



Song Lake Property Owners Association est. 1956

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“Watching out for our lake and bringing the community together.”

Song Lake Property Owners

Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday August 24, 2024

9:30 a.m. Mark Lodge, Girl Scout Camp

Present:

<u>Officers (2 year term)**</u>	<u>Board members (3 year term)</u>	<u>Other – on sign in sheet</u>
Tom Abrams (Pres) (2025/2026)	Carol Levine (2025)	
Tarki Heath (VP) (2025/2026)	Linda Metz (2025)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2025/2025)	Diane Moreland (2024)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2025/2025)		

**** First year - Officer term; second year - Board member term.**

Absent:

	Scott Collier (2024)	
	Tom Santurri (2024)	
	Steve Soos (2026)	
	Tony Goddard (former Pres.)	

1. Meeting called to order at 9:50 a.m. - Welcome - Tom Abrams
2. **30 members were in attendance (22 families)** - quorum was established (quorum - minimum of 15 household members).
3. **Approval August 26, 2023 Annual meeting minutes** - Mónica Abrams
- Motion brought to approve last year's minutes, Tarki Heath brought motion, Rhea Jezer seconded it. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Martha Quinn
Please see Attached PP presentation

5. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Mónica A. and Tarki H.
 - **2024** - 3 Board member positions are up for election
 - Scott Collier
 - Tom Santurri
 - Diane Moreland
 - Tom A. sent an email to Association informing the membership about the open positions.
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane M.
 - US flags - Purchased and distributed flags for 4th of July, thank you Tom S. and family. For next year important to purchase flags with longer poles so the flags do not touch the ground when placed.
 - Coordinated 4th of July social morning gathering – Everyone had a really fun time
 - Coordinated 4th of July boat parade and prizes - Great participation.
- c. *Watershed and Environment* - Marjie Grillo
 - Please see attached PP presentation.
 - Walleye stocking for 2024/2025 (Permitted by DEC) - Motion to fund the restocking of walleye. Motion by Rhea J., seconded by Carol Levine. Motion approved unanimously.

6. COFOKLA Update - Tarki H.

- Please see attached PP presentation.

7. Legal - Tom A.

- No updates

8. Board review and elections - Tom A.

Current board:

a. Officers - 2 years

President – Tom Abrams (replaced Tony Goddard 2024)

Vice President – Tarki L. Heath

Treasurer - Martha Quinn

Secretary – Mónica Abrams (replaced Kim Cameron 2024)

BOD (Board of Directors) - 3 Years

Tom Santurri (2024)

Diane Moreland (2024)

Carol Levine (2025)

Steve Soos (2026)

Linda Metz (2025)

Scott Collier (2024)

- b. Introduction of new or renewing Board candidates and opened floor for discussion - each candidate gave a brief overview of themselves
 - Scott Collier (2027)
 - Tom Santurri (2027)
 - Jeff Merrill (2027)
- c. Rhea Jezer made a motion to accept the slate of board members. Seconded by Martha Quinn. Slate approved unanimously

- d. Congratulations to Jeff Merrill for his election to the board and thank you to Tom Santurri and Scott Collier for agreeing to continue serving on the board. A huge thank you to Diane Moreland for her many years of service in various roles in the Association.

9. Other

- a) Linda M. - mentioned speeding on Song Lake Road is still an issue. Best to avoid walking between 7:30 - 8:30 am. Call, complain to or email the Cortland County Sheriff

Contact information below for complaints about speeding on Song Lake Road.

1. County Sheriff (Mark Helms) - 607.758.5599; option 0 for complaints (location, date and time); Mhelms@cortlandcountyny.gov
2. County Legislature (Kevin Fitch) - Kfitch@cortlandcountyny.gov

- b) There were some comments about STR rentals but it was pointed out that the Association does not have any control over that issue.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attachments:

- Presentation materials (PowerPoint)

Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams

Song Lake Annual Association Meeting August 24, 2024



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Count for quorum
- Approval of 8/26/23 meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee updates
 - Nomination
 - Recreation
 - Watershed and Environment
- C- OFOKLA Update
- Legal – No updates
- Board review and elections
- Other business and open discussion
- Adjourn



Treasure's Report

Song Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting Treasurers Report - August 24, 2024

REPORT:

General Fund:

Carried over from August 27, 2023

Membership Fund

includes membership dues, water quality & tent donations \$13,796.02

Designated Fish Fund \$1,935.69

\$15,731.71

Deposits:

Membership Dues = \$2,040

Weed Management= 28,226.54

Solitude Refund Check \$2,341.50

Total Inflow: 32,608.04

Expenditures:

