

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, February 1, 2016
North St. Paul City Hall**

1.	Attendance – Welcome & Introduction	
	Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.	
	Board Present	Mark Kotz, Paul Anderson, Mary Anderson, John Muller, Jason Ziemer, Kristen Rieser, Joyce Germscheid
	Others Present	Anne McComb, Rick Gelbmann, John Fry, David, Carol Gernes
2.	Approve Agenda	
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3.	Election of Board Members	
	Re-elected Joyce Germscheid and Kristen Rieser by acclamation for another 3 year term. Also elected Rick Gelbmann to the board. Mary Anderson decided not to seek another term. We thank her for her numerous years of volunteerism. Joyce was elected to the position of Treasurer.	
	Financial Report	
	Not a pretty picture!	
4.	Member contributions	\$575.
	DNR grant	\$1050.
	Treatment costs	\$4093.
	Expenses	\$149.
	Net loss of \$2,616	
	The SLIA will be seeking 1-3 individuals to lead up ideas for fundraising for lake treatment. Anticipated time commitment is less than 10 hour for the year. If you are willing to help, please indicate this on the membership form or contact a Board member.	
5.	2015 Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership voted at the 2015 annual meeting to continue the voluntary no wake when water was above 989.35 ft. No wake took effect for a few days in July. • Board voted to treat bays and coordinate shoreline treatment for homeowners. • Received DNR grant of \$1050 to offset treatment costs. Received notice in 2016 that these funds will be reduced by 70% for 2016 applicants. • DNR conducted a plant survey; noted reduced water clarity. Appears that native plants are starting to make a comeback. • There was unusually high water in the Fall. During this time, the weir showed signs of tampering. It is hoped that individuals allow the weir to perform its job. Cleaning out the leaves and debris in front of the weir is helpful.

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6.	2016 Treatment Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason has already completed the paperwork for treatment application so we are ready to submit once the time line hits. This will put us in the front of the line to hopefully receive grant funding. The treatment area is anticipated to be the same as in 2015. The permitting process is outlined in the attached PowerPoint.• The Board will ONLY be coordinating shoreline treatment for SLIA members, who are then eligible for a discounted treatment. Interested members should contact Jason Ziemer at jbziemer@gmail.com. Nonmembers will need to contact the DNR and treatment provider directly.
7	Open Forum	MN Master Naturalist David and Carol shared information on combating Buckthorn and shared an upcoming program on early detection of invasive plants. A copy of the program information and buckthorn are attached to these minutes.
8	Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Please note that the two presentation files are posted on the web site:

<http://www.silverlakensp.org/meetings.html>