

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2019

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| 1. | Attendance | Paul Nichol, Joyce Germscheid, John Muller, Rick Gelbmann, Kristen Rieser |
| 2. | Approve Agenda | Approved |
| 3. | Approve Minutes from last meeting | Approved |
| | Electronic Actions taken | On May 12, Joyce and Rick provided the Board with treatment options for 2019. In the interest of treatment time due to water temperature, John Muller made a motion to approve treating both CLP and EWM in the early season with diquat for a cost of \$2,790. The motion was seconded by Rick Gelbman. John, Rick, Paul, Joyce and Kristen voted aye, which provided a majority and the motion passed. |
| 4. | Reports: | |
| a. | President/Rick Gelbman | Acknowledged Mark and Sherry Long for their efforts in coordinating the Silver Lake Clean up. Activity took place all around the lake, including the beach/park area, Oakdale area around Century and Joy Park. Also, thanks to everyone who participated. We encourage everyone to continue to pick up trash during their evening walks to help beautify the area and encourage others to be mindful of their own trash. |
| b. | Vice President/Paul Nichol | None |
| c. | Secretary/Kristen Rieser | None |
| d. | Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid | Balance \$4,552.06 |
| e. | Membership/ Joyce Germscheid | \$1.325 in 2019 membership dues, which represents 26 of the 36 lakeshore owners, and 6 off-lake members. Several individuals included a donation over and above the \$25 annual dues – thank you! |
| f. | Liaison Updates: | |
| | City of NSP/Joyce & Rick | Rick is drafting a letter to NSP updating them on SLIA activities, including the recent treatment. He will also request the funds designated by the city towards the treatment. |
| | City of Maplewood/Paul | Paul will utilize Rick’s letter to NSP and follow up with Maplewood. |
| | City of Oakdale/Joyce | Joyce will utilize Rick’s letter to NSP and follow up with Oakdale. |
| | Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller | VBWD requested more funding for Silver Lake for inspections given Silver Lake feeds into other lakes. Approval was for 25 hours of inspection time monthly at the boat landing. These inspections have already started. |
| | MN DNR/Joyce | See Business Item a below. |
| | Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick | Rick is working on a grant to obtain a monitor at the boat launch that would capture data as to when the launch is most active. This would assist in determining the most effective inspection times. Paul will work with Rick to obtain support from the City of Maplewood. |
| 5. | Public Forum | None |
| 6. | Business Items: | |

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| a | 2019 Lake Treatment Status | <p>Offshore permits were submitted and approved; treatment took place at the end of May. Shoreline permits were submitted and approved; treatment took place June 3. 17 shoreline owners received treatment.</p> <p>The City of NSP is submitting a permit to treat the beach/fishing pier area, as well as Joy Park (access for canoes), for both submersed vegetation and lily pads. Once approved, notices will be posted prior to treatment.</p> |
| b. | Payment for Treatment | <p>SLIA will be contacting the 3 cities with an update and request for funding that was committed for treatment. The SLIA will then remit the difference. A recap of the final costs/funding will be provided in the next minutes.</p> |
| c. | Electronic Membership Form and Online Payment | <p>The Board will move forward with creating a SLIA email account that can be tied to an online payment option. Kristen will continue to work with Jason Lehmer on this. The goal is the end of July so contributions to the Fall Wine Tasting can utilize the online payment option.</p> |
| d. | Funding efforts for Lake Treatment | <p>Joyce is working on setting the date for the Fall Wine Tasting event. SLIA will continue to consider additional fundraising opportunities. Ideas and help from everyone is requested.</p> |
| e. | Water Level issues | <p>The current lake level is approximately 3" above the voluntary no wake level. A sign is posted at the boat launch. Once the level fall below the no wake line, an email will be sent out with the notification and the sign at the boat launch removed.</p> <p>SLIA is requesting VBWD to conduct a high-water study to address the high water/flooding. The goal is to seek options that will enable the lake to return to standard levels more quickly than the current weir allows.</p> |
| 7. | Next Meeting | Aug 5 |
| 8. | Adjourn | 7:45 p.m. |

Note: Please monitor your watercraft, including kayaks and paddle boards, that may travel between bodies of water, for both Zebra Mussels and Starry Stonewort. Thank you.

