



Song Lake Property Owners Association
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“Watching out for our lake and bringing the community together.”

**Song Lake Property Owners Board
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025
5:35 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) (2025/2026)	Scott Collier (2027)	Cathy Merrill
Tarki Heath (VP) (2025/2026)	Linda Metz (2025)	
	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2025/2025)	Carol Levine (2025)	

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

Absent:

Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2025/2025)	Steve Soos (2026)	
	Tony Goddard (former Pres.)	
	Tom Santurri (2027)	

1. **Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members).
2. **January 6, 2025** Board meeting minutes approved – Question about Martha and Monica’s Board member ending year (2025 or 2026?). According to January 6th notes - 4 Board members up for re-election in 2025, 3 - 2026, 3 - 2027, 4 - 2028.
3. **Treasurer Report – Martha absent**
No report

4. Website

- Jeff M. Will upload pictures – Girl Scout camp fishing day (first will check on releases to show children's pictures) and boat launch
- Will upload 2024 CSLAP report - Tarki said it's updated to the extent it will be.

5. Facebook

- a. Jeff invited Tony G. to this meeting. Tony G. was not able to attend
- b. Tony will call Scott C. - deal with him directly

6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Mónica and Tarki.
 - o **2025** – All Officer positions are up for election
 - o **2025** - 4 Board member positions are up for election (including Martha and Monica's)
 - o In March Tom A. sent an email to Association informing the membership about the open positions. Nobody replied showing interest.
 - o Agenda will be posted before Annual meeting - Tom
- b. *Recreation Committee* – Tom S. and Diana - absent
 - Memorial Day – Need to purchase and distribute flags – Carol L. will do. Abrams and Merrills can help
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki
 - Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) testing -will start mid-June. Probably Sunday after Annual meeting. Equipment is ready to go
 - The NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) Conference on 5/2 and 5/3 in Lake George included a focus on youth (Onondaga Earth Core, University students, science presentations). Discussions included hydrilla; a very aggressive invasive. DEC would likely provide control support if it were to appear in Song Lake. The conference was well attended with outstanding presentations and organization. Tarki, Cathy M. and Jeff M. attended.
 - New NYS wetland regulations- Tarki will send summary to Board and good topic for general meeting. Not follow OLD maps. Song lake - only lake in Cortland that has one specific rare plant species (lake cress).
 - DEC visited Song Lake as follow-up to complaint(s). Mentioned 14 potential infractions at various properties - they are allowed to walk on private property
 - Lake levels are way up. A gauge will be put up on a dock at north end. Tom A. authorized to purchase.

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

- a. Sampling Bouy - A depth finder for sampling buoy would be extremely helpful to locate deep point - Dave Barter has one. Install before sampling in June
- b. Shoal marker - do later in June depending on water depth

8. Boat Launch/Removal - Tom A.

- a. Happened on 5/8 (Thursday) - Went great – 7 people came with boats; everyone that participated was a member; participants below
- b. Soil and Water rep on site for invasives and proper cleaning and treatment of boats and trailers. No issues.
- c. May be getting more donations by mail – some participants may have forgotten about donation and some were rushing to launch boats.

Participant	Donation
1. Rick Shafer	\$20
2. Diane Doby	\$20
3. Jeff/Cathy Merrill	\$20
4. Tom Santurri	
5. Carl/Marjie Grillo	\$20
6. Dave Barber	
7. Pete Thorman (Tony Goddard trailered)	
Total	\$80

Send donation to Girl Scout camp in fall – after fall removals

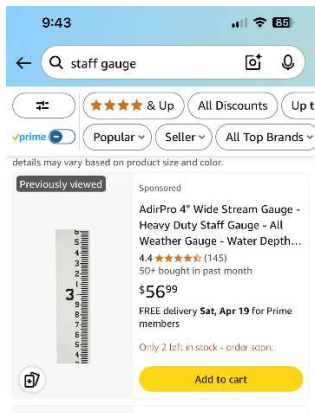
9. Annual Meeting - Tom A.

- Reserved with Girl Scout Camp for June 14, 2025 from 10 to 12
- No mention of fee or insurance certificate. Tom A. to follow-up with them. Board approved coverage of fee if required (up to \$150)

- a) Food and drinks coverage - Tom A. will reach out to Tom S.
- b) Presentation / Guest speaker – Tarki - Soil and Water (topic - invasive species) and have a table set up
- c) Minutes from 2024 - Monica will send to Board for approval
- d) Informational Booths (i.e., soil and water) – Tarki will contact Amanda Barber who is in charge of Soil and Water
- e) Bylaw change vote – membership must vote on. Tom A. will include in email with Annual meeting invite; Jeff will post to include meeting minutes (2024) and the by law revisions
- f) Flyer reminder this year – home distribution only for members without emails. Tom A. will put up signs the weekend before the meeting (Rittenhose Sq, Song Lake Rd). May need to buy new signs – voted to get new sigs - all in favor. Approved for up to \$300.
- g) Raffle – Discussed options for a raffle. Tom A., Monica and Scott will work on a wine basket.

10. Other

- a) Flags for Memorial Day – Carol L. will buy and distribute (60). Merrills and Abrams can help. Tom A. will measure flags bought last year and send measurements to Carol - important that flags don't touch the ground.
- b) Membership drive and membership fee - keep at \$35. Membership lasts until end of fiscal year at end of June.
- c) Girl Scout troop fishing support - Mark and Elizabeth Wisniewski agreed to help. Went very well. Photos and thanks from troop leader distributed to the board - Monica will write a thank you card. Will recognize them at the Annual meeting.
- d) Water level gauge - Board approved to purchase the water gauge (picture below). Will need to remove at the end of season so important that installation allows re-install at same level every year.



11. Other

- **Holiday lake ornaments** – Tom A. - Will sell at Annual meeting

12. Action Items

a. Tom A.

- i. Annual meeting – Email agenda, 2024 meeting minutes (once approved at June Board meeting) and Bylaw edits before Annual meeting. Email to include membership renewal reminder.
- ii. Work with Tarki on Annual meeting presentation.
- iii. Confirm annual meeting reservation with Girl Scouts (including if there is a fee this year and if insurance certificate is needed).
- iv. Contact Tom S. to see if he is able to provide refreshments as done in previous years.
- v. Order water level gauge.
- vi. Send flag measurements to Carol.
- vii. Check on new Annual meeting signs.
- viii. Send GS fishing event and boat launch photos to Jeff for posting.

- b. **Tarki** - contact Amanda Barber regarding Annual meeting guest speaker, presentation, display table.
- c. **Scott** - Coordinate with Tony on Facebook administrative rights.
- d. **Carol** - Purchase flags and distribute (Abrams and Merrills available to help).
- e. **Jeff** - will check on information of new Song lake owner – send information to Mónica for welcome package. Post annual meeting information on website pending receipt.
- f. **Mónica** - distribute Annual meeting reminders to residences with no email address.

Next meeting – Monday, June 2nd @ 5:30pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM

Future meeting dates - June 2, June 14 (Saturday - **Annual meeting** - Girl Scouts Camp 10 – 12 am), July 7, August 4, September 1, November 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams