

# **Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)**

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, January 27, 2020**

**North St. Paul City Hall**

	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	
	Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.	
	Board Present	Rick Gelbmann, John Muller, Joyce Germscheid, Kristen Rieser, Paul Nichol.
	Others Present	Lincoln Fetcher, Eileen Armitage, Tom Armitage, Colleen Jungbauer, Dave Jungkunz, Arnie & Carole Fritsche, Mark Kotz, Missy Lillie
<b>1</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b> Joyce made a motion to approve the agenda. Paul seconded. All ayes.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Election of Board Members (2 positions open)</b> Cheryl Ettliger agreed to remain involved and was voted in for another term. The other position remains open and we are looking for a volunteer to fill.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Financial and Membership Report</b>  See PP. SLIA's year end balance is stronger than years prior thanks to increased fundraising efforts and several individuals who donated above the \$25 membership fees. Obtaining the 501c3 designation was a worthwhile task as it encourages these tax-deductible donations. Members are also taking advantage of the simplified online payment option.  In 2019, there was 27 lakeshore members and 16 non-lakeshore members.  <b>A big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported SLIA with their membership!</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Summary of: Silver Lake Water Level Presentation</b>  Rick presented the PP used by VBWD at a public forum last October that addressed lake levels; explaining the difference between high water, ground water and surface water and the role Silver Lake plays in the watershed district. Challenges from the wettest 10 years in history have presented challenges for many individuals, and the PP presents some options homeowners may take to mitigate water during these times.  The group also thanked Lincoln for his years of service on the VBWD and congratulated Rick for being appointed as his replacement. We are truly fortunate to have these individuals support.	
<b>5</b>	<b>2019 Activities</b>	See PP. SLIA completed several tasks this past year including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community outreach – NSP Historic Society presentation</li><li>• Neighborhood Watch donations</li><li>• Wine tasting fundraiser</li><li>• Online membership and donation</li><li>• Funding partnerships</li></ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>2020 Goals</b>	See PP. SLIA initiatives for 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue treatment course with preventing invasives and encouraging native plants.</li><li>• Solidifying and growing partnerships</li><li>• Secure additional volunteers to help disperse the tasks being relinquished by Rick due to his new duties as a member of the VBWD, fill the current open positions, and minimize the number of tasks covered by Joyce.</li></ul>

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<b>7</b>	<b>2020 Treatment Plans</b>	<p>See PP. Testing in Spring will determine what, if any, inner lake treatment is needed. The DNR grants that SLIA had secured in years past are being offered this year. The grants are on a first come first serve basis so Joyce will be submitting our application when the process opens this coming Friday. Securing this grant would be a big win for the SLIA.</p> <p>Joyce will also be sending out emails regarding individual shoreline treatment. The process should be more streamlined this year as the DNR has records of previous treatments so those who have treated in the past will not have to complete the diagrams and such.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>	<p>There was a question regarding our Voluntary No Wake and what defined “no wake.” After further discussion, the SLIA will be looking at providing a link to the DNR definition on its website, as well as possibly adding a link to the email notifications.</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.</p>

**Please the presentation PowerPoints will be posted on the web site:**

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