

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

MINUTES(Draft)

Tuesday, July, 12, 2011 @ 7 PM

At Home of Mike and Cathy Manthei

1) Attendance:

Directors: Mike Manthei, Paul Anderson, Paul Swan, Mary Swan, Jon Ruppel, Dave Liukonen, and Tom Germscheid

Other Members: None

Other non-Members: None

2) Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 14,2011:

3) Approval of Agenda: By motion duly seconded and consensus, agreed vote first on officers and then to use items at bottom of last Minutes as Agenda items

4) Public Forum: None

5) Yearly Election of Officers: By motion duly seconded and by consensus:

President: Tom Germscheid

Vice President: Paul Anderson

Secretary: Paul Swan

Treasurer: Mary Anderson

At Large: Jeff Swan

Jon Ruppel

Dave Liukonen

6) Reports:

A. President

*Proposed using bottom of last Minutes as Agenda and ranking concerns and issues upon which there is a consensus among SLIA members and BOD. Rank was:

i) Consensus: Weeds and Water Quality

ii) No Consensus: Lake Level, and No wake rules

*Newsletter. Indicated member Kristen Reiser had submitted draft of more "reader friendly" periodic newsletter to members. Importance of communication, accountability, and transparency. Discussion concerning status and reason (s) for it not being sent. Consensus to have Tom work with Kristen and get one out.

*Status of weed control and storm inlet and shore water inlet sources and diversion or filtering-discussion. Will try to designate person to contact involved cities of North St. Paul (Paul Anderson?), Maplewood (Tom?), and Oakdale (member on Hwy120?)

* feasibility of storm sewer sediment dredging and other dredging-short discussion

* shoreline restoration- Importance of planting and rocks/rip rap, etc. Minutes of last meeting of VBWD show that several Silver Lake residents have gotten grant of up to \$2500 for shoreline restoration, plantings and rain gardens

- B. Vice President Would like to thank former President Mike Manthei for all the work he has done and for his continued willingness to help. Consensus.
- C. Secretary None
- D. Treasurer Some members have not paid. We have 29 paying members
- E. Other Board or Committee Members

John Ruppel: indicated that he had time constraints, and although willing to help, he would try to find someone else to be on BOD who has more time. Would like to look for someone who is on his SH 120/Century Avenue/East side of lake. Consensus to consider others.

- 7) Item # 1: Weeds and Water Quality—High Priority by Consensus
 - a) Weeds--DNR and other chemical application, cutting, raking, or dredging-discuss options next meeting
 - b) Water quality—green Algae
 - c) Shoreline vegetation to limit fertilizer, food for plants etc. from entering lake
 - d) Water inlets—Consensus that need to do what we can to convince cities to divert or filter run off
- 8) Item# 2: Lake Level, No-wake rules, and Erosion
 - a) Lake level: Discussion concerning meeting of Valley Branch Water District (VBWD) of June 23 and upcoming two days after this meeting, on July 14. Tom and Jeff attended meeting on June 23, and discussed Jeff's request at meeting to remove the weir in front of the culvert outlet to help reduce the flooding issues on his property. Reported that VBWD said at meeting that it was still waiting for list of others who complain of flooding, and will investigate feasibility of granting Jeff's request. Tom reported that there is no consensus within SLIA and lakeshore owners, but that SLIA canvassing seems to not disclose many with flooding or many who want the lake level lowered.

- b) Discussion of high water level this year and comparison to previous levels. Dave reported all those he canvassed thought level was fine.
 - c) No Wake/Slow Wake/Erosion –report of Lake Gervais having rules on this. Discussion about effect of this on shoreline. Discussion of recent voluntary compliance by resident power boaters during high water levels, and how to control those who come in on public launch.
- 9) Item#3: DNR inspection. Not yet this year, but will be soon. Last year no total lake grant or treatment. Other options include partial lake grants and permits for treatment.
- 10) Old Business: Tom brought up last year contribution of \$1,000 to Silver Lake Splash group that funds lifeguards. No clear consensus or motion passed.
- 11) New Business: Discussion of Silver Lake Splash boat parade and whether they should be informed about limiting wake.
- 12) Next Meeting: 9/13/11 at home of President Tom G @ 2571 Poplar Ave
- 13) Adjournment: Upon consensus about 8:30 PM

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