



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**

**July 6, 2026**

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

**Present:**

| <u><b>Officers (2 year term)**</b></u> | <u><b>Board members (3 year term)</b></u> | <u><b>Other</b></u> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tom Abrams (Pres.) (2027/2029)         | Carol Levine (2028)                       | Cathy Merrill       |
| Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2029)           | Jeff Merrill (2027)                       |                     |
| Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)   |                                           |                     |
| Mónica Abrams (Sec.) (2027/2028)       |                                           |                     |
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**\*\* First year - Officer term; second year - Board member term.**

**Absent:**

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|  | Tom Santurri (2027)   |  |
|  | Rachel Musiker (2029) |  |
|  | Scott Collier (2027)  |  |
|  | Linda Metz (2028)     |  |

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 8 members). Six board members initially present; quorum.
- 2. Meeting Minutes** - June Board meeting minutes approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report - Martha and Tom A.**
  - 2026/27 Membership fees and donations – 25 renewals to date (including honorary members); 15 donations totaling \$1,125. Girl Scouts paid for membership and made a donation.

- b) Our Annual Meeting balance was \$14,437.23; we have since deposited \$3,595. \$1,850 of that is from families for weed harvesting, the remaining \$1,745 is from dues and raffles. Current balance is \$18,032.23

#### **4. Website - Jeff**

- a. Jeff posted
- i. Meeting minutes for 6/1/26
  - ii. Agenda for 7/6/26
  - iii. Updated membership form.
  - iv. NYSFOLA link.
  - v. Continuing to add Community Resource information, most recently battery energy storage information.
  - vi. Other - Pete Thorman submitted a membership form suggesting a subcommittee on wind energy information. There was some discussion on interfacing with Palmer Capital to learn more about plans for Maple Harvest Wind project. There will be another forum by Palmer on the wind turbines. They are still in the pre-application process.  
Tarki is planning on trip to Windsor to see another lake with wind turbines.

#### **5. Facebook – Scott C.**

- a. People are posting more; good to see.

#### **6. Committee Updates:**

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
- i. Tom A., Tarki and Rachel board terms were renewed at Annual meeting to 2029.
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
- i. Flags – Flags distributed; thank you to Rachel and crew. Collect in 2 weeks (week of 7/20). Rachel is available to collect a week earlier. All agreed this was fine.
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> of July – tough weather day. Meet and greet included 4 boats and one kayak, despite some drizzle and threat of storms; a very nice casual gathering with mimosas, provided by Diana, and blueberry muffins. Despite a severe storm threat for the parade 5 boats made an initial showing. Made it a quarter way around the lake before the skies opened up and there was a mad dash back to shore. For future events, let residents know to check Facebook if an activity time/date change is necessary.
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others
- i. Lake level – Jeff continues to update on website. Tracking 5 to 6 inches lower than last year.
  - ii. Mifoil
    - Received Little Bear report with survey findings and recommendations on 6/4/26. Follow-up call with Little Bear (Nicole White) and SePRO (Josh Burnside) on 6/19/26 to discuss. Concurrence to hold off on treatment and continue monitoring. Treatment of small patches at multiple locations would not be effective. Little Bear will continue with permitting for potential treatment in out years. Permit good for 5 years.

- We should start mapping and photo documenting.
  - Milfoil has a long growing season (into August). A fair amount recently observed on north side of island (little on south side).
  - Agreed to hold off on requesting donations specifically for future treatment. Continue to encourage donations in general and focusing on accumulating funding.
  - Develop a story map or something similar to educate residents on the difference types of aquatic vegetation.
- iii. Harvester –
- Latest from DEC is that a permit is required. Tom coordinating with Brandon on additional permit information. Schedule pushed from week of 7/6 to weeks of 7/13 or 7/20. Payment received from 5 of 8 requesters along with membership renewals.
  - Need to confirm dump site. Colleen (Tully Lake) is working with Casey's on alternate locations. