

# SLIA Meeting

April 21, 2025

## **In attendance:**

Amber White, Cheryl Ettlinger, Paul Swan, John Muller, Galen Gould, Kim Schwankl, Katie Kaari, Paul Kaari, Leigh Anderson

Amber motioned to start the meeting, Anne McComb's second Cheryl and Galen approved minutes for January meeting

## **Vice President update:** Galen Gould:

- No membership updates, will talk to Cheryl to get necessary information
- Galen spoke with Jason about the website, do we want to change/add anything?
- How can we make it more accessible for members to post and make comments.
- Website costs \$16.00/year- currently paid by Jason.
- Website is informative but needs to be updated such as the donation paypal, how can we allow people to pay dues on the website?
- What is the purpose of the website other than paying dues? Galen now has access to the website.
  1. Minutes are posted, Galen feels it's worth building it and providing more information.
- Options –
  1. \$16/year paid by Jason
  2. If we go to the free option, we could maintain it with or in place of Jason
  3. Move to Wix - \$16/month
- Galen will explore option 2. Galen will look at options to create a SLIA email.
- Where does the QR code posted at the park take you? It appears to lead to the google form [for requesting email updates](#)
- How did we get the QR code? Does Jess have to pay?

## **Treasurers update:** Cheryl Ettlinger

- Balance \$12,740.34
- 13 paid members as of today. Deadline for shoreline treatment is 4/25/25
- [Think 32-37 lake front houses, so 13 is lower](#)
- Anne will reach out to people on Division

## **Liaison update:**

North St. Paul - Leigh

- May 17 - Park Clean up day
- May 19th - Mac's Give back event

- May 21 - is high school clean up day

#### Maplewood - Galen

- Galen will work on connecting with them

#### Oakdale – Anne

- Trying to figure out how to get regular updates regarding the road construction on 120, currently it is not funded.
- Currently there is no filtration from the road it goes right into the lake, what will be in place to protect the lake?
- No updates on MDot website. Anne has been reaching out, but no response
- Anne will share the URL's for upcoming road projects
- Paul Kaari - natural products, phosphorus binding treatment, can be put into the lake. These are newer products and in the process of being refined. The purpose would be to target and offset phosphorus due to run-off.
  - Keegan Lund is the product rep for these new projects. His previous job was with the DNR and is very knowledgeable about these products and the needs of the local lakes. He also assisted with our fluridone treatment.
- Comment related to algae: Is the current algae regular spring algae?
  - Paul and Amber speculate it's most likely from the weed kill last year but seems pretty early. Could either be either the decaying plant material released phosphorus into the lake for the algae or the lack of EWM growth left extra phosphorus for the algae. Not 100% sure but an option.
  - Paul may be out on the lake in late April/Early May to calibrate his equipment before shoreline treatments and assess the health of the lake, specifically look at previous EWM hotspots
  - No products will be distributed - just calibrations
  - Keep your eyes open for Purple loosestrife

#### DNR update – Amber

- Collecting applications for shore treatment, due April 25<sup>th</sup>!

#### **Public Forum**

- Certificate of Insurance from SePRO - Amber and Katie will discuss this
- Amber, Cheryl and Joyce received an email from Kelly Hall, liaison from elementary school doing environmental work and used the Silver Lake website to learn more. Looking for us to share the information they learned about being lake stewards. Program is called Generation Earth.
- Katie will ask Meg about the annual plant survey. It will likely happen again in June. Valley Branch will conduct this most likely.

#### **Business Items**

- Welcome to new board members Anne McCombs and Kim Schwankl
- Annual meeting recap:
  - Voted in new members
  - Slides are posted on website
- Talked about spring clean-up, see NSP update for dates
- 2025 Shoreline treatment
  - 6 applications for shoreline treatments as of 4/21/25
  - Amber will scan forms and send all at one time
  - Amber updated the form for this year
- Spring Mac's fundraiser - May 19th!!! Spread the word! Paper copies are needed

Next meeting **Tuesday, June 10th 2025** at the pavilion at **Silver Lake Park, 6:30 pm**  
Kim motions to adjourn, Cheryl seconds. Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm