

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

**MEETING MINUTES – June 2, 2014**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Mark Kotz, John Mueller, Mary Anderson, 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>	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 \$9699. Received dues from Hepp, Ruppel. Will need to pay for sign once expenditure is approved.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Membership/Joyce Germscheid</b>	There are 17 paid members for 2014. There are 33 lakeshore owners.  Joyce completed a June newsletter that will be distributed with the minutes, posted at City Hall, posted on the community board by the fishing pier at the Park. This will also be used to send to new homeowners or others interested in joining SLIA.
<b>f.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	NSP has a plan to submit to the VBWD regarding the repair of the bio-retention pond. The cost is approximately \$46k. They indicated they will move forward with this plan if VBWD is willing to split the cost. This plan is currently going before City Council for approval. John stated that he was not aware if VBWD had reviewed the plan as of yet.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report
	City of Oakdale	No report
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	No report
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	No report
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	Several visits to the weir indicates there has been no tampering this season. Ramsey County installed a new water level gauge, which they do each Spring, and reset it to the proper water level indicator mark. When the gauge reads 1.85 = no wake zone. This is located in the NE portion of the lake. Water levels are also posted on the web site.

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6.	<b>Public Forum</b>	A few individuals noted that it appears several people fishing are not respecting the size and/or limit, thus reducing the number of smaller fish in the lake.
7.	<b>Business Items:</b>	
a.	VBWD Invasive Species Seminar & Silver Lake	John and Mark attended the seminar held at City Hall by <u>VBWD, with DNR and Barr Engineering presenting.</u> <del>They and</del> shared some information. The native plant count in the lake remains low. In comparison to other lakes, there is still much improvement needed for the health of Silver Lake.
b.	Invasive Treatment – 2 <sup>nd</sup> sampling results	Mark, Rick and Paul Kaari took samples on 5/21. They found no curly leaf and only 2 samples of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM). Paul felt there was no justification for lake treatment at this time. We will continue to monitor to determine if a later treatment is needed. Jason will update the DNR regarding this.
c.	Membership Workflow	To improve workflow, all new members will forward the form to Joyce so the mailing list may be updated in a timely manner. She can forward a newsletter and other information basically serving as the “Welcome Wagon” for the SLIA. She will then pass on the checks to Mary.
d.	High Water No Wake Update. Approve sign expenditure.	The Board approved the expenditure of \$53.56 for the No Wake sign posted at the landing. The sign appears to be working. Mark has been refilling the information sheets as needed.
e.	Federal 501(c) Status	Overall, it was felt there was not enough benefit to justify the time/expense of pursuing the 501© status at this time.
f.	Associate Membership Idea	Discussed a possible two tier dues system and whether that may encourage “associate” members (aka non-lakeshore) to join. Given the fee is relatively minimal at \$25, it was felt this would not be pursued at this time. The Board appreciates the concept and new ideas being brought forward for consideration.
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	August 11, 2014 at the Germscheid home
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	8:15 p.m.