



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 Board Meeting

Minutes

June 2, 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)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2025/2025)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2025/2025)		

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

Absent:

	Steve Soos (2026)	
	Tom Santurri (2027)	
	Carol Levine (2025)	
	Tony Goddard (former Pres.)	

1. **Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members).
2. **May 2, 2025** Board meeting minutes approved (Tarki motion, Linda M. second – unanimously approved)
 - Discussed Annual (General) meeting Minutes from August 24, 2024 – ready for approval by all members at June 14, 2025 Annual (General) Meeting

3. **Treasurer Report – Martha**

- Not much activity
- Some members have started to pay dues for 2025/26
- Balance \$11,130.78

4. **Website - Jeff**

- Website looks good 😊. Updated with photos and meeting agendas/approved minutes.

5. **Facebook – Scott C.**

- Tony did not call Scott C.
- Unanimously voted to create a new Facebook page for the Association

6. **Committee Updates:**

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
 - **2025** – All Officer positions are up for election
 - **2025** - 4 Board member positions are up for election (Linda M., Carol L., Martha Q. and Mónica A.)
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane - absent
 - i. Flags for Memorial Day distributed. Big thank you to Carol L. for placing them at everyone's homes. Mónica bought 21 more flags to finish placing around cove area and end of Song Lake Rd. For next year, need about 100 flags for full distribution. Collection this year will be after Labor Day. Many flags will be in need to be retired at that point.
 - ii. 4th of July event - social and parade - Scott C. checked with Diane. She said she'd be happy to coordinate again this year for both. Tom A. will coordinate with Diane on information to send to members.
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki
 - Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) – Equipment and DO meter ready to go. Meeting 6/8 (will set up dates for summer meetings), start testing tentatively Sunday 6/15, testing done every two weeks. Tarki may drop off equipment at Grillos, Jeff will get DO meter. Anyone is welcome to join!!
 - The lake looks beautiful 😊
 - Pond weed getting close to the surface – it's OK, we need weeds for fish habitat. Crow foot is good too and it's pretty in the fall.
 - Not seeing milfoil.
 - Rake tosses will be done to look for brittle triad – has not been found to initial siting a couple of years ago.
 - Water Festival this Saturday 6/7– Kettle Lakes (Cortland County) – Johnny Raindrop, Tarki will have a table on invasive species
 - CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference 9/12 - Cathy M. has been helping

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

- a. Sampling Bouy – Jeff set up the sampling buoy. Used a nautical chart. Would be great if someone with depth finder could double check the location
- b. Shoal marker – Jeff will keep an eye on water depth for best time to install. Water is too deep right now

8. Annual Meeting - Tom A.

Tom confirmed with Girl Scouts all set for June 14 from 10 to 12. No fee; insurance certificate from last August still valid. Will check on what time can start setting up. Hopefully can start set up at 8:00 am (**confirmed of with Rob on 6/9**).

- a) Mónica confirmed with Tom S. that he will be able to provide donuts, bagels, muffins and coffee.
- b) Drinks – water (jugs) and juice - Abrams
- c) Have from last year - regular cups, about 12 plates (6 in.), sugar and sugar substitutes
- d) Need – utensils (Abrams), napkins (Scott C.), some more plates (Abrams), coffee cups (Tom S.),
- e) Fruit bowl - Merrills
- f) Signs – Can work with existing signs since date and time are all stick-ons. No need to buy new ones. Tom will set up. Will coordinate with Tarki to get the sandwich boards.
- g) Raffle – basket w/. wine (Scott C. and Abrams), crackers, cheese, chocolate. Request gift certificates from area businesses/restaurants – Mónica will coordinate. Tarki will drop off donation letter at Tully supermarket. Linda will drop off at Blooming Cup. Mónica will drop off at other businesses.
- h) Comments on draft agenda for Annual meeting – looks good with two corrections; delete Legal since nothing to discuss and presentation by Cortland County CWCD since they can't make it.
- i) Presentation – Tom and Tarki will work on it
- j) Informational Booths (i.e., soil and water) – a booth will be set up with a representative to answer questions
- k) Flyer reminder to residents without email on file – Mónica will drop off at their homes
- l) Email to membership will include:
 - i) Annual meeting reminder
 - ii) Membership renewal with form
 - iii) Bylaw changes
 - iv) August 2024 annual meeting minutes
 - v) Ornaments/magnets available at Annual meeting
 - vi) Other – wine basket raffle, 4th of July events

9. Other

- a) Big thank you to Carol and person helping her for painting the Song Lake sign on Song Lake Road – looks GREAT!!
- b) Water level gauge - Order received. Tom and Jeff installed on 6/1/2025
- c) Insurance renewal – good till early August. Motion to approve payment up to \$600 for renewal – Tarki made motion, Jeff second, all unanimously in favor. Motion passed

10. 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 set up time with Girl Scouts
- iv. Annual meeting signs – change information and place around neighborhood
- b. **Tarki** – drop off donation letter at Tully supermarket
- c. **Linda M.** - drop off donation letter at Blooming Cup
- d. **Scott** – Set up new Facebook page. Wine bottle for raffle basket and napkins for Annual meeting
- e. **Jeff** - Post annual meeting information on website pending receipt. Fruit bowl
- f. **Mónica** - distribute Annual meeting reminders to residents with no email address. Raffle basket. Write donation letter, email to Tarki and Linda, distribute to area businesses
- g. **Tom S.** - donuts, bagels, muffins and coffee. Coffee cups.
- h. **Abrams** – utensils, water jugs, juice, plates and raffle basket(s)

Next meeting – Saturday, June 14th @ 10:00am in person at Mark Lodge, Girl Scout Camp – Annual (General) Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Future meeting dates - 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