

# Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

*MEETING MINUTES – Dec. 2, 2013*

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Jason Ziemer, Joyce Germscheid, Mark Kotz, Rick Gelbmann, Mary Anderson, Paul Anderson, Kristen Rieser
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Approved
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b>	Approved
<b>4.</b>	<b>Electronic Actions since Last Meeting</b>	None
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b>President/Mark Kotz</b>	No report
<b>b.</b>	<b>Vice President/Paul Anderson</b>	No report
<b>c.</b>	<b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>	No report
<b>d.</b>	<b>Treasurer/Mary Anderson</b>	Balance on account \$9344. Accounts payable of \$45.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Membership/Joyce Germscheid</b>	No new members.
<b>f.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	The City is still talking about the bio-retention pond but nothing specific and no action has been taken.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report
	City of Oakdale	No report. Nick has not re-joined the SLIA so it is seeking a new member to serve as liaison. Estimated time commitment is about 2 hours annually.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	Mark and John attended a meeting that discussed a 10 year plan for the watershed district. At that meeting, John met the Presidents of both the Long Lake and DeMontreville lake associations who expressed an interest in meeting with the SLIA. The group felt this would be a good use of time.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	Jason completed a survey from the DNR regarding the grant application process. His only input was the frustration that with the current program, grants cannot be given until weeds are confirmed to be present. This requires lake assessment work which delays the ability to treat, often past the optimum treatment time (e.g. water temperature).
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	No report
<b>6.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	None
<b>7.</b>	<b>Business Items:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	GIS Software/Mark Kotz	Mark presented a product called ArcGIS Software that would be used to map out the lake and provide other mapping capabilities such as weed location, storm sewers, slopes to lake, etc. This useful tool would provide historical data to the SLIA and clean, professional data to present to the DNR for grant application. Rick Gelbmann

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		has agreed to conduct the actual mapping. Paul made a motion to provide the \$100 annual fee for the use of such software, Jason seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.
<b>b.</b>	February Member Meeting Prep	Mark presented a proposed agenda for the annual meeting. He will send this out as the date (February 3, 2014) approaches. Paul agreed to reserve a room at City Hall.
<b>c.</b>	Remove Nominating Committee from Bylaws	There is a nominating committee requirement in the Bylaws that is not conducive to the operations of SLIA. Given the low participation numbers, the nominating committee was often charged with nominating themselves. Kristen made a motion to remove 5.03 Nominating Committee from the Bylaws, Paul seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.
<b>d.</b>	2014 Treatment Plan/Jason Ziemer	<p>Everyone agreed that Paul Kaari has done a good job these past two years in directing the treatment of the lake. Jason made a motion to continue working with Paul for the 2014 treatment season, which is to follow the same process as last year, Joyce seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.</p> <p>The annual meeting and notification of such meeting will serve as the required notification to lakeshore owners regarding the planned treatment of the lake. This will eliminate the need for a separate notification as stated by the DNR.</p>
<b>e.</b>	DNR Grants to LGU's for Watercraft Inspection/Jason Ziemer	The DNR sent out an email regarding grants for the monitoring of invasive species at boat landings. After discussion, it was decided that the SLIA would not pursue this grant.
<b>f.</b>	Early January Mailer	Joyce will develop another annual mailer similar to the (awesome) one completed last year. This will also serve as a tool to encourage others to renew their membership and encourage new members.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	February 3, 2014 @ 7 p.m. at City Hall
<b>8.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	7:45 p.m.