



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**

November 3, 2025

5:30 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)	Scott Collier (2027)	
Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2026)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Rachel Musiker (2026)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2027/2028)	Carol Levine (2028)	
	Tom Santurri (2027)	

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

Absent:

	Linda Metz (2028)	Cathy Merrill

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Nine members present.
- 2. September 8, 2025** Board meeting minutes approved with one change – Scott C. was unable to participate in the meeting. (Tarki H. motion, Tom A. second – unanimously approved).
- 3. Treasurer’s Report - Martha and Tom A.**

**Song Lake Property Owners Association
Treasurers Report - November 3, 2025**

REPORT:

General Fund:

Carried over from 9/8/2025	
Membership Fund	
includes membership dues, water quality & tent donations	\$13,858.58
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Deposits:

Membership Dues, Weed Management	\$408.95
Total Inflow:	408.95

Expenditures:

Total Outflow:	\$0.00
Account Balance as of 9/8/2025	<u>\$14,267.53</u>

Last Bank Balance - September 30, 2025	\$13,953.58
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- a. 2025/26 Membership fees and donations
 - i. Renewals – Plus 2; 49 (counting lifetime honorary members)
 - ii. Donations - No change; \$1,155 (20 donations) (vs \$1,625 last year; 20 donations).
 - iii. Jeff sent individual email reminders to 9 – 10 members
- b. Board approved donation of \$200 to Girl Scouts for use of boat launch in spring and fall.

4. Website - Jeff

- a. Draft September meeting minutes posted
- b. Regional conference recap posted.
- c. Continued to post lake data (i.e., DO, temp and water level).
- d. Jeff to post mural unveiling information at Tully library.

5. Facebook – Scott C.

- a. Old site deleted. Hopefully this will help with posting issues on new site.
- b. Need to answer questions to be granted access to new site.
- c. Tom to post Kettle Lakes photo contest information.

6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
 - i. Nothing to report; all set.

b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane

- i. Social at Carol L.'s house on **Sunday February 15.**
- ii. Social gathering in January
 - Provide one drink ticket
 - Huega's (closed now but should be opening in December) or Mountain View. Monica to look into options. Check on options for Wednesday, Thursday (Tarki typically tutors on Thursdays so may not be able to participate) or Saturday.

c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others

- i. ESF Post Sessions – Tentatively scheduled for 12/3 at 3 PM at ESF. Local Kettle Lakes session tentatively scheduled for 12/5 at 10 am; location TBD.
- ii. Mural unveiling at Tully Library at 10:30 on 11/22. Mural magnets will be available.

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

- a. Jeff removed both shoal markers and sampling buoy. Jeff is donating cost of letters (\$28) to replace buoy labels.
- b. Jeff will remove water level gauge later in season so he can continue collecting data as long as possible.
- c. Remove shoal buoys – after boat haul day

8. Other

- a) 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).
- b) Boat removal – Done on 10/9/25. Had 9 scheduled but Pete Thorman pulled out 2 of his removals a couple of days before. 5 of 7 removals donated \$20 (Doby, Merrill, Abrams, Barber and Grillo paid). Went smoothly even with docks still in (normally removed later in October). Rob Rutter no longer the camp ranger. Jakob Allwood (jakob.allwood@gsnypenn.org) has replaced him. Super nice guy. He is looking to open the camp more to the community. Tom helped him remove swim area lines prior to boat removals. Jake manages several camps. Dave Barry still onsite person. Tom S. will send \$40 check to SLPOA for donation.
- c) Wind turbine letter
 - i. Southern Hills letter sent via email to members to see if any objections to SLPOA signing. 2 in support; 1 objection. Letter already sent to Palmer. Crooked Lake signed but Kettle Lakes did not sign; drafting a position paper instead.
 - ii. Tom submitted comments to Town on proposed new Wind Energy Conversion System ordinance (based on input from Terry Orr).
 - iii. Terry Orr working with Peter McClure on Town ordinance revisions.

- d) Need to purchase supplies and Tully Market gift certificates for welcome packages. Looking for Board approval on spending up to \$50. Board approved. Also approved Tarki ordering new note cards.
- e) PRISM - Kettle Lakes is already involved. Best to coordinate with them on training/participation. Coordinate with Tarki on information and distribute to membership.

