



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**

**March 2, 2026**

**5:30 p.m. Zoom video conference**

**Present:**

<b><u>Officers (2 year term)**</u></b>	<b><u>Board members (3 year term)</u></b>	<b><u>Other</u></b>
Tom Abrams (Pres.) (2027/2026)	Linda Metz (2028)	
Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2026)	Carol Levine (2028)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)		

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

**Absent:**

Mónica Abrams (Sec.) (2027/2028)	Tom Santurri (2027)	
	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
	Scott Collier (2027)	
	Rachel Musiker (2026)	

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Five board members present; no quorum.
- 2. January 5, 2026** Board meeting minutes not approved since we did not have quorum.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report - Martha and Tom A.**
  - Account balance as of March 2, 2026 - \$14,673.18
  - Renewals – Plus 6; 55 (counting lifetime honorary members); one of the highest number of members – great news!!

- c. 2 residents paid twice so applied their payments to 2026/27 (including \$165 in donations).

Song Lake Property Owners Association	
Treasurers Report - March 2, 2026	
<b>REPORT:</b>	
<b>General Fund:</b>	
Carried over from 11/3/2025	
Membership Fund	
includes membership dues, water quality & tent donations	\$14,267.53
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<b>Deposits:</b>	
Membership Dues, Weed Management-November (No deposits in December or January)	\$183.95
Membership Dues, Weed Management-February	\$749.02
<b>Total Inflow:</b>	932.97
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Girl Scouts of NYPenn	\$200.00
COFOKLA dues	\$200.00
Thomas Murray of Patrica O'Keefe-septic refund	\$25.00
Tarki Heath- SLPOA Notecard reimbursement	\$55.72
Tom or Monica Abrams-welcome bag reimbursement	\$46.60
<b>Total Outflow:</b>	<b>\$527.32</b>
	<b>Account Balance as of 3/2/26</b>
	<b>\$14,673.18</b>
	<b>Last Bank Balance - January 31, 2026</b>
	<b>\$13,970.76</b>

#### 4. Website - Jeff

- a. Jeff posted
- i. Agenda for this meeting (3/2/26)
  - ii. Mural unveiling at Tully Free Library

#### 5. Facebook – Scott C.

- a. Tarki is able to access and post.

#### 6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
  - i. Tom A., Tarki and Rachel board terms are up in 2026 - all have agreed to continue.
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
  - i. **Social hour at Mountain View** (January)
    - Great success - good food (pizza, wings and 1 drink ticket per family member) and good venue.
    - 26 attended; 4 no shows.
    - Cost was \$313.60 plus tip left by Tom and Jeff, and about \$30 for balloons, flowers and brownies.

ii. **Mid-winter potluck at Carol L.'s house on Sunday March 8 – 2:00pm.**

- Sixteen people have RSVP'd to date.
- Tom A. will bring cups leftover from Annual Meeting.
- Carol is all set.

c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others

- i. Milfoil - Nicole submitted wetland and pesticide permits and sent resident notifications. She discussed our situation with SeaPro. They suspect reappearance is likely attributable to seed bank and not a product issue. Next step is a survey in May (no charge) but looking for some input from us based on actual weed growth conditions. Doesn't see a need for genetic testing unless a lot of plants are observed. Treatment would be done in conjunction with Little York lake treatment.
- ii. County Tree and Shrub Sale - Discussed County tree and shrub sale, with Tarki sharing details about a previous sale they had organized. They considered offering plants to the community, but Tarki expressed uncertainty about current interest due to past experiences. Tom to include information in resident email to see if any interest.
- iii. DO (Dissolved Oxygen) meter – Purchase on hold for now as we may be provided one this year.
- iv. Harvester – Peter Tague requested that Association look into offering harvesting this year, as CCSWD can only contract with Associations. Tom contacted Brandon Aschmutat.

- Need adequate launch site (machine weighs 10,000 lbs). Peter offered his place but Brandon would need to check it out. Girl Scouts also offered their area.
- Two-person operation. One operates harvester and the other hauls weeds to dump sites.
- Brandon has some dump site possibilities but would prefer us to identify location.
- Harvesting done in July or August.
- Mobilization/demobilization - is about \$300 and operations would be about \$200 to \$250 per hour (still working with Amanda on pricing). Association would pay with reimbursement from residents that requested harvesting.
- Eight residents expressed interest.

Discussed payment logistics, with consensus that residents would need to pay upfront through the association, though there were concerns about cost estimates being accurate based on previous experiences for Tully Lake where actual costs exceeded initial projections. Tom also mentioned that Girl Scouts had expressed interest, potentially providing their own disposal area

- v. NYSFOLA conference will be held on May 8th and 9<sup>th</sup>. C-OFOKLA is offering to pay registration for two people from each member association.
- vi. CSLAP – 2025 report has not been issued yet.

**7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff**

- a. Jeff and Tom to coordinate install of gauge.
- b. Buoys and markers to be installed later in spring.

## 8. Other

- a. Annual meeting - Agreed to aim for June 14th for the Annual Meeting, pending confirmation from the Girl Scouts about venue availability. Need to discuss refreshments and raffle baskets.
- b. Discussed preparing an annual budget. Tom will work with Tarki and Martha on this.
- c. Welcome packages – One package delivered to Cavalline and one to Bubb/McGowan.
- d. Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) Hemlock Woolly Adelgid workshop – Tom A., Tarki, Marjorie, Jeff and Cathy attended workshop in February.
- e. Merchandise – No progress
- f. Ornaments/magnets
  - i. Holding 2 magnets for Jakob, and 2 magnets for Jeff McCauley. One ornament sold at Mountain View event. Three ornaments and 2 magnets left.
- g. Mural magnets – Can be purchased from Tarki - \$3 each.
- h. Tax district – Jeff is exploring tax district options with Amanda at Soil and Water, though any changes would require Town Board approval.
- i. Wind turbine updates – Tarki said no permits issued to date.
- j. Banner for SLPOA – No discussion

## 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. **No progress.**
  - 2. Email residents on:
    - a. Board position renewals.
    - b. County tree and shrub sale.
    - c. Social gathering at Carol's.
  - 3. Coordinate with Tarki and Martha on budget.
  - 4. Check with Girl Scouts on June availability for Annual Meeting
  - 5. Bring cups to Carols
  - 6. Coordinate with Soil and Water on harvesting and permitting.
  - 7. Coordinate with Little Bear on spring weed survey.
- b. **Jeff**
  - 1. Website link to Kettle Lakes site – ESF students' posters
  - 2. Continue to explore potential tax district program and gather more information for the next meeting
- a) **Tarki**

1. Coordinate with PRISM and relevant group members to participate in upcoming Survey123 training and begin documenting macrophyte data for PRISM
2. Consider organizing a group walk to survey hemlocks in the road area and reach out to the Girl Scout camp to offer hemlock survey assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

**Next Meeting** – Monday 5/4/2026

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

**Future meeting dates –**

- 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: Tom Abrams with approval from wife 😊