



*Silver Lake Association (SLA)*

MEETING TYPE: Regular

MINUTES TYPE: **Approved Summary**

### **September Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 14, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:54 AM

**Location:** The Club at Silver Lake

#### **I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Emmerson, President and led the Pledge to the Flag

#### **II. Meeting Attendance**

Roll Call

Voting Directors/acting Alt. Dir./Exec. Comm. – 23

Others – 34

**Total in attendance – 57**

#### **III. Guest Speakers –**

##### **1. Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Welcome and thanks to guests for coming. We are a family dedicated to assisting with the development of the lake.

##### **2. Silver Serpent Triathlon – Bert Gallmon**

- 163 competitors in the first Silver Serpent triathlon. 25 local folks rest out of state or Canada
- 75 volunteers
- \$600 donated to Wyo. Co. Community Action Program for snacks for kids
- Next year try to do food donation and money
- Feedback was positive from the race with a few minor fixes for next year's race
- Current registrations are ahead of last year's pace
- Working to improve communication and alerts for next year as some did not know race was happening
- Water temperature was 64 degrees day of race
- Next race scheduled for May 31st 2020
- Thanks to sponsors (about 12 race sponsors total)
- Survey at end of race 40 responses total and 30 out of 40 stayed in town and ate or visited local restaurants or vacationed around the lake and some responded saying they will come back
- Musselman in Geneva was taken over by Ironman so hope is to attract some participants next year because people like local races
- Capped at 200 competitors total



- Tonawanda PD to do diver day about 2 weeks before race next year in the area of the race to assist with water cleanliness
- Things to improve next year include: dedicated spectator areas for people to know where they can see the route go along, better communication, and marking the routes (rain).
- Biggest complaint is timing of the weekend but it will not change because of the presence of seaweed and to not compete with any other races in the area

### 3. **Silver Lake Marine – Quinn Bellamy**

- Celebrating 40th anniversary this year
- used to be owned and operated by Don Smith - Don Smith Marine was first retail location for sales and service
- in 1970s the marina was purchased from Don Smith and in 1979 was purchased by Jim and Jane Bellamy about 20 years ago 1998 Quinn took over and formed partnership with his parents
- In 2015 Jim and Jane retired from marina and Quinn became sole owner
- Serve the Silver Lake customer base and also have grown to serve WNY and all of state of NY with occasional boats sent to California and even Europe
- The house has been bulldozed on West Lake Rd and this will serve for expanded parking area
- Showroom was built 20 years ago this next big project is parking area and eventually to relocate service department to another area on the property
- Currently employ 18 full time employees (sales service parts accessories, yard and labor, office management)
- Employees on average 18-20 years
- Offer all services from winterization, storage (store 300-350 boats per year in indoor facilities), outdoor storage in secure storage area, shrink wrapping with all shrink wrap being recycled
- Skylar Gross is GM and in charge of “waterfront beautification” - floating planting boxes inspired with instructions from Epcot
- Dock space for 90 dock slips with slip holders being allowed SLA membership and actively promoted
- Sell and service boats five main brands Moomba (tournament capable water sport boats), Crownline (family runabout and cruiser), Crest (pontoons new to SLM but have been around 1950), Crestliner (aluminum fishing boats), and Premier Pontoons (have carried for about 17-18 years)
- Deliver approx. 120-150 boats/motors/trailers annually
- Thousands of work orders in service department every year
- Largest indoor showroom in the Finger Lakes (even though we aren't a Finger Lake)
- Largest Crestliner Dealer in the Northeast United States Region for 2018
- Aluminum docks, waterfront systems, RGC aluminum boat lifts
- Pontoon rentals and stand up paddle board rentals
- Member of SLA since before it was the SLA, SL Cottage Owners Association before SLA
- [www.silverlakemarine.com](http://www.silverlakemarine.com)



4. **The Club at Silver Lake – Joe Rivellino/Pelligrino Caruso**

- Joe (Owner) and Rino - Rino is GM at the Club At Silver Lake
- From Olean and served in air force for 21 years and moved up here to work for Joe and to contribute to the area and improve the lake
- Club will be open all winter - closed on certain days (Sun-Tues) but will be open for service Wednesday-Saturday
- Comedy Show October 5th

5. **Silver Lake Experience – Sharon Pratt**

- Several years ago her neighborhood was discussing Silver Lake history and the group started to showcase the lake and its history
- Before each event a booklet is made up for schedules of classes and events for the weekend and the goal is to bring awareness to the lake
- Statement from Kathy Schafer :
  - This past August the SLI and Asbury retreat center implemented their third silver lake experience. we had another successful event with approx. 270 people participating overall. We had 112 workshops plus 3 pre-concert desserts and four concerts people experienced wonderful food demonstrations, watercolor classes, American Theater, food tours, boat tours, cottage tours, boathouse tours and east hill creamery. Perry Library art gallery, Perry Underground Railroad. Lots of requests to do it again. Several asked for the project to happen every year. We welcome suggestions for additional workshops with more hands on activities. Sue Russell Asbury Camp and Kathy from SLI. Our next Silver Lake Experience is Aug 5-7 2021.
- Hope to see everyone there next time!