Annual Meeting Supplies \$85.84

COFOKLA Annual Dues \$200.00

US Postal Service- PO Box \$84.00

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation- Permit \$110.00

SLPOA Meeting Signs \$246.24

Go Daddy domain renewal \$90.68

CSLAP & NYSFOLA dues \$595.00

Little Bear- Procella COR application fee \$710.00

Little Bear- Procella COR Treatment 1st payment \$25,000.00

Little Bear- Proceela COR Treatment final payment \$8,693.53

Total Outflow: \$35,815.29

Account Balance as of 7/31/2024 \$12,524.46

Last Bank Balance - July 31, 2024 \$12,524.46



- 29 new or renewing members to date for 2024/2025
- Can use everyone's help to encourage membership

Recreation Committee

- Purchased and distributed American flags
- Coordinated morning 4th of July social gathering
- Coordinated boat parade and participant gifts



Watershed and Environment Committee

Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)

NYS Federation of Lake Associations under contract, and coordinated with NYSDEC.

- Trained Volunteers include Carl Grillo Tom Abrams, Cathy and Jeff Merrill, Tarki Heath, Terry and Donna Evans-Orr
- Support from Dave Barber for boat access and Marjie Grillo for online data input.

2023 Report – Summary

- No dramatic changes in water quality over the past two years, however reductions in both nitrogen and phosphorus have been documented over the past decade with substantial reductions in nitrogen.
- Phosphorus continues to be a concern for our lake although reduced, there are times when it “spikes”.

Potential sources include:

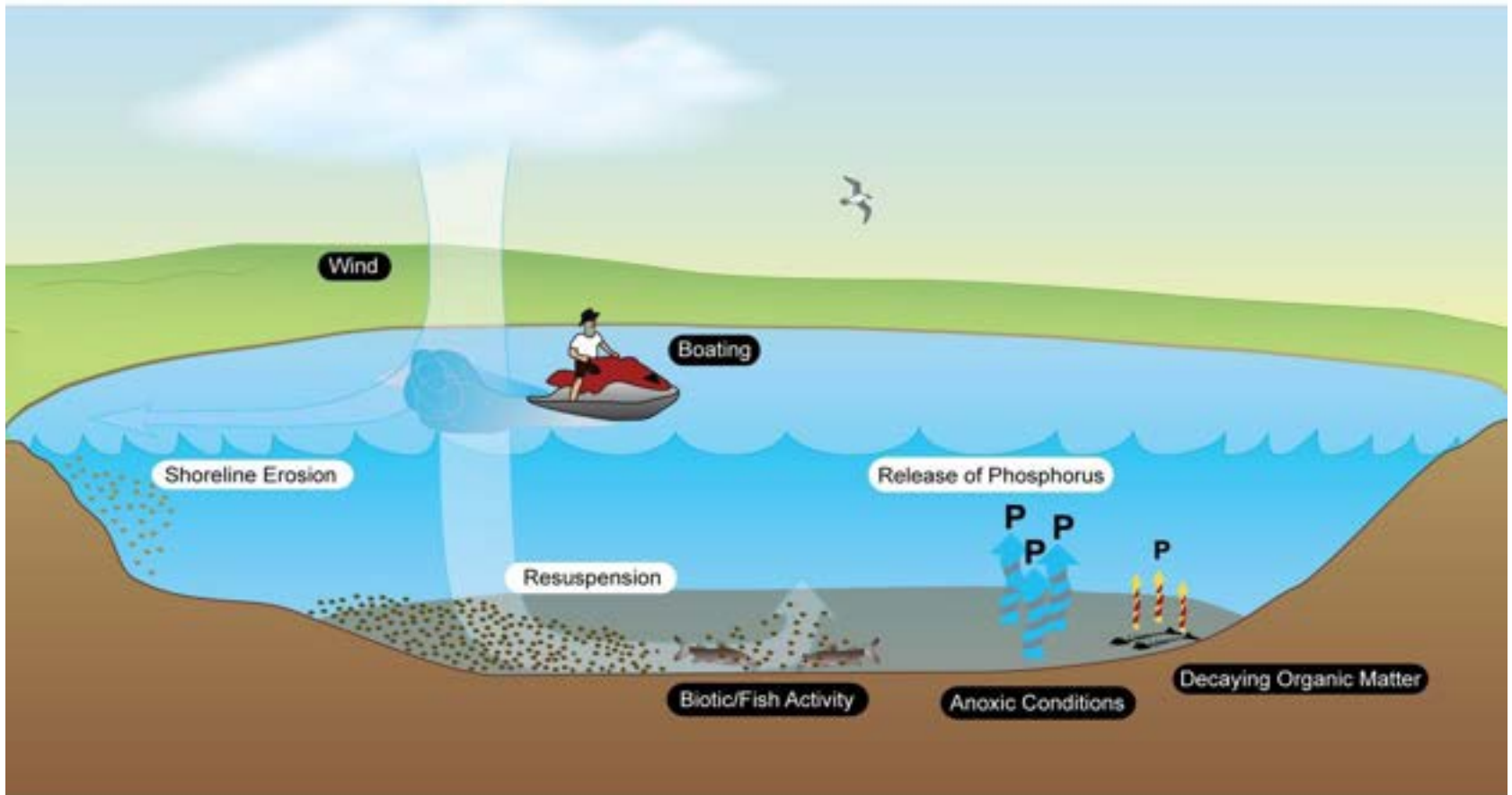
- Resuspension of phosphorus from the sediments (internal loading), especially when disturbed by storms and/or motorboats.
- Septic systems that do not adequately remove phosphorus, are in disrepair or in need of pumping.
- Stormwater runoff from yards that do not have sufficient plants or drainage to absorb runoff.
- Overpopulations of geese, especially when overwintering.
- Ammonia is also an issue during times of low dissolved oxygen and high plant decomposition – seasonal.

