

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

**MEETING MINUTES** – Monday, June 20 at 7:00 pm

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Attendance</b>                        | IN PERSON: Paul Nichol, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Muller, Joyce Germscheid, Katie Karii, Galen and Jess Gould<br><br>VIA ZOOM: No one.  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Approve Agenda</b>                    | Approved John, Second Joyce  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b> | Approved Cheryl, Second John   |
|           | <b>Electronic Actions taken</b>          | None   |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Reports</b>                           |  |
| <b>a.</b> | <b>President/Paul Nichol</b>             | Reported that the lake looks great after the offshore treatment! Is happy to see so many using the lake and beach.   |
| <b>b.</b> | <b>Vice President/Joyce Germscheid</b>   | Membership is down – 23 lake homeowners (out of 37), and 2 neighbors of the lake. Thank you very much for your donation to SLIA! We are asking homeowners to please consider joining the SLIA with a minimum \$25 donation. Your contribution is a tax deduction. If you are unsure if you have or have not paid, please contact Joyce or Cheryl.  |
| <b>c.</b> | <b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>          | Kristin will be leaving the SLIA board this month as she and Tim have sold their home and moving to the St Croix River. Thank you, Kristin, for your years on the board, doing so much to help this Association and lake. You will be missed!  |
| <b>d.</b> | <b>Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger</b>      | Reports a balance of \$6829.38 – before payment for the off-shore lake treatment.  |
| <b>e.</b> | <b>Liaison Updates:</b>                  |  |
|           | <b>City of NSP/Joyce</b>                 | SLIA met with City reps in April along with DNR, Ramsey County, Valley Branch Watershed District and Barr Engineering rep. A planning meeting follow up will be set later this summer as we watch the hybrid milfoil this summer. There may be a large treatment next spring to fight this hybrid and we'll need all players agree on a plan. This could be a large expense for the city and SLIA. More to come. |
|           | <b>City of Maplewood/Paul</b>            | Paul noted that the boat launch ramp needs some repair. He will contact the city. We are hoping SLIA will receive some funding from Maplewood from their Gaming Fund but the last 2 years there was no funds available due to Covid. Paul will submit application in the fall to Maplewood and hopefully SLIA will get some funds in 2023.   |
|           | <b>City of Oakdale/Open</b>              | Would love to have a volunteer to be our Oakdale liaison. The City of Oakdale owns the portion of Silver Lake shoreline along Century Ave across from the church.  |

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|    | <b>Valley Branch Watershed District/<br/>Rick</b>                    | No update. But they will be working with SLIA on the 2023 Lake Mgmt Plan.  |
|    | <b>MN DNR/Joyce</b>  | DNR approved the offshore Invasive weed treatment permits as well as the individual shoreline permits for homeowners who signed up. Lake Improvement completed both off-shore (May 18 <sup>th</sup> ) and shoreline treatments (June 9 <sup>th</sup> ). Please note, that you MUST be a SLIA member to be allowed to treat the shoreline. If you have not paid that membership fee and treated your shoreline, please contact Cheryl or Joyce.   |
|    | <b>Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick</b>                             | No Update  |
| 5. | <b>Public Forum</b>  | Discussion on lake boating rules, boat etiquette. Joyce has reached out to the Ramsey County Sheriff's office to get some rules that we can share with our membership. Please be aware of all boats and swimmers, kayaker's, canoes, and paddleboard when out on the lake. Lake traffic should be counterclockwise when boating/tubing etc. Once we hear back from the county, we will share that information.   |
| 6. | <b>Business Items:</b>   |  |
| a. | <b>Severe Weed Growth: 2022 Treatment (and beyond) Plans</b>         | <p>Early Spring Lake delineation noted 63-66% of the lake was infested with the hybrid milfoil. There was no curly leaf pondweed found this year. LIC treated 5 total acres of offshore lake as well as 5 acres of city &amp; residential shorelines. The DNR only allows treatment of 10.65 acres which is 15% of the total size of the lake. It appears that so far, those treatments have been very affective on the hybrid milfoil. We will watch as the summer goes on. As reported above, we will be collaborating with many agencies and the city on a 2023 plan if hybrid comes back in full force later this year. A Lake Vegetation Mgmt Plan will be put together by Barr Engineering for 2023.</p> <p>A 2<sup>nd</sup> shoreline treatment will happen early July for those homeowners who requested it as well as the beach area. Please pay your membership if you are doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment and have not yet paid.</p> |
| b. | <b>Spring clean-up recap</b>   | A huge thank you to Mark and Sharyn Long for coordinating the one-day effort, as weather was not very cooperative for it. Thank you also to everyone who took the time to get out and help clean up the lake shore!  |
| c. | <b>Filling open board positions</b>                                  | SLIA is looking for volunteers for 3 board positions, Secretary, and Member at Large (2). There is minimal time commitment, we are down to 4 current members, and we would really appreciate help, please contact any board member if you are interested! We meet bi-monthly, on the first Monday of the month. You do not need to live on the lake to be on the board. Any community member is welcomed!!   |
| d. | <b>Upcoming events: Splash, Fall Roundup, Fall Fundraiser, Other</b> | <p>There has been no notice of the Silver Lake Splash this year. SLIA would love to have a float in the Fall Roundup Parade, if interested please contact Joyce.</p> <p>SLIA is looking at a possible Wine Tasting Fund Raiser, looking for a volunteer, if interested please contact any board member. A date we are looking is Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>   |

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| 6. | <b>Next Meeting</b> | August 1, 2022         |
| 7. | <b>Adjourn</b>      | Monday June 20, 8:35pm |