

Flag Lt. Grounds

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“How many acres does the club own?” I found myself asking this question many times over the last year. The actual number was kind of elusive but the impression I got every time was A LOT. The portion of the property used by the club has many different characteristics that require attention and last years nominations committee were smart not to give much detail in the requirements of the job of Flag Lt. Grounds. I would like to thank Kathy Johnston for all her hard work and support over the last year as well as all those who helped out at the work parties, regattas, and social events.

The following report will highlight the major activities regarding the grounds in 2006:

Roads- The main entrance road received the usual maintenance of pot hole filling with “crusher run” aggregate and remains in decent shape although a few areas may require additional work next year. The fall work party saw some trimming back of trees along the roadside. The boat park roads received a fresh layer of aggregate just prior to the fall work party while the hoist/ramp area received additional aggregate at the spring work party.

Barns- The main barn received minor repairs through out the year. The lower barn (closest to the meadow) has been the subject of debate over the last year but nothing has been done to it. The sail shed is in very sad shape and will most likely be replaced next year as part of a waterfront & grounds improvement project now in the planning stage. The race equipment shed has some minor wear & tears and will receive some maintenance next year including raising it slightly.

Boat Park & Racks- Two of the racks were damaged over the winter when a tree fell on them taking a sunfish and a laser as well. One of the racks was repaired to its prior configuration while the other rack was cleaned up and was left with two less boat storage spots. All new and renewing members received stickers for SLSC identification, most actually found their way to the boat or trailer it was intended for. A number of unidentified boats were removed to the meadow at the end of the season. This area will also receive some rework under the waterfront & grounds improvement project next year.

Grounds- The tree trimming and removal project leftover from last year was completed by Donovan Tree Service. A large pine tree fell during a strong storm over the winter causing damage to two boat racks and two boats, Donovan’s was also brought in to cut up and remove it. The large Oak tree behind the house will need removal next year as well as some other trees that pose a danger. There are a large number of picnic tables in various states of repair. While some

were rebuilt at the spring work party there remains several in need of repair. This will be completed in the spring along with a fresh coat of stain on all the tables. The Flag pole memorial is in need of repair, our options will be explored over the winter and a plan will be put in place to either repair or replace this focal point of the club. The Port-a-Potty was put into service and maintained with out fail.