6. **Perry Public Works – Marlos Norman**

- Gatekeeper of the dam for Silver Lake to control water level
- Has been in the position for about a year has worked for village for four years
- checks numerous levels around the lake regularly
- 98” on the Federal Street gauge is the maximum amount of water that can be held in the lake to try to help with low water complaints from last summer
- Some resident complaints about the maximum 95” normal rate, 98” maximum try to prevent it from going below 88” in summer. 82” in winter is where to go to
- Finding common ground is the goal and the idea may be to raise it up a little bit
- Proper time to lower the lake - some residents think mid-October is too soon, some too late
- He is out there for the town/village lake property - main concern is to make sure we don't flood and drinking water
- Biggest difficulty is keeping everyone happy and meeting them halfway
- In the future try to relay concerns to Mark and he can contact Marlos
- Lower lake level to prevent ice damage and danger
- Use winter newsletter to relay news about the gate



- Aerator in the outlet is still down and not working and will not be able to be put back in this season
- Unable to obtain information about draw off from the lake in terms of what Mount Morris is drawing, etc.

#### 7. Village of Perry Administrator – Matt Jensen

- Village of Perry Public Beach project bids are coming in
- Construction budget was just under \$600,000 some bids just for general construction in the million dollar range
- Resubmitted electrical bid as the only bid was 5x the cost of electric budget
- Reviewing options with the board this Monday
- Recommendation will be to proceed and to take short term bond out on the difference of the cost to keep integrity of the project going with construction beginning early November
- Foundation and ground work before winter
- Estimated completion date is still before Memorial day next year
- Fundraisers are not to make up differences in bids but to complement and add ons for the projects such as docks, etc.
- Second project is million dollar grant secured for Silver Lake trail for along the outlet and down to main street
- Early stages of that - consultant hired to begin design and draft of what is possible
- Construction of that to begin within the next 18 months
- \$500k grant for lead service remediation for connection of water services used to have lead coupler so grant is secured to change out the connections
- ID'ing and contacting homeowners to find out who is affected and if it needs to be replaced
- Replacement is not at the cost of the property owners that is what the grant is for
- Several streets in the village including Euclid and Hope being looked at for resurfacing projects
- Village runs on 5 million dollar budget, street projects can run 500k-1 million because have to do water and sewer
- DPW website tab shows projects on how streets are prioritized
- Standpipe Road is trying to figure out drainage around it before being repaved

#### 8. Watershed Commission – Stan Klein

- Deputy Supervisor Town of Castile for 27 years and Chairmen of the Watershed Commission
- Dredging has been wanted for 30-40 years and current line of thinking to engage with county and gain support from state level and army corps of engineers to assist with lake dredging project
- Dredging situation is currently being run by the county to engage the state - no set timeline
- Town Board has been in budgeting process for 2020 and 2020 budget to stay under 2% cap for town of Castile so no tax assessment increase
- Assessment on Agriculture in the last year has doubled
- Municipal water project in southeast corner of the lake is dead due to being cost prohibitive and lack of support from local homeowners - engineers and architects were hired and less than 50% responded yes to wanting water



- Was not looked into for gas with water install at the same time
- No resolution for garbage issue on West Side of lake and cleaning up pick-up sites and pick-up days
- Monday is pick-up day but it is tough to watch piles build up over the week - looking into Waste Management doing door pickup during busy season
- Corn harvest season so beware of tractor traffic and slower moving farm vehicles
- Sunflowers planted along West Lake road this summer for his granddaughters to run a flower stand and now pumpkin stand

9. **Perry Main Street Association (PMSA) – Rachel Richter**

- Olive and Ink and Chair of PMSA
- PMSA and Arts Council for Wyo Co
- Pieces of Perry “En Plein Air” Art Festival for Silver Lake trail
- For 2 years Artists were located on Silver Lake outlet
- 2 years on Silver Lake shoreline and Institute
- This year is first year on the lake at the SLI
- 9/21 8:30 registration 9 am artists arrive and artists will paint within boundaries of the institute with the idea for artists to paint the lake, cottages, and historical landmarks
- Artists can donate artwork to silent art auction social on Sunday 9/22 at the Hole in the Wall from 2:30-5:00
- Proceeds from art auction to benefit silver lake trail
- interested artists are welcome to register day of event or contact Jacquie Billings
- Quaint Cottages of Silver Lake posters and stationary is being sold by PMSA to fundraise for Perry Public Beach Renovation Project to work on extra enhancements not included in first round of improvements
  - can be ordered online or at Silver Lake Brewery through end of October
  - PMSA has public meeting in October [www.iloveperry.com](http://www.iloveperry.com) for information on PMSA and meetings, volunteer opportunities, event information, etc.

