and milfoil. Monitoring lake levels. Lighting up the night. He especially appreciates his neighbors on East Shore Road, and support from his partner Sue Emrich, and Dr. George Dodds.
- Navigation: Sandy Kraker reported that our application for permits for Informational Buoys (Milfoil) were approved, and he had placed 2 large buoys at the perimeter of the large milfoil on the south shore.
- Social: Emmy Sprague led discussion of social events this season:
  - o Fishing Derby: Thanks to Gale Ferguson for another great July 3-4 Derby!
    - Total Rock Bass Entered 782
    - Walton Camp 175
    - Fishel Camp 161
    - Kirby Camp 136
    - Monahan/ Dievendorf Camp 107
    - Largest Large Mouth Bass – Gilbert Camp
    - Largest Small Mouth Bass – Truax Camp
    - Largest Rock Bass – Truax Camp
    - Youngest Fisherperson – Ayla Roberts

- Light Up The Lake – Thanks to the LaPierres and Hoppers for wonderful displays on July 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>!
- Lakes Golf Challenge- Saturday, July 17, 2021 results: Trout Lake 362, Sylvia Lake 379, Bonaparte 430. Thanks to Frank Lallier for organizing this tournament!
- Sylvia Lake Boat Parade: Thanks to our Grand Marshalls Stan and Joanne Orford! Results: Best of Show: The Walton's Movies Through the 80's - Creative Children's Award: deLorriane's Beach Party, - Most Original Entry: Kirby's Ark , - Sylvia Lake Spirit and Enthusiasm Award: The Klock Family's Four Generations Love Boat, - Best of Show Runner-Up: McCarthy-Devlin's VW Hippie Van

Thanks to the Judges: Gary & Linda Scott, Jim & Kim Carr, Alex Carpenter, Mark & Laurie Leonard, Katie Pistolesi, and Robyn Estey. Special Thanks to Melissa Force DeAngelis, Parade Coordinator, for organizing and managing the event, and to Harland Brown/Brown's Jewelry, for plaques.

- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nori Grout Regatta : Results: 1st- Emily Grout Sprague, 2nd- Greg Force, 3rd- Laurie Orford Harter. The newly established Mark Taylor Spirit of Sailing Award goes to Bill Cook, for tenacity and sportsmanship under adverse circumstances. Thanks also to the committee boat: Phil Sprague, Roxanne Tyler, Cindy Reilly Gadbow, Trish Geer, Maggie Kirkby, and Carol Scott for keeping time, watching buoys, and rescuing capsized sailors!

For those of you hoping to get into sailing, keep an eye out for a learn to sail workshop being planned for July of next summer; the more the merrier.

- Paddlepalooza – Over 40 paddlers gathered to celebrate on the lake! All agreed that this event should continue to bring together canoes, kayaks, SUPs, and all manner of people-powered navigation.
- Concert Sept 4 w/ Northbound was canceled due to Covid exposures, the band looks forward to returning to live music next summer
- Nominating Committee: President deLorraine received a slate of nominations for Officers & Directors. Thanks to Olive Horning for Chairing the Nominations committee!
- Milfoil Task Force (S. Kraker, M. Tersmette, G.Ferguson, E.Sprague, R.Undercoffler, M. Hatch, J. Dodds ) Sandy presented a terrific slide show and details of 2020 efforts to remove milfoil, with lots of photos of the AquaLogic Team. Also described the current situation, since Aqualogic was unable to fulfill their contracts in 2021. They were not able to do live recruiting events at colleges due to Covid, so did not have enough divers for their contracts this year, but we will be among the first projects for next summer. Committee is currently researching other options for the current year. Sandy reported that the divers helped locate the 9 known benthic barrier mats owned by the SLA, and relocated all 9 mats to the south shore. We've been using the mats for 18 years to stifle milfoil, but they have become heavy and the volunteers need assistance to remove, clean and relocate the mats. There are several privately owned mats also in use. Sandy encouraged all campers to be aware of what's growing in their own lakefront. Milfoil can be spread when segments of the plant are broken off (usually boat activity), and more insidiously when the plants reach maturity (around 4-5 years), reach the water surface to flower and set seeds. The seeds can survive five years or more before germinating.

New Business: Director Bill Cook has organized a Shoreline Cleanup date of 9/11-12. He's recruiting volunteers, and some have already started removing debris from the lake, including old tires. Cleanup crew will pick up debris, by boat, and anything obviously placed on docks or shore, and transport to the Boat Launch for transfer to trucks, and eventually to the dump.

New Business: Election of 2021-22 Officers and Directors. Olive had submitted the following nominations:

President: Sandy Kraker

Vice President: Emily Sprague

Secretary: Jane Dodds

Treasurer: Cindy Shaw

Bill presented the slate of officers, and the attendees unanimously approved.

Per SLA Constitution, past president Bill deLorraine will serve as a Director for one more year. Since Emily moved from Director to Vice President, there is an opening for one year, to fulfill Emmy's term. Current Directors include Mike Hatch, Bill Cook, and Barb Kane.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.