

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – December 15, 2015

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1.	Attendance	Mark Kotz, John Mueller, Jason Ziemer, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Anderson, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	No report
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	No report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report
d.	Treasurer/Mary Anderson	Current balance \$4676.20
e.	Membership/Joyce Germscheid	There are 18 paid members for 2015 compared to 24 paid memberships in 2014
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	None
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	None
	City of Oakdale	None
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	Covered in 6b
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	The DNR notified the SLIA that there is 40% less funding for 2016. Given the low bank balance and low paid memberships, treatment options for 2016 may be limited.
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	Ramsey County repaired the weir and cleaned out the leaves and debris that were blocking the water from flowing out. It is hoped that individuals will realize that instead of tampering with the weir, it is best to keep the area in front of the weir clear and let it do its job.
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	

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a.	Finances for 2016 and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dues• Contributions from new sources (Cities, VBWD, County)	Options were discussed for 2016 funding. The only expense is the website and treatment.
b.	High water conditions	Water conditions continue to be higher than average. The VBWD is not planning any action with respect to changing the weir.
c.	Treatment plans for 2016	SLIA plans to resubmit the same plan as 2015. If no changes are made to the request, the permit and grant applications can be submitted early and increase the chances of getting some funding. SLIA may plan to coordinate shoreline treatment for paid members, who can then be eligible for the discounted treatment. Other shoreline owners can work directly with the DNR and a treatment provider.
d.	Board Member nominations	Joyce and Kristen agreed to continue on the Board. Mary Anderson will be stepping down. Mary has been an active supporter and volunteer for many years. We thank her for your time and talents.
e.	Agenda for Feb. Membership Meeting	2015 Recap Finance Dues Treatment plan for 2016
7.	Next Meeting	Feb. 1, 2016
8.	Adjourn	8:10