

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Location: NSP City Hall

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1. Attendance	In attendance: Chris Johnson, Becky Johnson, David Jungkunz, Galen Gould, Jess Gould, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Swan, Paul Nichol, John Muller, Amber White, Cheryl Ettlinger, Paul & Katie Kaaris - Lake Improvement Consulting.
2. Approve Agenda	Joyce motion, unanimous vote - yes.
3. Approve Previous Minutes (Dec. 4, 2023)	Joyce motion, unanimous yes.
4. Election of Board Members	
a) Board Members a. John Muller nominates Amber to the board. Galen seconds. Unanimous vote - yes. b. Paul Nichol nominates Paul Swan to the board. Galen seconds. Unanimous vote - yes.	
b) Presidential election a. John Muller nominates Amber for President. Galen seconds. Unanimous vote – yes.	
5. Reports	
a) President: Paul Nichol	Thanks to everyone who contributed to the fundraising! Additional thanks to the following community members for their assistance. VBWD: Rick Gelbmann; Cleanup: Sherry & Mark Long; Website: Jason Lehmer; Water Data: Mark Kotz; Fundraising: Ron Jungbauer This is Paul's final SLIA meeting as President. Resignation effective 2/6/2024.
b) VP/Membership: Joyce Germscheid	41 members (total, on and offshore) – up from 36 in 2022
c) Secretary: Jess Gould	No updates.
d) Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlinger	2023 financials included on PowerPoint. \$20,017.14 fundraising total, \$1,957.41 in member contributions. Ending balance \$17,489.81
e) Liaison Updates:	
i) City of NSP - Joyce Germscheid	Will attend upcoming meeting to thank fundraising sponsors.
ii) City of Maplewood - Paul Nichol	Paul will no longer serve as Maplewood liaison. This position is open.
iii) City of Oakdale - OPEN	This position is open.
iv) Valley Branch - Rick Gelbmann (absent)	No updates.

v) MN DNR - Joyce Germscheid	Sent in application, will follow up with clarification re: grant funds and permit restriction clarification.
vi) Ramsey Co. AIS Task Force - Rick Gelbmann (absent)	No updates.
6. Business Items	
a. 2023 Activities	
i. Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluoridone treatment efforts • Full lake association board • Spring and fall clean up. • Fall Roundup SLIA float. • Successful fundraising • Treatment completed Oct/Nov 2023
ii. Technical Partnership Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Branch Watershed District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AIS boat inspections continued • City of North St Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Communications, funding, and support ○ Special thanks to Kari E. • City of Maplewood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding • Barr Engineering + Lake Improvement Consulting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Silver Lake treatment planning and consultation ○ Lake Treatment partners • MN DNR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permits and grants.
b. Lake Treatment 2023	<p>Goal: Increase native plants & reduce invasive species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Jan 2023 DNR approved the offshore Invasive weed treatment permit as well as the individual shoreline permits for homeowners who signed up. ○ Early spring lake delineation noted most of the lake was infested with the milfoil. There was no curly leaf pondweed found this year. I need to get data from Katie. ○ Lake Improvement Consultants (LIC) completed shoreline treatments. ○ LIC treated the entire lake with Fluoridone. ○ It appears that those treatments were very effective on the hybrid milfoil. ○ Native plants doing very well with consistent yearly targeted offshore treatments.
c. Update on Fluoridone Treatment	Fluoridone treatment of hybrid milfoil

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DNR accepted permit; have not received 2023 grant funds. ○ 2023 Oct and November completed and paid for <p>When do we know results?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently acting on photosynthesis, will see results within 1 year. ○ Rough estimate is \$15,000+ over 2 years. ○ Continue ‘bump’ treatment in early Spring 2024 ○ Per most recent water treatment, results meet IBI criteria, at one point was on impaired water list, no longer on that list (positive outcome)
<p>d. 2024 Lakeshore Owner Actions</p>	<p>TBD - we don't think we can do this in parallel with the Fluridone treatment. Joyce is in contact with DNR to receive clarification.</p>
<p>7. Open Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Boat launch – Maplewood; big gap on ramp – Galen and Chris will look into options. b) Updates on 120 plans for road improvements? Oakdale – Maplewood project? Look into who to talk to re: walking path and lake maintenance. c) Joyce: Recognition of out-going president presented plaque. d) Does DNR stock fish in Silver Lake? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fish have been stocked in the past, unsure about 2024, will follow up.
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 7:29PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting: April 1, 2024 @ 6:30PM – Agenda + location will be emailed to members in late March.