

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2019

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1.	Attendance	Joyce Germscheid, John Muller, Paul Nichol, Buddy Martin, Colleen Yungbauer, Mark Long, Sherry Long, Cheryl Ettlinger, Carol Fritsche, Arnie Fritsche, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
	Electronic Actions taken	na
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Rick Gelbman	None
b.	Vice President/	na
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	None
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	Balance \$3,227.06. Additional deposit to be made of \$570 in membership dues.
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid	<p>Additional 14 paid memberships, 8 lakeshore owners, 6 non-lakeshore owners. Total paid membership for 2019 is 17.</p> <p>Launching an online payment option to encourage additional membership.</p> <p>THANK YOU to those who contributed over and above the \$25 annual membership fee. Your support is greatly appreciated.</p>
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce & Rick	None
	City of Maplewood/Paul Nichol	Paul will reach out to the City to inquire about pursuing the grant again next year, as well as any additional updates regarding their property adjacent to Silver Lake. Buddy Martin offered to assist as he is familiar with the team at the City of Maplewood.
	City of Oakdale/Joyce	None
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	John reiterated that the City of NSP requested VBWD to complete a comprehensive plan of the lake as that report will assist the SLIA in addressing other items such as the weir. There has been no action yet.
	MN DNR/Joyce	Addressed under 6c
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	Rick reported via an email update that he met with Justin Townsend (Ramsey County), Matt Downing (Washington County) and Lincoln Fetcher (VBWD) regarding getting more inspections for aquatic invasive species (AIS). Since Silver Lake is in both Ramsey and Washington Counties and in the VBWD, a proposal is being developed to get more funding and coordinate between agencies. This will be brought up at VBWD meeting soon and SLIA should be there to support it. He will find out the date and forward accordingly. Rick is also hoping to submit a grant application to Ramsey Country to get data on how often and when the boat launch is used. This would be useful in targeting the best times to schedule inspections to make them most effective.

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5.	Public Forum	None										
6.	Business Items:											
a	Vote for Board officers	<p>The group asked for volunteers to fill the open Board position. Cheryl Ettlinger stepped up and the motion was made to add Cheryl to the Board. All ayes.</p> <p>Motions were made and approved for the following officers:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">President</td> <td>Rick Gelbman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Paul Nichol</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Kristen Rieser</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Joyce Germscheid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td>Joyce Germscheid</td> </tr> </table>	President	Rick Gelbman	Vice President	Paul Nichol	Secretary	Kristen Rieser	Treasurer	Joyce Germscheid	Membership	Joyce Germscheid
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	Recruiting Volunteers for open Board Position and other responsibilities	While the Board is now full, most liaison positions are also filled by Board Members. Volunteers are still needed to take over some of these functions. Please reach out to a board member or attend the next meeting to get further information.										
c.	2019 Lake Treatment	<p>The application for center lake treatment is ready. Once weather permits, Lake Improvement will identify EMF (Eurasian Milfoil) and Curly Leaf and SLIA will submit the permit if found. The DNR will verify and then grant the permit. Much of this is weather dependent. The Board will do its best to keep the membership updated. LI will post whenever lake treatment is performed.</p> <p>Applications for both individual shoreline treatment for EMF and Curly Leaf, as well as for treatment of lily pads will be sent shortly. Comment was made that there may be some confusion these are two separate treatments and owners must apply for both. Board members are meeting with Lake Improvement and will follow up with instructions for shorelines owners to pursue treatment.</p> <p><i>We would like to note that our long-term partners for treatment, Paul and Katie Kaari of Lake Improvement Consulting, are donating 3% of its gross profits from the shoreline treatment in appreciation for the long-term partnership they have built with SLIA. This should translate to approximately \$100. We sincerely thank them for their generosity.</i></p>										
d.	Silver Lake Park Cleanup Organizer/Action	Mark and Sherry Long have volunteered to coordinate this annual event. Mark confirmed the NSP track team will assist picking up garbage. People are encouraged to bring kayaks and canoes to pick up the debris along the shore (water bottles, shoes, food wrappers). This will take place on April 27 – please mark the date and set a personal goal to spend 1 hour to help the health of Silver Lake. Additional reminders will be sent out.										

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e.	Electronic Membership Form and Payment	A motion was made by Kristen for the SLIA to pursue/implement an online payment option for membership dues. It was felt this convenience would result in additional members. John seconded. All ayes.
f.	Funding efforts for Lake treatment	<p>The City of NSP has committed up to \$2k towards center lake treatment. These funds are only available if treatment is needed.</p> <p>The City of Maplewood awarded the SLIA \$440 from its gambling funds towards lake treatment.</p> <p>The City of Oakdale will roll over the committed treatment funds of \$400 from 2018 to 2019 if treatment is needed.</p> <p>The donation box at the Neighborhood Watch generated funds in 2018.</p> <p>The Wine Tasting event more than doubled in 2018 and will be repeated in 2019.</p>
g.	Water Level	Discussions involved the VBWD maintaining the weir. It appears a comprehensive plan is needed to push any permanent changes. SLIA will continue to monitor.
h.	NSP Historical Society	The Historical Society invited the SLIA to share the history, purpose and current status of the SLIA at its April 23 meeting. Joyce and Kristen to represent the SLIA.
7.	Next Meeting	June 3
8.	Adjourn	7:45 p.m.