Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) MEETING MINUTES - Monday, June 4, 2012 Paul & Mary Anderson's Home

I. Attendance:

Meeting was called to order @ 8:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Board present: Paul Anderson ('14) Kristen Rieser ('13)

Mary Anderson ('13) Jason Ziemer ('15)

John Muller ('15)

Board Absent: Tom Germscheid ('14), Bob Bruton ('13)

Others present: Mark Kotz, Anne McComb

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting

 It was determined that no motion shall be required for the approval of the minutes. Should changes be necessary, changes would need to be approved by a motion and vote by the Board.

III. Reports:

A. President:

 Tom Germscheid submitted his resignation in writing to the Board effective May 21, 2012. We thank him for the time and effort he made to move the lake improvement efforts forward.

B. Vice President: Paul Anderson

 Paul opened the floor for nominations for President. John made a motion to nominate Mark Kotz, seconded by Jason. All Ayes. Motion approved to elect Mark Kotz as President for the remainder of Tom Germscheid's term. We welcome Mark to the Board and thank him for his willingness to serve.

C. Secretary: Kristen Rieser

• No report.

D. Treasurer: Mary Anderson

• Total balance of accounts: \$11,254.65

• Total paid memberships: 21

It was discussed that the information on the bank accounts shall be updated to reflect the current Board. It was also discussed that given the rate of interest for bank accounts, there was no financial incentive to maintain two (savings and checking) bank accounts. It was discussed that the one account held funds specifically donated for the treatment of weeds, and that those funds should be directed to that effort. A motion was made by Kristen, seconded by John, to combine the bank accounts into one account but maintain a ledger showing where funds are to be allocated. All ayes. Motion approved to combine bank accounts to one account.

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E. Other:

- City of NSP: Paul reported that he spoke to Scott Dudeck with the City about the condition of the Storm Water drains. He said the drains have deteriorated due to age and are being rebuilt as time/funds are available. This is a low priority on the City's "to-do" list.
- City of Maplewood: OPEN VACANCY. Anyone interested in serving as the liaison and assisting when necessary, please contact the Board. Estimated time commitment is 2 hours per year. Not required to attend meetings.
- City of Oakdale: No report.
- DNR/Lake Treatment: Jason reported that Paul Kaari felt it was a great day to treat the lake. However, he is concerned about the quality of the lake and that being under a DNR plan may be limiting options as to how to treat the lake. After much discussion, it was determined that more information was needed. Therefore, the following action items were created. Findings will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - John will talk with VBWD and see if they have a copy of the DNR plan for our lake. He will also talk to Lincoln about what action they feel is appropriate moving forward.
 - Mark will ask Tom for a copy of any reports from the Lake Detective, along with a report that was given to Paul at the last meeting. He will also get any other information from Tom that was passed along from the DNR.
 - Jason will talk to Paul Kaari and get his recommendations for long term lake management.

There was an article in the newspaper a few weeks back regarding a test treat to reduce phosphorus in lakes. This treatment was to clean up the muck on the bottom of the lake. John, Mark and Jason should talk to their respective experts to obtain additional information on this treatment

A second treatment for shoreline owners is available, whether they participated in the first treatment or not. Kristen will send out information to all owners regarding sign up. Fourteen shoreline owners participated in the first treatment. It is hoped that more individuals participate in the second treatment since the DNR limited the overall lake treatment percentage to allow for 100% participation from shoreline owners.

- Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD): John needs the total costs paid by the SLIA and shoreline owners to request reimbursement by the VBWD. Jason is also following up with Paul Kaari regarding possible grant funds to reimburse the treatments that have taken place.
- Newsletter: No action required at this time.
- Annual Picnic/Clean up: No action required at this time.

IV. Public Forum:

None

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V. Old Business:

Paul A. reported that the sign notifying that tampering with the weir is an offense
was moved to a more prominent location. It was discovered after the meeting
that a trench has been dug under the weir.

VI. New Business:

- Mark Kotz discussed the following in his capacity as the newly named President:
 - Mark would like to develop a web site for the SLIA to allow for more information to be passed along to members such as other opportunities to educate lakeshore owners to assist in aiding lake quality e.g. fertilizer, programs for native plantings, etc.
 - Overall meeting frequency was discussed. Mark suggested meetings shall take place every other month and be adjusted if needed.
 - At some future date, Mark proposed that the Board conduct a SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) in order to establish a long term strategic plan for the association.
 - Mark would like to create an updated lake map to be used as a reference tool by the Association. It would include points of reference and other useful information.

VII. Next Meeting:

Monday, Aug. 6 @ 7 p.m. at Paul & Mary Anderson's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.