

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2016

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1.	Attendance	Mark and Sherry Long, Paul Anderson, Mark Kotz, Rick Gelbmann, Jason Ziemer, Dan Holley, John Muller, Joyce Germscheid
2.	Approve Agenda	Items 6f and 7 were added. Revised agenda approved.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting (Feb 2016)	Approved
	Electronic Actions taken	na
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	Addressed under business items.
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	Addressed under business items.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	Joyce Germscheid offered to take meeting minutes as Kristen was not in attendance.
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	Current balance: \$5,276.20. Deposit 3/31- membership dues of \$600. Thanks to Mary Anderson for her great service and organization as Treasurer – the hand off to Joyce was very smooth!
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid 2571 Poplar Ave E North St Paul, MN	We received 2 more memberships this week! Total paid membership is at 26, including 5 non-lakeshore homeowners. Many thanks to you all! If anyone wishes to become a member for 2016, <i>please send a \$25 check payable to SLIA to Joyce Germscheid!</i>
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	Addressed in 6b below.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	Addressed in 6b below.
	City of Oakdale	Addressed in 6b below.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	No update.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	Addressed in 6b below.
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	Addressed in 6b below.
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	

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a	Treatment Plans for 2016	<p>Current plan is to treat same areas of the lake as last year as this expedited our submission to DNR (bays). We are allowed to treat the same area 2 years in a row. The approval is 1st come 1st serve so we received approval for our center lake treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark did a review of the lake the other day and did not see any growing Milfoil, saw more natives which is great news! He is also taking water temp every 5 days.• DNR was here after ice-out and did not see any Milfoil yet, but did see some Curly-leaf Pondweed over by the boat launch. They would like us to do a delineation of the CLP but we could just decide to do the Milfoil.• We could also opt out of doing main lake treatment this year if Milfoil is not major issue. Decided to wait and see. If we do decide to treat, DNR will come, approve plan then well get permit within 2 business days. Paul Kari will do the treatment again.• There are 17 lakeshore home owners who have applied for shoreline treatment. Jason will submit all of those applications this week.
b.	City Partnership with Treatment Costs (full lake treatment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North St Paul – Paul A to talk with City Mgr Jason Ziemer for \$1,000 this week.• Maplewood – Ann McComb will contact Mplwd City Mgr this week for \$1,000.• Oakdale – they ‘own’ the portion of the shoreline by Highway 120/Century. There is plenty of erosion and liter on that stretch. Should raise their awareness of this as it seems neglected.
c.	Fundraising	<p>In the Annual SLIA newsletter we asked for volunteers to help with a fundraising strategy as our bank balance is to the point that we can pay for treating this year but will be at a shortfall for next year.</p> <p>Neighbors Mark and Sherry Long attended our meeting and made some great suggestions for fundraising! One suggestion was to contact Ingrid Koller, who heads the yearly Silver Lake Splash, if we could setup a booth or participate in some way to raise funds for lake treatment. Joyce will follow up with Ingrid to see if this is an option or not and report back to the board and Longs. Another idea was a Silver Lake 5K; reaching out to more non-lakeshore neighbors who do use the lake recreationally to join as non-voting members perhaps at a reduced rate; reaching out to business owners on the east side of Century for their support.</p> <p>If others have any other suggestions please feel free to email the board.</p>

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d.	Possible SLIA Geo App	Rick Gelbmann gave the group a demo of a geographic application that he thought might be useful to communicate messages or stories about the lake. For example, we could highlight points of interest around the lake like storm drains or erosion protection projects, take a picture and post them on a map. The board will continue to think about possible uses of such an application.
e.	Lake Cleanup	The Annual Silver Lake Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday April 23 rd from 9:00 – noon. Mark and Sherry Long are the coordinators of this event and will be getting the word out to all neighbors around the lake. Given the lake level is high, the focus of clean-up will be picking up trash around the lake, not in the lake. PLEASE join in this effort to keep our lake shore clean!! WATCH FOR DETAILS!!
f.	Water Level (addition to the agenda)	President Mark Kotz received an email from lake shore home owner regarding the lake level specifically when the level is high and its effect on the lakeshore. The board discussed and Mark will respond back to the home owner.
7.	Board Officer Vote	While the Feb Annual Meeting included a vote/reelection for SLIA Board Members, we need to also vote to approve the Board Officers. Up for election were President, VP, Sec and Treasurer. All current Board Officers agreed to continue in their roles, were approved and will remain as such in 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Mark Kotz• Vice President Paul Anderson• Secretary Kristen Rieser• Treasurer Joyce Germscheid
8.	Next Meeting	June 6, 2016
9.	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm