

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

*To enhance the water quality, recreational use and natural beauty of Silver Lake*

**MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2014**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Mark Kotz, John Mueller, Mary Anderson, Sheri Long, Mark Long, Rick Gelbmann, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Anderson, Jason Ziemer, 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>	Reschedule August 4 meeting to August 11.
<b>b.</b>	<b>Vice President/Paul Anderson</b>	None
<b>c.</b>	<b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>	None
<b>d.</b>	<b>Treasurer/Mary Anderson</b>	Balance \$9624.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Membership/Joyce Germscheid</b>	There are 15 paid members for 2014. The group discussed options for increasing membership.
<b>f.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	Paul spoke to Scott Duddeck regarding the Bio-retention pond. The cost of the project is estimated at \$75k. They need to understand where these funds will come from prior to proceeding.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	None
	City of Oakdale	None
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	There was no discussion regarding Silver Lake at the last meeting.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	None
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	None
<b>6.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	Mark Long – suggested posting a sign on the new information center (by the fishing dock) regarding picking up trash such as fishing bait containers, fishing line, etc.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Business Items:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	Election of Officers/Kotz	All 2013 officers were re-elected.
<b>b.</b>	2014 Treatment Plan Update/Ziemer	Jason secured a grant with the DNR for 2014 in the amount of \$1065, which should cover about 35% of the estimated treatment costs. The permit has been approved pending the submission of the weed sampling that will be completed once the ice is gone. Paul and Mark have agreed to undertake this project.

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c.	Action Plan for High Water No Wake/Kotz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anne will talk to Maplewood about installing a sign, or at least allowing the SLIA to do so.</li><li>• No “no wake” buoys shall not be pursued as it was felt these could be more of a hazard than help.</li><li>• Lake levels and high water marks shall be posted on the website.</li><li>• An educational piece regarding high water and erosion needs to be put together. There is adequate information available, just not all in one place. This item was tabled.</li></ul>
d.	Federal 501(c) status/Kotz	<p>In order to purchase the GIS software for \$100 rather than the \$1800 retail cost, SLIA must have 501(c) status. This involves changes to the Articles of Incorporation and possibly the annual filing of taxes. However, this would make the SLIA dues tax deductible.</p> <p>Kristen will inquire about the annual tax filing requirements of these entities. <b>The Board would like to have a volunteer to look further into the process of achieving this status. Estimate 2-3 hours total time.</b></p>
e.	Spring Shoreline Cleanup – April 26/All	<p>Pending weather, the cleanup up date is set for April 26. Sheri Long, Mark Long and Rick Gelbmann volunteered to coordinate the lake cleanup and assignment of tasks. The Boy Scouts will be picking up trash on the north end of the lake.</p> <p>Much discussion was had about bringing in more people to participate so the work can get done quickly. The goal is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pick up loose garbage along the shore</li><li>• Get some people to pick up garbage in the water and weed area using canoes and kayaks and waders.</li><li>• Rake the loose leaves in the water (shoreline out to about 5’) and onto the shore for the city to clean up.</li><li>• Joyce to talk to St. Peters confirmation students about accruing some volunteer hours.</li><li>• All residents are encouraged to show up – pick up one bag of garbage or stay for hours. <b>ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED.</b></li></ul>
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	June 2, 2014
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	8:10 p.m.