



Song Lake Property Owners Association est. 1956

Preble, NY

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

**Song Lake Property Owners Association Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**June 1, 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)	Cathy Merrill
Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2026)	Carol Levine (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:**

Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Tom Santurri (2027)	

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 8 members). Seven board members initially present; quorum.
- 2. Meeting Minutes** - May Board meeting and 2025 Annual minutes approved..
- 3. Treasurer’s Report - Martha and Tom A.**
  - a) 2025/26 Membership fees and donations
    - i) 2025/2026 Renewals – No change at 55 (counting lifetime honorary members)

ii) 2026/27 – so far 3 + \$265 in donations

#### 4. Website - Jeff

- a. Jeff posted
  - i. Approved minutes for 5/4/26
  - ii. Agenda for today, 6/1/26
  - iii. Michele Baker, resident of Song Lake, emailed asking to have a flyer posted on the SLPOA website for the Community Fun Day for Town of Preble. Board approved to post on SLPOA website, Facebook and include in informational email. Will be asking Ms. Baker to join us at Annual meeting to promote the event.

#### 5. Facebook – Scott C.

- a. People are visiting site
- b. Picture of floating dock was posted
- c. **Site is private!** If people do not answer couple of questions, can't join

#### 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, will be voted on at June Annual Meeting.
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
  - i. Flags
    - 100 ordered and received (+ ~20 from last year). Will have the sticker that identify as SLPOA flags.
    - Distribute week of 6/15 – Rachel and family will distribute, placed by residences' mailboxes – thank you!!
    - Flags will be removed a couple of weeks after 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend.
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others
  - i. Lake level – it is coming down quick. Almost coming down to last year's level at this time. Water gauge results on website.
  - ii. Mifoil –
    - Little Bear survey completed on 5/27/26.
    - Small amounts of milfoil observed at 6 to 10 locations, at various areas around the lake.
    - Little Bear to provide results and recommendations – will inform membership Saturday at Annual Meeting.
    - Caleigh is finishing map and hopes to get report to us by tomorrow (Tuesday 6/2)
    - Floating – pond weed, lake cress
    - Milfoil observed at south end of lake for the first time.
  - iii. Harvester –
    - Brandon has been busy with Waterfest. Doesn't think a permit will be needed.

- Anticipates doing Little York 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.
- Hasn't received information from Tully Lake so Song would be next, particularly since it is a smaller lake (even though Tully wanted theirs done before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July).
- So with a 2-week wait between cuts (clean, drain, dry protocol) that would mean sometime in mid-July for Song.
- Good time to get it done before it starts to flower.
- **This service is available to Association members only.** If interested but not a member, request they join Association.

iv. CSLAP

- 6/13 first sampling
- Bottles for full testing – ready
- Bottles for limited testing (surface/upper and lower) – coming
- Volunteers ready to get on the water 😊

v. Regional NYSFOLA Conference – Cathy M. on committee for September conference.

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

- a. Jeff installed sampling buoy
- b. Shoal markers – Jeff will be putting out soon – where buoys are relative to lake

**8. Other**

a. Annual meeting –

- i. Scheduled for June 6, 10 to 12 (only Saturday available). No charge. Conflict with Cortland Water Festival event. Need to try and avoid first Saturday in June for future meetings.
- ii. Raffle baskets
  - Cathy – friend is donating a handmade vase
  - Scott – donate wine
  - Monica – bring cash box and tickets, collect donations from area businesses
  - Any basket themed donations will be greatly appreciated.
- iii. Tom is coordinating with Tarki on presentation. Will distribute to Board for comments.
- iv. Microphone and projector – we don't have a microphone. Tarki can setup close captioning on projector
- v. Speakers
  - None, but CCSWCD will be there from 10 to 11; conflict with Water Festival.
- vi. Tom S. will be providing refreshments from Dunkin Donuts
- vii. Supplemental food and drinks – Cathy and Jeff M. – fruit salad, Abrams – water container

- viii. Utensils and paper products – Carol – forks, Abrams – spoons, knives, napkins, bring left over supplies (cups, coffee stirrers, etc.)
  - ix. Signs – Mónica will make - welcome, directions and raffle signs
  - x. Please need volunteers for:
    - Set up (8:30 am)/ take down – put out chairs, clean tables, decorate 😊 - Jeff, Cathy, Carol, Linda, Tom, Mónica
    - Food - pick up from Dunkin Doughnuts (9:00 am – Jeff), set up at venue – Cathy – THANK YOU!
    - Main table – entrance sign-ins, membership renewals, sell ornaments, handouts, etc. – Martha and Mónica
    - Raffle person – Jeff
    - Greeter – any board member available
    - Computer and microphone set-up – Tom and Tarki (with help from Cathy and/or Jeff?)
    - Next year – picture taker
  - xi. Preble Food Pantry – Ask members to bring donations of spaghetti sauce to meeting – there will be a receptacle. There will also be a container for monetary donations.
- b. Boat Launch
- i. 4 boats launched on 4/30; Tom A. coordinated
  - ii. 6 boats launched on 5/14; Jeff coordinated
  - iii. \$160 in donations collected – Thank you to those who donated
- c. 4th of July
- 10 am Social get together, Diana - boat parade (4:00 pm) prizes
- d. Welcome packages – No change
- e. Merchandise – No progress
- f. Ornaments/magnets
- i. Holding 2 magnets for Jeff McCauley.
  - ii. Three ornaments (\$13) and 2 magnets (\$13) left – will have at annual meeting.
- g. Tax district – Jeff, Cathy and Tom A. – committee. Tabled – discussion to be continued.
- h. Banner - No progress
- i. Discussed various ideas to promote Association membership, renewals and participation – an ongoing effort

## 9. Action Items

### a. Tom A.

- i. Email residents on:
  - Membership renewals.
  - Annual meeting Saturday, June 6. 2026 at 10 am at Girl Scout Camp.
  - Preble Food Pantry – Ask members to bring donations of spaghetti sauce to Annual meeting – there will be a receptacle. There will also be a container for monetary donations. Any type of donation is deeply appreciated.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July events

- ii. Work with Tarki on annual meeting presentation and projector
  - iii. 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.
  - iv. Order SLPOA labels for flags
- b. Jeff**
- i. Solicit input at Annual meeting regarding Community Concerns or Community Resources and Information.
  - ii. Pick up Dunkin Donuts food donation Saturday at 9:00 am
  - iii. Touch base with Michelle Baker on presenting town event at annual meeting.
- c. Tarki**
- i. Check with Snavlin's regarding disposal of weeds – maybe at their farm
  - ii. Work with Tom on presentation for annual Meeting
- d. Cathy**
- i. Check on microphone
  - ii. Vase for raffle
- e. Scott**
- i. Wine bottle – raffle
- f. Mónica**
- i. Continue to pick up donations for raffle from area businesses – put baskets/prizes together
  - ii. Cash box
  - iii. Signs for Annual Meeting
  - iv. Bring copies of - Agenda, Minutes from 2025 to be approved, sign in sheets
  - v. List of members who have renewed
  - vi. Name labels
  - vii. Raffle tickers

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

**Next Meeting – 6/6/2026 June Annual Meeting – in person**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

**Future meeting dates –**

- **6/6/2026 June Annual Meeting** – in person
- 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