10. **Perry Rotary – Mike Bellamy**

- Perry Rotary kicked in the first 100k to get the beach rolling and snowballed the funding for the beach project
- Rotary donated the property to the village about 70 years ago
- need to raise 30k dollars for dock along
- This year’s Rotary Show will be dedicated to Silver Lake, titled “Silver Lake Beach Party”
- Tickets are 8\$, 10\$ at the door at the HS auditorium on November 11th and 12th
- Perry Rotary does a lot of fundraising for the Lake

**Short Break – Begin Business SLA meeting**



IV. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes: Randy S.  
Second: Frank B.  
Approved: 23 Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried

V. **Approval of August Financial Report**

Motion to accept report: Barb P.  
Second: Jim M.  
Approved: 23 Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried

VI. **Presidents Report**

End of season Thank You

VII. **Committee Reports**

**Water Quality**

- Multiple partners
- NYHABS - mark it in browser and visit site regularly
  - reports at state boat launch of algae blooms
  - Helen H. cottage - GPS coordinates on photo and sample was attributed to the middle of the lake
  - Not aware of any harmful algae blooms in this lake this summer
- Diver Day 2020 5/17/20
- CLEAN @ Silver Lake operational
- Kelly P. hosted Labrador retriever Dia uses her sense of smell to find Scotch Broom an invasive plant species
- Can be found in Letchworth and this dog can smell it and then it gets removed
- 2019 Watershed Planting Project at the state park in the area across the driveway sign will be posted
  - approved 2019 erosion control planting site
  - need help for the day of planting Thurs 10/10/19 with planting Fri 10/11/19
  - Sign-up sheet to be passed around, volunteers are needed
  - restrooms on site
  - 2019 Watershed planting project 275 plants to be planted at state launch, post hole digger present, soil there, tools needed include 5 gallon buckets, shovels, gloves, lunch provided at the end of the day
  - PCHS, SLA and CLEAN partnership - measuring all over the lake with 5 zones with water clarity improving
- Ekman grab and Nutrient analyzer - new sample just Wed 9-11; awaiting results



- 2 hours to pull them 4 hours to sample them
- Dedicated Research and Teaching vessel
  - Special thanks to Mike B., Bonnie and Frank B., Joe C., Ron N., Tom P.
  - 20 on lake trips with 80 PHS students
- Need has outstripped owner time, timing, and availability
- Two boat options best option for \$12,730 from SLM
  - CLEAN To donate \$2500
  - Lauren Combo Foundation \$2500
- Post purchase plan is school will do all maintenance and further costs
- Total committed funds \$7500
- Boat shortfall \$5230 to fundraise
- Presenting to Rotary on Nov 7th
- Vote for \$2500 for SLA to donate to help buy boat
  
- **Motion to accept \$2500 from SLA share for boat**
  - **Motion to Accept Joe C.**
  - **Second Ron N.**
  - **Aye:23 Nay: Zero**
  - **Motion Carried**
  
- Tentative North End Dredging Project
- Outlet and north end of lake
- 12 areas to test sediment samples
- tentative approval from army corps and DEC
- Wyoming County has already Industrial Development Agency 15,000 for testing
- Village spent 32,000 for 10 samples in 2017
- 12 north end samples estimated to be 40k-50k just to pull samples
- project in total is about 1 million dollars but without samples can't do anything
- Recommendation to contribute up to 20% towards the North End sampling and testing costs, SLA contribution NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000
- Must have buy in from Town of Perry, Village of Perry, Castile, SLWSC, et. al. 40k in bank account for SLWSC
- Letter will be written that if they do not commit to chipping in costs we will not participate



- **Motion to accept up to \$10,000 for sediment testing**
- **Motion to accept Ron N.**
- **Second: Ruth L.**
- **Aye: 23 Nay: Zero**
- **Motion Carried**

c. **Membership Drive**

2019 memberships 475 (up from 466 in 2018)

9 new memberships in 2019 were from SLM Dock renters

Total of 19 new members, 23 new resident members, and 16 lost members

Sold 2592 flares (please turn in outstanding flares there are 77 outstanding)

VI. Old Business

- a. **Facebook/website:** Facebook is up to 1133 follower
- b. **Merchandise:** still available from [customcasuals.com/silverlake](http://customcasuals.com/silverlake)
- c. **SLA Plaques and stickers:** new membership plaques and year stickers from local merchant Southpawz Signs - they are available if needed
- d. **F.O.L.A. registration:** Meeting is 10/19 please contact FOLA ASAP if you want to attend

VII. New Business

- a. Remembering Bill Harrington passed away at 96 years old longtime SLA member, Tract Director and ATD with Ruth L., started in 1991 all the way to 2009 was on Water Quality Committee
- b. Winter Newsletter - will include HOD nomination form and boat parade registration form - newsletter will be sent out after the 1st of the year

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Joe C.
- Second: Jim M.
- Ayes:23, Nays: 0; Motion Carried
- Meeting adjourned 11:54 AM
- Next Meeting October 12, 2019; Location: The Club at Silver Lake Restaurant