Request for Partnership - FL PRISM Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Workshops



Williams, Laurel <LWILLIAMS@hws.edu>

To: Williams, Laurel

Cc: Martin, Lydia; Balman, Lindsey

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Tue 10/28/2025 11:49 AM

Greetings from the Finger Lakes PRISM!

We are reaching out to see if your organization would be interested in partnering with us for a hands-on workshop focused on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) and our HWA Survey Program. HWA poses a significant threat to the health and abundance of the Finger Lakes region's hemlock trees, and engaging volunteers to assist with detection and reporting of infestations strengthens our defense against further hemlock loss. We are launching our annual HWA Survey Program this December, where we have dedicated volunteers out in the field looking for HWA until the end of April!

In addition to the regular program training held at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, we will be having HWA workshops across the region with our partners. Led by members of our team in a natural area near your organization, the workshop would guide volunteers through identification of HWA, where to locate it, and how to report it. This event would serve as an opportunity to help protect hemlocks in your area, map the extent of local HWA infestations, or help bring volunteers/interest to your organization. We are currently looking at hosting workshops in December and January. If this sounds like an event you would be interested in hosting with us, please fill out our [HWA Survey Program Partner Interest Form](#). If you have another date in mind that isn't listed on the form, feel free to let us know; we are flexible!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,
Laurel

Laurel Williams (she/her)

Invasive Species Education and Outreach Program Manager

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- f) Song Lake merchandise

Hey Tom,

A while back I mentioned that I had created a Song Lake logo. I'm attaching it here.

I had the logo printed on a sweatshirt for my dad and was really happy with it, and that made me think that printing the logo on various items could be a great fundraising opportunity for the lake association: you could solicit orders, collect prepayment, then make a bulk order.

I usually use Vista Print; I like their quality and service. However, their base prices are a bit high.

For example, a budget T-shirt is about \$14.00 before tax (assuming you buy 5); a very nice quality sweatshirt is about \$33 before tax (again, assuming 5). Shipping is free for orders of \$100 or more, and the individual price of each piece goes down the more you buy.

To my mind, to make this a profitable enterprise for the association, you would need to charge at least \$20 for a T-shirt and \$50 for a sweatshirt; that would yield a profit of about \$6 per T-shirt and \$17 per sweatshirt. Perhaps not enough to be worth it? (Vista Print also does mugs, which I think are pretty affordable.)

Maybe you know of another company that could print for less? I'm only familiar with the quality of Vista Print, but there are many others out there.

In any case, I want you to have the logo. Let me know what you think!

Best,

Elizabeth



- Agreed this would be good idea. Tom to look into hat, t-shirt, hoodie sweatshirt and mugs. See if bird can be included. Possible Christmas gift idea.
- SLPOA typically doesn't do this to make money. A service to members and just try to break even

9. Action Items

- a. **Tom A.** - Follow-up with Elizabeth on Song Lake merchandise.
- b. **Martha** – Send \$200 donation check to Girl Scouts.
- c. **Jeff** –
 - i. Try for at least one more lake level reading before removing gauge. Remove before lake freezes.
 - ii. Post mural unveiling information on website.
 - iii. Update resident spreadsheet with new residents.
- d. **Monica** –
 - i. Reach out to Huega's on options for hosting a social get together.
 - ii. Purchase supplies and Tully Market gift certificates for welcome packages.
- e. **Tarki** –
 - i. Resend mural unveiling information for website posting.
 - ii. Check Facebook page access and follow-up with Scott if any issues. Post Kettle Lakes photo contest information on SLPOA Facebook page.
 - iii. Order note cards for welcome package

- iv. Forward Bill Kappel report on Song Lake to Jeff for website posting.
- v. Follow-up on local ESF poster session presentation.
- f. **Other** –

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

11. Next Meeting – Monday 1/5/2026

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82030999704>

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

Next meeting - Monday 1/5/26

Future meeting dates –

- 1/5/26
- 3/2/26
- 5/4/26
- 6/1/26
- 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