Song Lake CSLAP reports can be found on our website at <https://songlakepoa.org/taking-care-of-our-lake/>

Watershed and Environment Committee

Internal Loading of Phosphorous

- Song is a closed lake, all the nutrients and sediments that come into the lake over the years stay there and build up.
- Phosphorus is a plant nutrient; it naturally binds with soil particles.
- When sediment is disturbed by storms or boat action the sediment and phosphorus move back into the water making it available again as a plant nutrient.



Watershed and Environment Committee

2024 CSLAP Field Observations (to date)

Weed activity post ProcellaCOR treatment

- No exotic, invasive milfoil in evidence.
- Plenty of good native habitat with pondweed, eel grass, native northern naiad, musk grass, white water crowfoot, elodea and lake cress.
- Still on the lookout for invasive brittle naiad.
- Harmful Algal Blooms
 - Once in June (shoreline) and a different, open water HAB in August
 - DEC NYHABS
<https://nysdec.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ae91142c812a4ab997ba739ed9723e6e>
- Bryozoans seen in several places along the shoreline north and west are indicators of good water quality
- Pairs of green heron and great blue herons as well as busy kingfishers – plenty of fish

Fish Stocking Committee

- Investigate Walleye stocking for 2024/2025
- See handout

HABs from Song Lake

North shore – September 2009



North Cove - June 2024



South of Island at Testing Buoy – August 2024



Bryozoan from
N. Cove
– Collected by
Tom Abrams

All Photos by
Tarki Heath

Kettle Lakes Association

- SUNY ESF Limnology – Sept 7th
- CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference – September 13th
- Kettle Lakes Mural Project and Stormwater Management - See handout
- Road Sign for the Kettle Lakes – Sponsored by the Shaw Family



Also known as Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations (COFOKLA)

NYSFOLA 4th Annual CNY Regional Conference



Practical Tools for Protecting our Lakes: Challenges & Choices

September 13, 2024
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Speakers

Lake Friendly Habitat	Janet Allen <i>President and Co-Founder, Wild Ones Chapter Habitat Gardening in CNY</i>
All Phosphorus is Not Created Equal - Bioavailability Informs Effective Water Quality Management	David Matthews <i>Technical Director & Senior Research Scientist, Upstate Freshwater Institute</i>
iMapInvasives and PRISM - Tools to Verify and Track Invasives	Mitchell O'Neil (iMapInvasives) Sam Beck (Finger Lakes PRISM)
HAB Workshop - How to identify a HAB Under the Microscope. Bring a water sample and let's examine it live.	Dr. Greg Boyer <i>Professor Emeritus at SUNY ESF and Acting Director for the Great Lakes Research Consortium</i>
Re-Wilding our Landscapes for Water Quality Protection	John Jablonski III <i>Special Projects Coordinator and Former Executive Director for Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy</i>
Social Issues with Septic	Sharon Moran (Associate Professor) Mackenzie Gregg (MS Student) <i>SUNY ESF Environmental Studies</i>
Panel Discussion	Speakers and Additional Guests



The Stars Reception Hall at the Pavilion
Dwyer Memorial Park
6799 Little Park Road
Preble, NY



Board Review and Elections

Current Board

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- Vice President – Tarki L. Heath
- Treasurer - Martha Quinn
- Secretary – Monica Abrams (replaced Kim Cameron)

BOD - 3 Years

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- Diane Moreland (2024)
- Carol Levine (2025)
- Steve Soos (2026)
- Linda Metz (2025)
- Scott Collier (2024)

Proposed slate of new or renewing Board members for expiring terms

- Scott Collier (2027)
- Tom Santurri (2027)
- Jeff Merrill (2027) – replacement for Diane

Other Business and Open Discussion

Working Together to Keep Song Lake Beautiful



Thank You