



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 Association Board Meeting
Minutes**

January 5, 2026

5:36 p.m. Zoom video conference

Present:

<u>Officers (2 year term)**</u>	<u>Board members (3 year term)</u>	<u>Other</u>
Tom Abrams (Pres.) (2027/2026)	Linda Metz (2028)	Cathy Merrill
Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2026)	Carol Levine (2028)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec..) (2027/2028)	Scott Collier (2027)	
	Rachel Musiker (2026)	

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

Absent:

	Tom Santurri (2027)	

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Nine board members present
- 2. November 3, 2025** Board meeting minutes unanimously approved
- 3. Treasurer’s Report - Martha and Tom A.**
 - a. Account balance as of November 2025 - \$14,451.48
 - b. Martha sent Board approved donation of \$200 to Girl Scouts for use of boat launch in spring and fall (2025)
 - c. Tarki was reimbursed for the printing of the note cards that are used for the welcome packages for new lake residents

- d. 2025/26 Membership fees and donations – no change
- e. A lake member was reimbursed \$25 for the septic work

4. Website - Jeff

- a. Hydrogeology of Tully report by Bill Kappel – Jeff posted
- b. Agenda for this meeting (1/3/26) - posted.
- c. Jeff to post
 - link to Kettle Lakes site – see ESF students’ poster presentation on Song lake and other lakes
 - mural unveiling at Tully Free Library
 - some traffic ~ 93 hits in the last few days

5. Facebook – Scott C.

- a. Old site deleted
- b. People have to answer questions to be granted access to new site – some people still not doing this!
- c. Tom email to members – send pictures related to Song Lake to post on Facebook and please answer questions to be granted access to Song Lake’s Facebook.

6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
 - i. Social gathering in January
 - Looked at Mountain View and Heuga’s (Cathy and Mónica)

20 People	Mountain View	Heuga’s	Heuga’s *
Drinks	\$100 (\$5 each)	\$200 (\$10 each)	\$160 (\$8 each)
Pizza (4)	\$60		
Wings (75)	\$105		
Charcuterie Board		\$150	\$150
Total	\$265	\$350	\$310

30 People	Mountain View	Heuga’s	Heuga’s *
Drinks	\$150 (\$5 each)	\$300 (\$10 each)	\$240 (\$8 each)
Pizza (5)	\$75		
Wings (100)	\$140		
Charcuterie Board		\$150	\$150
Total	\$365	\$450	\$390

*Drinks limited to draft beer, wine or soda

- Decided to host at Mountain View in January (motion – Monica, Carol seconded – unanimously passed) and Heuga’s in late summer/early fall so can enjoy the outdoor patio and will have more space.
 - Date – Saturday 1/31/26 at Mountain View (4pm ~ 6pm). Members are encouraged to stay longer if they’d like to 😊
 - Association will provide one complimentary drink ticket per family member
 - Association will provide pizza and wings
 - Will need members to RSVP so can have a good estimate for ordering the food – Tom send email to members
- ii. Mid-winter potluck at Carol L.’s house on **Sunday March 8 – 2:00pm**. Tom to include in email,
 - iii. Children are welcome to both events
 - iv. Include in email - If you are not an Association member yet, please join! We will have forms available at the events for your convenience.
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others
- i. ESF Post Sessions – Presentations were good. Did not have a session. Jeff will post link to Kettle Lakes on website – members will be able to view posters
 - ii. Mural unveiling at Tully Free Library on 11/22 – the Mural is beautiful (6x4), there was a good amount of people present. Planning to do activities with schools and watershed groups. There will be a video made of the unveiling. Mural magnets are available for sale – Tarki will get information of how to get.
 - iii. Milfoil - Sent email to Nicole on 12/20 authorizing proceeding with permitting (received Board approval for \$500 as per email request on 12/16 and summary of responses email on 12/20) and requesting information on additional costs and scheduling a call with Nicole and Sea Pro. Follow-up email sent 1/5. Lake residents will get notifications. Treatment would be limited only if warranted.
 - iv. CSLAP – 8 field measurement events but only 4 of those will include collection of analytical sampling. Watershed meeting this Saturday

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

- a. Replacement lake level gauge received

8. Other

- a. Wind turbine updates
 - i. Kettle Lakes Board put out a position paper (posted on their website) – Based on current available information (limited as these would be newer much larger turbines).
 - ii. Jeff will put link to it on Association website.
 - iii. Will be shared with the Preble Town Board
 - iv. Even if a turbine is not put directly on Song Mountain, there would still be potential impact on our pastoral views, birds, etc.
- b. Welcome packages – Monica purchased supplies and 5 Tully Market gift certificates and Tarki took care of note card printing.

- c. PRISM Hemlock Woolly Adelgid updates –
 - i. Monday February 16 training at Highland Forest
 - ii. Tarki will send information for posting to Jeff (website) and Scott (Facebook)
- d. Lake merchandise – No progress
- e. Ornaments/magnets
 - i. Holding 2 magnets for Jakob, one ornament for Melynda W., and 2 magnets for Jeff Mc.. Four ornaments and 2 magnets left. Tom will include note on availability in email. Suggestion made on possibly including as an Annual meeting raffle item.
- f. Banner for SLPOA – it may be a good idea to have a small banner we can display when we have events (social gatherings, Annual meeting, etc.). Mónica will look into it, will contact local company and others for pricing.

9. Action Items

a. Tom A.

1. Follow-up with Elizabeth on Song Lake merchandise. Look into hat, t-shirt, hoodie sweatshirt and mugs. See if song bird can be included. SLPOA typically doesn't do this to make money – it is a service to members and just try to break even
2. Email Association with information to include Facebook access and use, social gatherings at Mountain View (Need to RSVP) 1/31/26 and Carol L's house 3/8/26, PRISM training and milfoil status.
3. Follow-up with Nicole on milfoil permitting and email questions.

b. Jeff

1. Website link to Kettle Lakes site – ESF students' posters and paper on wind turbines

a) Tarki

1. Find out information on how to purchase mural magnets
2. Send information to Scott and Jeff regarding PRISM for posting
3. Try Facebook again – any issues please report to Scott

- b) **Mónica** - Welcome package needed for Steve Soos' house (John Bubb and Ann McGowan - 7528 Song Lake Road). Will also need to prepare one for buyers of McMasters house as they anticipate moving in December (John and Darcy Cavalline; 1910 Rittenhouse Square).

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Next Meeting – Monday 3/2/2026

[Join Zoom Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82030999704)

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Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

Future meeting dates –

- 3/2/26
- 5/4/26
- 6/1/26
- **June Annual Meeting** (TBD)
- 7/6/26
- 8/3/26
- 9/14/26 (slide 1 week because of Labor Day; need to end at 6:30 to avoid conflict with Town Board meeting).
- 11/2/26 (last meeting for 2026).

Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams