

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 2012 @ 7 pm

North St. Paul City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Germscheid called the meeting order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Tom Germscheid took the Boards roll call. A Quorum was present.

Present:	Tom Germscheid	Paul Anderson
	Mary Anderson	Jason Ziemer
	Kristen Rieser	John Muller
	Bob Bruton	

<i>Others Present:</i>	Cheryl Ettliger	Paul Kaari, Lake Improvement	
	Paul Flaherty	Lincoln Fetcher, VBWD	
	Anne McComb	Mark Kotz	Sharyn Long
	Mark Long	Rick Gelbmann	Bob Lalor
	Tom Lutmer	Joyce Germscheid	Nick Hedlund

REPORTS:

A. President – Tom Germscheid

1. Tom reported that because past treatments resulted in killing off too many native species, treatment options are limited. There are two focuses:
 - a. Long term: The SLIA has engaged the services of the Lake Detective to investigate and provide direction/options for long term handling of the lake.
 - b. Short term: The SLIA is working with Lake Improvement Consulting to address individual shoreline treatment and center lake treatments for controlling the weeds in 2012.

B. Vice President – Paul Anderson
No Report.

C. Secretary - Kristen Rieser
No report.

D. Treasurer – Mary Anderson

1. Total Membership account balance: \$6,226.60
2. Total Weed Control Account balance: \$4,652.56
3. MEMBERSHIP: 2012 annual dues were reduced to \$25. ***There are only 8 paid memberships for 2012*** so please submit your dues to Mary Anderson no later than May 15, after which the contact/email list will be updated to reflect only paid members. Dues may be dropped off/mailed to 2612 Swan Avenue.

E. Other Board or Committee Members: None

INITIATIVES & PROJECTS:

A. Weed Treatment

1. Jason Ziemer introduced Paul Kaari with Lake Improvement who spoke to the short term weed treatment available for 2012. The center treatment shall focus on curly leaf and milfoil, while shoreline treatment also includes general weeds and algae. In response to a question, the treatment will not affect cattails. All Permits for shoreline treatment must be turned in to Jason (2785 Division Street N) no later than February 29. Time is of the essence to ensure treating at the optimum time. Lake shore owners need to complete a

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DNR permit, which is attached to these minutes. Instructions are also attached. Owners are allowed to sign up to treat 50% of their lakeshore, up to a maximum of 50'. The cost for the treatment is \$1.98 per lineal foot, making the **maximum individual cost \$99.00.** If you are not on the shoreline and wish to financially support the maximum treatment on the lake, please contact Tom Germscheid.

- B. Valley Branch Watershed District: Lincoln spoke about watershed restoration and the VBWD's ability to assist in the treatment of waters that are on the path to becoming impaired, which we believe covers Silver Lake. There is a meeting this Thursday, Feb. 9 @ 7 p.m. (www.vbwd.org) where any interested individual is welcome to attend. John Muller is the SLIA representative. He will provide updates as to items pertaining to Silver Lake.
1. Lincoln also spoke about rain gardens and the ongoing financial support that is available (please refer to details on the web site noted above). Three were installed in 2011. Those rain gardens have a major impact, resulting in the removal of over 1# of phosphorus from the lake, reducing 30,000 square ft of run off, and preventing @ 500# of sediment from going into the lake. There is a cost share of \$5000 per lb. of phosphorus removed for newly installed rain gardens. Members are encouraged to explore this opportunity on their own property.
 2. Bob Bruton will follow up with the City of NSP to determine if the VBWD funding for rain gardens is available to municipalities. Tom will follow up with the City of Maplewood.
- C. Water Inlets: The question was asked if there was a priority list regarding the inlets, meaning is one worse than another. No list is known. Bob/Paul will inquire as to the frequency of the storm water clean outs for NSP (*are they on a schedule?*). If there are inlets on the Oakdale side, Nick Hedlund volunteered to be that liaison. The Board will follow up with Nick if any action is needed.
- D. Weir: The weir shall be monitored this spring. It is hoped that all tampering has ceased.

OPEN FORUM:

Mark Kotz expressed that shoreline erosion seems to be getting worse. It was thought this may be the result of the higher lake levels or wakes from boats. Lincoln recommended shoreline plantings to help preserve the shoreline, and that free consultations are available via the VBWD.

Lincoln stated that he felt the City of NSP was not maintaining the bio-retention basin adequately. He recommends a spring cleanup by the membership. Sherry Long volunteered to spearhead this effort, coordinating the date with the Annual clean up day in NSP. That date will be forwarded once confirmed. Paul Kaari suggested using Glycol when pulling the cottonwood in order to be more effective.

It was suggested that the SLIA combines its annual picnic with the Neighborhood Watch picnic. Mary Anderson will coordinate.

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OLD BUSINESS

Last meeting it was noted that it would be beneficial if the Board could find volunteers to serve as liaisons between the SLIA and other entities.

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| a. City of NSP: | Paul Anderson |
| b. City of Maplewood: | OPEN |
| c. City of Oakdale: | Nick Hedlund |
| d. DNR: | Tom G. |
| e. Valley Creek Watershed District: | John Muller |
| f. Newsletter: | Joyce Germscheid |
| g. Annual Picnic: | Mary Anderson |
| h. Annual Clean up: | Sharyn Long |

Thank you for volunteering!

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held to address the two positions (Jason Ziemer and John Muller) whose terms have expired. Both agreed to run for re-election. No additional persons were interested in running. With all present voting aye, Jason Ziemer and John Muller were re-elected to 3 year terms, expiring 2015.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the home of Tom Germscheid.