

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, February 4, 2013
North St. Paul City Hall

1.	Attendance																			
	Meeting was called to order at 7:05																			
	Board Present	Mark Kotz ('14), Kristen Rieser ('13), Jason Ziemer ('15), John Muller ('15), Mary Anderson ('13), Paul Anderson ('14)																		
	Board Absent	Bob Bruton ('13)																		
	Others Present	Joyce Germscheid, Jon Fure (City of NSP Intern), Anne McComb, Rick Gelbmann, Candy Peterson (City Council Member), Harold Broman, Lincoln Fetcher, Paul Flaherty, Paul Kaari (Lake Improvement Consulting), Sharyn Long, Mark Long																		
2.	Approve Agenda - Approved																			
3.	Election of Board Members																			
	Three board positions expired. Mary Anderson and Kristen Rieser agreed to run again, along with Joyce Germscheid. By acclamation, all three board members were elected.																			
4.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Mary Anderson reported that the two bank accounts were combined into one in an effort to simplify. A recap of the financial health is as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2012 Starting Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$11,370.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member Dues</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$475.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member Payments for Treatment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,898.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DNR Grants for Treatment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,445.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to DNR for Permit Fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-\$630.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Contractor for Treatment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-\$5,319.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Web Site Host (2 years)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-\$167.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$11,071.70</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2013 DUES NOW. ATTACHED IS THE APPLICATION. CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PRIDE OF NSP & OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!</p>		Description	Amount	2012 Starting Balance	\$11,370.01	Member Dues	\$475.00	Member Payments for Treatment	\$2,898.93	DNR Grants for Treatment	\$2,445.00	Payment to DNR for Permit Fees	-\$630.00	Payment to Contractor for Treatment	-\$5,319.96	Payment to Web Site Host (2 years)	-\$167.28	Ending Balance	\$11,071.70
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5.	Bylaw Changes	Mark presented the proposed bylaw changes, most of which were “housekeeping” items. A copy of the proposed changes was available on the website and was also sent out to the membership prior to the annual meeting. Kristen made a motion to approve the bylaw change, John seconded. All ayes – motion passed.																		
6.	Web Site	The web site www.mnslia.org has been launched and is filled with some wonderful information. Mark is taking the lead for maintaining and updating the web site. We thank Mark for all of his efforts.																		

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7.	Best Management Practices	<p>Mark presented some ideas and handouts pertaining to best practices around water. This refers to all items that float into the lake, shoreline erosion, etc. This also refers to anything floating down the streets and curbs – it all ends up in the lake! Here is the link to the BMP page: http://www.mnslia.org/index.php?p=1_2_Shoreland-Best-Practices</p>
8.	Valley Branch Watershed District Update	<p>Lincoln Fetcher, Valley Branch Watershed District Board Member and neighbor presented information regarding VBWD Vision and Mission which includes being careful stewards of the water resources and to manage and protect our water quality.</p> <p>He spoke again on the cost share programs available for water quality projects such as rain gardens, shoreline stabilization and restoration. He gave examples of his own rain garden, the plantings in front of Paul & Mary Anderson and the newly approved shoreline project for Mark & Anne.</p> <p>Lincoln stated that the VBWD is continuing to work with NSP to get the basin by the tennis courts working.</p> <p>Lincoln stressed that participation in best practices management projects will make the biggest impact on the water quality of Silver Lake. This includes municipalities, groups such as this and individual owners. He encouraged the SLIA to explore rain gardens by the park in cooperation with the City of NSP. Here is the link to Lincoln's full presentation. http://www.mnslia.org/Meetings/VBWDPresentation2013-02-04.pdf</p>
9.	Treatment Plans for 2013	<p>Challenges continue due to the native plants. The lake shows Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) was present at 68% of the sampled sites, and curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) was present at 8% of the sample sites. Water clarity is low which prevents the natives from coming back.</p> <p>Paul Kaari emphasized there is no short term solution. We need to prevent phosphorus from entering the lake, and continuing to treat the 15% most effectively as we can.</p> <p>The question is how do we treat the approximate 10 acres (15%) we are allowed to treat? This is the maximum allowed by the DNR so we need to maximize its effectiveness.</p> <p>After talking with the DNR and our lake consultants, the board is recommending that we target the center lake at the optimum time for EWM. This means a point intercept would be conducted to show where and when the plants are coming up, and then having the patience to allow some of the CLP to come up, knowing that it will die down.</p>

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		<p>The funding for this treatment would come from our general fund. However, the board was successful in obtaining grants for center lake treatments last year and will make another attempt this year. In order to focus this treatment, we have asked individual shoreline owners to forgo pursuing individual permits for treatment.</p> <p>It was also discussed that a treatment of copper sulfate during the 'dog days' be completing to help the water clarity. The board would consider using general funds for this treatment, or other avenues such as participation from the Silver Lake Splash fund. Again, we need to keep our membership up to continue on this path.</p> <p>Between implementing best management practices and staying on track with this plan, the Board believes we will achieve the best results in the long term.</p>
10.	NSP Role in Protecting/Improving Water Quality	Jon Fure, City of NSP Intern stated that Silver Lake is an asset of the City and they are looking to protect the lake long term. One example is taking into consideration water run off as new construction around the city is planned. Once the City has an idea of what projects they will be pursuing, they will bring it to SLIA.
11.	Open Forum	Paul Flaherty commented that he knows the grounds keeper at Century College and would be asking if they had any water run off plan that affects Silver Lake.
12.	Notice of Upcoming Events	City Clean Up – Saturday, April 20 Splash Date – Sunday, July 21
13.	Adjourn	9 p.m.

**2013 SLIA
Membership
Application.**

Contact Us

If you would like to find out more about SLIA, please contact us at info@mnslia.org

Up to two voting members are allowed per household membership.
For 2013, dues remain \$25. Send this application & check made out to "SLIA" to:

**SLIA c/o Mary Anderson
2612 Swan Avenue
North St. Paul, MN 55109**

1. MEMBER NAME: _____

2. MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SECOND EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Would you be willing to participate in any of the following ways:

_____ **Member of the Board**

_____ **Liaison for a subcommittee**

_____ **1x Annual Clean up help**

What else is important to you concerning the health of Silver Lake or how the SLIA can better serve its members?

Additional Comments: