

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, February 7, 2022

Via ZOOM

	Welcome & Introduction	
	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM	
	Board Present	Rick Gelbmann, John Muller, Joyce Germscheid, Kristen Rieser, Paul Nichol, Cheryl Ettliger
	Others Present	Tim Cole (NSP City Council liaison), Kari Erpenbach (City of NSP), Paul and Katie Kaari (Lake Improvement Consulting)
1	Approve Agenda John made a motion to approve the agenda. Rick noted he would be adding a topic regarding alum to item 7. Kristen second. All ayes. Motion passed.	
2	Election of Board Members (3 positions ending, 4 position open) Paul recapped that SLIA is seeking volunteers for positions. Board positions have a 3-year term. Joyce asked for Kari's input regarding recruiting new board members. Kari agreed to collaborate with us in this effort. Joyce and Kristen both agreed to remain on the board and were re-elected as such. Two board positions remain open.	
3	Membership Report We had 37 total members in 2021, 25 shoreline owners and 9 offshore supporters. With the number of new owners on the lake, our goal will be to make personal visit to the new owners to share what we do and why we do it. Cheryl and Kristen agreed to assist Joyce. A big THANKS to everyone who has supported SLIA with their paid membership!	
4	Financial Report Membership dues and additional contributions totaled \$2,087 for 2021, which was short of the treatment costs of \$3465. This resulted in a yearend balance of \$4,663. The City of NSP made treatment payments directly to Lake Improvement Consultants. Our sincere thanks to the City of NSP for their financial support, as well as to Paul and Katie Kaari for their ongoing partnership and support. Due to COVID, fundraising events were cancelled. They are expected to resume in 2022.	
5	2021 Activities	See PowerPoint (PP) for detail. SLIA accomplished several projects this past year including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silver Lake Cleanup 2x• Parade Float for community support and awareness• Purple Loosestrife remediation• Expanded Partnerships Rick shared there were 51 AIS inspections conducted at the boat landing, 5 of which resulted in violations. This provided an opportunity for educating users, which is the best defense for protecting our lake. Lake Treatment 2021 – EWM was not observed early in the

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		<p>season, but CLP was observed in multiple locations. SLIA treated 4 acres in the Spring. By June, EWM increased to 16 acres, likely due to warm temperatures and low water levels.</p> <p>Lake Levels 2021 – After coming off the wettest 10 years in history, we experienced some of the lowest lake levels in years, which was typical throughout the area. The low level resulted in the emergence of significant EWM.</p> <p>SLIA will reach out to the membership in June with aids to identify invasive species.</p>
6	2022 Goals	<p>See PP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to develop partnerships• Apply for DNR grant (Thanks Joyce for completing this application!)• Explore lake association partnerships• Possible Business Memberships• Continue to address lake sediment issues• Resolve aerator matter. Ramsey County has continued to monitor the aerator until this matter is settled. Discussions are ongoing.
7	2022 Treatment Plans	<p>See PP.</p> <p>Paul asked Lake Management if we should consider treating CLP and EWM separately. These plants bloom at different times due to temperature and SLIA would like to evaluate the cost of splitting the treatments and the potential efficacy that may result.</p> <p>Rick added that the MN Pollution Control agency is naming Silver Lake as impaired due to high level of nutrients. VBWD is exploring the use of Alum for Silver Lake and is looking for input from SLIA and others concerned about the Lake. It was determined that this is a bigger topic and SLIA will hold a separate meeting to discuss</p> <p>Kari shared that the City is collaborating with a team, including various agencies, to investigate the issues at Casey Lake and seek solutions for cleaning up the lake. Casey Lake is an environmental lake while Silver Lake is a recreational lake. It was not known how that specifically effects treatment options. Kari agreed to assist in setting up a meeting between SLIA and the agency stakeholders to move the sediment matter forward.</p> <p>SLIA will hold a separate meeting to thoroughly discuss 2022 treatment options.</p>

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8	Open Forum	Paul shared that a resident shared a program “Cops & Bobbers” fishing tournament that takes place on Silver Lake. He will look to obtain more information to share with the SLIA community.
9	Adjourn	Adjourn 8:30 p.m. Next meeting April 4.

The PowerPoint presentation shall be posted on the web site:
<http://www.silverlakensp.org/>