

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – August 11, 2014

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1.	Attendance	Mark Kotz, John Mueller, Mary Anderson, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Anderson, Jason Ziemer, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
4.	Electronic Actions since Last Meeting	<p>7/3/14: Mark made a motion to end the voluntary no wake restrictions effective July 4. The level was about 1½” above the high water mark and trending downward. It was felt to be a positive move in response to all of those who adhered to the voluntary no wake request. Joyce second. All ayes. Note: the lake reached the mark 2 days later.</p> <p>7/19/14: Jason made a motion to proceed with the lake treatment as per the DNR approved treatment areas. Joyce second. All ayes.</p>
5.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	No report
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	No report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	Confirmed the electronic actions noted above.
d.	Treasurer/Mary Anderson	Balance \$9494.44. Amounts owing \$400 for Lake Improvement for consulting plus the actual treatment of approximately \$3200.
e.	Membership/Joyce Germscheid	<p>One additional paid member.</p> <p>It was noted that based on the cost of annual treatments, the funds will only keep the association afloat for so long. This will be reviewed and presented at the annual meeting.</p>
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	NSP has not yet reached an agreement with VBWD regarding the bio-retention plan. It seems the corrective action plan has been determined, but the issue of cost has not yet been resolved.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report
	City of Oakdale	No report
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	Discussed the high water mark on Silver Lake. VBWD and Ramsey County are not interested in discussing changing the weir and its effects on the lake level at this time..
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	No report

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	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	No report
6.	Public Forum	None
7.	Business Items:	
a.	Federal 501(c) Status	The Board discussed this topic and again confirmed it was not worth pursuing at this time.
b.	High Water No Wake Update.	Mark found water level readings dating back to 1925. Only once during this time did it surpass 2014. For that reason, it was agreed more analysis would be done and that no changes would be made at this time.
c.	Invasive Weed Update	The Board felt this year's treatment was not as effective as last year. Overall, it was felt the lateness of the treatment, water temperature and lake levels all had an impact. When sampling was done, no weeds were present so we were not able to apply for the permit. The strategy is to find the weeds early. Options for next year include requesting an early season treatment next year that duplicates this year's request, which would not require actually finding weeds. Or, concentrate on shoreline permits as many of the weeds were present within 50' of the shoreline.
d.	Web Site Renewal	Mark stated that the hosting contract comes due on 10/6/14. The cost is \$146 to renew. Given the reliability and ease of use, it was felt best to remain with this provider. John made a motion to approve the expenditure. Paul second. All ayes.
7.	Next Meeting	October 6, 2014
8.	Adjourn	8:12 p.m.