

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

To enhance the water quality, recreational use and natural beauty of Silver Lake

MEETING MINUTES – Aug 20, 2018

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1.	Attendance	Paul Nichols, John Mueller, Rick Gelbman, Chris and Becky Johnson, Joyce Germscheid, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Adjusted lettering under Business Items. Add status of 501(c)(3)
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Rick Gelbmann	No report
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	No Report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No Report
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	Balance \$2731.42. National Night out - \$47 in donations. Two memberships since last meeting. Paid for wine tasting permit to the City. Paid attorney fee for 501c3.
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid	One on lake and one-off lake new member.
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	No report
	City of Maplewood/	Need to fill this liaison spot. Seeking someone to serve in this position to help coordinate the annual request for funds and touch base with the City periodically.
	City of Oakdale/	No report
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	VBWD approved the installation of a spent-lime filtration basin northwest of Silver Lake. This will help filter water prior to it entering the lake. Ramsey County also stated they would like to discontinue being responsible for the weir. Lincoln Fetcher asked the VBWD to consider taking over responsibility for the weir.
	MN DNR/Joyce Germscheid	No report
	Ramsey County Task Force/Rick Gelbmann	Christmas Lake is testing out using a “critter” (some type of a mite) to help treat milfoil. Rick share some interesting other ideas that are being tested to help improve quality of lakes in the State.
5.	OPEN FORUM	<p>Letter from Mike Manthei – would like SLIA to inquire about treatment at the boat landing. While the recommendation is appreciated and the SLIA agrees this would be good to know, the SLIA will need additional volunteers to help take on some of these additional requests.</p> <p>Recommend noting options on the web site for shoreline owner’s ability to control/treat Lilly pads</p> <p>Joyce made a motion for Paul to become a Board Member and serve as the Maplewood liaison, John seconded. All ayes. We SINCERELY THANK Paul for stepping in to help the lake.</p>

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		Rick received some inquiries regarding SLIA's position on the trees/street repair project. All agreed this is an important topic but felt there were already groups in place to address this issue. We encourage all members to participate as they deem appropriate. Rick will send a statement of support on behalf of the SLIA to the City of NSP to minimize the loss of trees in their planning process.
6.	Business Items:	
a	2018 Lake Treatment	No offshore treatment was done this year; 17 shoreline owners opted for a first treatment, a few opted for a second treatment.
b	Recruiting Volunteers for open Board Positions and other responsibilities	Paul Nichols volunteered. The Board is hoping others will participate in some capacity as well.
c	Fundraising efforts – Maplewood Grant	Paul will get up to speed on how to begin the application process to request funds.
d	Funding efforts for lake treatment – Wine Taster	Flyers have gone out. Event is Sept. 7 at the southeast corner of Silver Lake.
e	Business Memberships and off lake memberships in surrounding areas	Thought was to create a business membership now that we have the 501(c)3 status. Will continue to discuss and table until Oct. to work on this idea over the winter. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
f	Registration for 501(c)(3) status	This became effective May 8, 2018. Joyce to look at providing a receipt we would need to give to contributors. Those interested in contributing – please reach out to Joyce. WE LOVE DONTATIONS! Rick completed the filing for 2018.
g	Water level	.75 ft below the high-water mark as of mid-August
H	Web Site	Jason will be changing our host for the web site, recommending we commit to 3-year contract. John made a motion to approve a 3-year site subscription and domain name for up to \$160, Joyce seconded. All ayes. Note – this is a significant savings as we were paying slightly more than this annually. Thank you Jason Lehmer!
8.	Next Meeting	Oct. 1, 2018 @ 6:30
9.	Adjourn	7:40 p.m.