

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

MEETING MINUTES - Monday, August 6, 2012

Paul & Mary Anderson's Home

I. Attendance:

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Board Present:	Mary Anderson ('13)	Kristen Rieser ('13)
	Paul Anderson ('14)	Mark Kotz ('14)
	John Muller ('15)	Jason Ziemer ('15)

Board Absent: Bob Bruton ('13)

Others Present: Mark Long, Joel, Paul Kaari (Lake Improvement)

II. Approval of Agenda – Approved

III. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting - Approved

IV. Reports:

A. President: Mark Kotz
No Report

B. Vice President: Paul Anderson
No Report

C. Secretary: Kristen Rieser
Recommended reaching out to those shoreline owners who have not yet joined the association. Will coordinate with Mary Anderson to get something sent out in the mail

D. Treasurer: Mary Anderson
Both accounts have been combined into one and all account information has been updated. A record of where money came from and what it is to be allocated to will be kept. Total account balance is \$11,490.44.

E. Other:

- City of NSP: The status of the bio-retention pond is still unknown. There is still standing water. Paul will follow up and report at the next meeting.
- City of Maplewood: Anne has been working on establishing a relationship with staff. As a start, she has requested some signage and garbage cans be placed in the park.
- City of Oakdale: No report.
- Valley Branch Watershed District: John will follow up with Lincoln to determine if either the VBWD or the DNR will be conducting a point intercept as they continue to monitor the lake. His understanding is that Silver Lake may be closer to being placed on the 'lakes at risk' list. It was also discussed that the weir could possibly have the inner "V" replaced with a "U", which would make the water drain out faster when it is high, but no lower than the desired lake level as currently set. No further action was taken on this matter.
- MN DNR: It is still unknown why the DNR was out on the lake performing some testing. Paul Kaari was not aware of the reason. Jason will follow up to see if he can understand what they were doing.

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- Ramsey County: Mark spoke to public works. There has been no tampering of the weir. Will continue to monitor.
- Newsletter: None.
- Annual Picnic/Clean up: Mark Long reported that the Splash was a huge success and that it raised @ \$6000. There were 60-70 volunteers who worked together on this community event. Thanks to Mark & Sherry Long for their numerous volunteer hours, and also to Mark, Ann and their dog Bear who hosted as Grand Marshals of the event.

V. Public Forum:

Joel asked Paul about the chemical Alom. He had read some articles where other lakes have had much success with this treatment. This chemical was mentioned by Lincoln last Fall(see October minutes). He stated that when it worked, it worked well. But there were so many variables to the chemical that the exact outcome was challenging to predict. Paul K. stated that he will look into that treatment before finalizing next year's plan.

Joel also asked if Paul monitors bacteria levels in lakes, a prevalent topic given the recent death at Lilly Lake. Paul does not. Joel felt the amount of goose droppings would certainly contribute to the bacteria level. Mark Long was asked to contact Ingrid Koller of the Splash Committee to see if that group would consider spearheading an annual testing program to confirm the quality of the lake.

Joel also asked if the treating of the EWM will result in more algae which would prevent the growth of the native species. We were reminded that SLIA was rejected for additional treatments due to the lack of native species in the lake. Paul stated that having EWM would cause more algae, so the recent treatment of EWM was a good treatment for Silver Lake.

VI. Business: Items

- **CURRENT LAKE TREATMENTS:** Attached is a summary of the treatments that occurred in 2012. Paul is recommending a ½ lake treatment yet this year for the purpose of improving water clarity now, and also to reduce the amount of algae growth for the upstart of 2013. Treatment would cost @ \$1100. Paul was to find out whether or not the DNR can allow treatment in excess of 15% without additional requirements from the Pollution Control Agency prior to the Board taking any action on this.
- **FUTURE LAKE TREATMENT:** While many items were discussed, one action Paul felt important was to get 100% participation of all shoreline owners for a combination treatment of EWM and other invasives at the beginning of next year - @ May. Cost would be similar to the treatments conducted this year – about \$99 per shoreline owner. **HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL IF ALL SHORELINE OWNERS PARTICIPATED.** This would involve shoreline owners to respond more timely, encourage all private shoreline owners to participate, and pursue the Cities participation as well. The Board discussed the excessive amount of time it took this year due to the number of last minute participants. It was hoped that an early start, possibly the addition of a few volunteers and the use of the web site would accomplish this. It was agreed this would be the best option given the current information available.

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- SHORELAND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: Mark provided a handout with additional links that provide various recommendations for shoreline management. Attached is a copy.
- WEB SITE: Mark presented some ideas for a SLIA web site that were extremely well received. Jason made a motion to continue work to launch a web site, seconded by John. All ayes.
- SWOT: After further discussion, it was determined that an action plan of priorities would be a better approach at this time.
- REFERENCE MAP: Mark presented a draft of a lake reference map showing boundaries. He is planning to label some of the key parts of the lake and make this available on the web site. It's *looking good* so far!

VII. Next Meeting:

Monday, Oct. 1 @ 7 p.m. at Paul & Mary Anderson's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.