



**Star Lake
Protective Association**
Star Lake, New York 13690

May 25, 2008

Dear Star Lake property owners,

This spring mailing is part of our annual membership drive and is sent to all Star Lake property owners. I encourage you to join the SLPA, to attend our meetings and events, and to get involved in our activities. The annual dues are only \$20—unchanged for many years. Membership rights include a voice and vote on all SLPA issues and election of officers, a pass to the members' area of the web site, and a \$5 discount on registration for the poker run! Please take a moment now to send your \$20 dues to: Theresa Golden at P. O. Box 63, Star Lake, NY 13690.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you offer rental property on Star Lake or otherwise provide lake access to family or friends, please question the qualifications of drivers of boats and PWC's. Are drivers appropriately licensed? Do they know the NYS rules and regulations? Do they know the informal customs of the Lake (e.g. counterclockwise traffic flow)? Do they know the location of shallows on the lake and 5 mph zones? And, do they have proper life jackets and other equipment? *Star Lake Handbooks* contain much of that information and might be made available to tenants. Self-policing goes a long way to safe and enjoyable use of the lake for all. If tenants are planning to launch their own watercraft, please remind them to clean and inspect boats and gear before launching to insure that milfoil and other invasive aquatic species *do not* get introduced into the lake. The SLPA's careful inspection of the shorelines last fall indicates no milfoil so far! Please help us to keep it that way.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! I know there are people reading this that are very good and very interested in organizing social activities. Our Social Committee needs members and a chairperson as we expand the scope of social events being enjoyed by our lake community. This position requires little time, since these activities are pre-planned, and the officers are of considerable help. Please contact me (contact info below) if you would like to do a small part.

The 2007 activities were well-received and we hope to improve upon them in 2008. Two lake clean-ups per year for several years have helped keep the area around the lake looking beautiful for us all. We would like to expand the "Rafts Across the Lake" event to see how many rafts we can raft-up at one time, and how far we can reach across the lake. We are also planning the 4th annual poker run (see schedule below, after the agenda).

For your information, this past year we hired entomologist Kim Adams, an eastern tent caterpillar expert, to do an egg population survey around the lake. The result is that the caterpillar "population has collapsed and that you do not have a sufficient number of egg masses along the lake shore to produce noticeable defoliation this coming summer or to require chemical treatment". Based on Kim's recommendation we are no longer planning to spray.

With great thanks to Bo Ritchings, we now have a wonderful website at www.slpa.info. Please visit the website for the dates of upcoming events and to browse around. New passwords for the members' area are available to 2008 members. Minutes of the September 1, 2007 Annual Meeting are available on the website or, if you do not have Internet access, you can contact Bo (boritchings@slpa.info or 848-2169) to obtain a printed copy.

Enclosed is the agenda for the July 5th meeting, to be held at the Houghton Campus at 9:30 am to accommodate busy schedules. Bagels and coffee will be provided. If you have anything you'd like to add to the agenda, please contact me by email (segji@aol.com) or phone at (315) 848-2259. We have also scheduled the Annual Meeting at the campus for August 30, 2008 at 5:30 pm starting with a pot luck dinner; with the meeting to follow.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support of the SLPA, hopefully as a 2008 member!

Steve Golden, President
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Regular Meeting Agenda

Saturday July 5, 2008

Call to Order and Introductions

Introduce officers – Steve Golden-President, Brenda Cean-Vice President, Bo Ritchings-Secretary, Tess Golden-Treasurer

Introduction of members attending

Sightings: Unusual wildlife, invasive vegetation, vandalism or bad boating behavior

Available literature for you "or your neighbor that needs it":

"Federal Requirements & Safety Tips for Recreational Boats"

"The New York State Boater's Guide"

Approval of Minutes of September, 2007 Meeting – Bo Ritchings

Treasurer's report – Tess Golden

Old Business:

Need for Social Committee chairperson and committee

Water quality – Jim Wolfe

Invasive plant species committee – Pete & Margie Kress – results of September 2007 shoreline survey

Boating Safety Course – Joe Russo

Economic Development Committee – Terry Borrowman

Website – Bo Ritchings – Changes, new content, new password, 1,000 "hits"

New Business:

Events – Poker Run - Rafts Across the Lake - Lake Road Clean-up - Tour of Benson Mines – Brenda Cean (see schedule below)

Non-renewal of Residents Committee membership – Roy Djuvik (positions not supported by SLPA members)

FreeStyle Canoe Symposium July 20-24 (see website).

Other Business

Adjournment

2008 SLPA Meetings and Events

Date	Event	Place	Time
Sat, July 5	Regular July Meeting-breakfast meeting	Houghton College SL Campus Main Lodge	9:30 am
Wed, July 9	First Lake Clean-up	Meet at CFCS (school) parking lot	9:00 am
Sat, July 19	Poker-Run	Meet at the sandbar to register	12:00 noon
July 20-24	FreeStyle Canoe Symposium week--lessons & demos; Recital & demonstration on Wednesday, July 23rd, 7:00 pm	Houghton College SL Campus	7:00 pm
To be arranged	Benson Mines Tour	Meet at Houghton College SL Campus	10:00 am
Sat, Aug 2	Rafts Across the Water	Meet at the sandbar (bring rafts, ropes...)	11:00 am
Sat, Aug 16	Second Lake Clean-up	Meet at CFCS (school) parking lot	9:00 am
Sat, Aug 30	Potluck Supper/Annual Meeting to follow 7:00 pm	Houghton College SL Campus Main Lodge	5:30 pm