

Board of Directors Update: August 6, 2003

Treasurer

Mary Clarke has been elected treasurer and will continue to serve as a Springfield Director. The vote was five in favor and one no response (Doug Willies). Mary and Bobbie have met this week regarding the transition. Please forward all membership info, dues, and receipts for reimbursement to: Mary Clarke, 283 Mill Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Glimmerglass Queen

My opinion, which is shared by others, is that the Queen has reduced its speed and the wake it creates is now at an acceptable level. It has also altered its course and is now near the center of the lake on its return trip. Its course going north on the east side of the lake is closer to the shore, but I do not believe it is within the 200 feet NWZ.

Scottie Baker wrote a letter to the Wikoff family, owners of the boat, regarding her canoe incident. Attached, for your information, are copies of the letters OLA and the Sailing Club sent to the Wikoffs and a copy of their response.

NWZ Buoys

Sheriff Mundy and Acting Captain Duffy from the DEC informed me that they would commit to the five hours and six hours respectively. This is the same amount of patrol time we had on the lake in 1002. Letters have been sent to Bob Banta of the Soil and Water District, who will own the buoys and provide the insurance coverage. The BFS dive team will commence installing the buoys as soon as the new lights are received. When the buoys are removed in the fall, marker buoys will be put out to facilitate the spring installation. Thank you letters were sent to the Sheriff, DEC, BFS dive team, and the Soil and Water group, and were published in the Crier and Freeman's Journal.

Springfield Town Launch

A letter was sent to the editor of the Crier and Freeman's Journal regarding Springfield Town leaders giving resident I.D. cards to non-resident friends so they can launch their boats. We also asked for a more secure sticker I.D. system and more coverage involving inspection and a required boat wash, if necessary. (Letter attached.)

Rumor at the Town Clerk's office is that the Board is now considering increasing the coverage at the launch by adding three attendants. This needs to be verified. We also need to get the attendants trained in identifying exotic species. This could be coordinated with a boat wash (if required) at the new car wash being built at the Rt. 80 and 20 intersection.

Annual Meeting

Annual meeting minutes and pertinent educational material were sent to all members of record. Thank you letters were sent to Scottie Baker, Gretchen Soren, Bill Harman and the BFS staff, to the Jordan Family

whose company made the OLA shirts, and to Steve O'Neill who did the graphic design and donated the OLA decals.

Unless something major develops there will not be another membership meeting this season. A newsletter will be sent to the members at the end of the summer updating them on the various projects. OLA decals will be included in the mailing.

Brookfield Development

The BoD approved the \$1,000 for the possible legal fees. The vote was four in favor, one pending (Chuck Hage), and two opposed (Mary and Burr).

A letter was sent to Rick Morris and the Planning Board on July 1, stating OLA's position regarding the development. Since OLA is listed as an "interested party" all the data is available for our review at the Town Clerk's office. As an interested party, a detailed list of our concerns was sent to the Planning Board on 8/4 (attached). Several of these concerns were also expressed verbally at the Planning Board Workshop meeting. A petition regarding the development (attached) was circulated to neighbors of the proposed development and other Springfield residents. We currently have over 70 signatures and will present this petition to the Planning Board at their next meeting.