

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

MEETING MINUTES – Aug. 5, 2013

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1.	Attendance	Mark Kotz, Paul Anderson, Mary Anderson, Jason Ziemer, Joyce Germscheid, Kristen Riser, Jason & Rebecca Lehmer, Angie Hong (VBWD)
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
4.	Electronic Actions Since Last Meeting	None
5.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	No report.
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stated that many individuals have commented how nice the lake is this year and asked what has attributed to that? The group felt that a combination of weather, concentrated treatment area and slightly higher water levels may all have been key contributing factors.• Also reported that member Mike Manthei has agreed to take over Secchi Disc testing (clarity of water) for reporting to the MN Pollution Control Agency.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report.
d.	Treasurer/Mary Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reported that Councilmember Candy Peterson made a \$25 contribution to the SLIA and sent a note thanking them for its efforts.• Account balance of \$11,022. From that, will pay the lake treatment invoice of \$3103.• Mary made a motion that the SLIA contribute \$200 to the Silver Lake Splash. Paul seconded. Discussion was that a larger amount would like to be contributed, but due to the low membership, a strong balance should be held for future lake treatments. All ayes, motion passed.
e.	Membership/Joyce Germscheid	Joyce reported 25 paid memberships for 2013. She has worked diligently to encourage more households to join, but to no avail. There are currently 35 lakeshore owners who benefit from the lake treatments. No feedback was given by those choosing not to participate.
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	The City of NSP has appointed a new City Manager, who happens to have the same name as our own SLIA member Jason Ziemer. No relation!

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	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report.
	City of Oakdale/Nick Hedlund	No report.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	Angie Hong was present on behalf of the VBWD. She reported that they are conducting studies of 5 area lakes that have shown declining water quality, Silver Lake being one. Preliminary reports are due out next year.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	Jason noted that next year he will notify the City and perhaps post a sign on the beach regarding the buoys and lake treatment.
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	<p>Mark stated that the weir has been tampered with both ways – meaning to increase and decrease water flow. This will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>SLIA's name was removed from the 'No Wake' homemade sign posted by the public landing, although the sign remained as it was felt to be an effective tool to remind boaters of high water. SLIA will look into obtaining a 'professional' sign." Angie felt we should coordinate with the City for this.</p>
6.	Public Forum	None
7.	Business Items:	
a.	Grant Reimbursement/Jason	The DNR will be reimbursing SLIA \$1500 towards its lake treatment. This grant is the maximum amount available.
b.	Measure of "High Water"/Mark	Mark will be tracking historical lake levels so that a determination may be made regarding what constitutes high water. Once established, SLIA will work on signage to convey the information to boaters.
c.	Courtesy Tips/All	The SLIA would like to post general courtesy tips for recreational users of the lake. Any person with ideas and suggestions should forward them to Kristen@hudsonbakingcompany.com . An anonymous list will be accumulated and the Board will discuss which ones should be posted on the web site.
d.	Agenda format/Mark	All felt the existing format is good and should remain as is.
e.	VBWD Public Event	Angie Hong requested feedback from the SLIA regarding how to engage people that do not live directly on the lake regarding ideas such as rain gardens, water run-off, etc. It was agreed that the Silver Lake Splash would be the best event, but also suggested additional postings on the website and possibly the new bulletin board that was built over by the Pier.

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7.	Next Meeting	Oct. 7, 2013
8.	Adjourn	8:20 p.m.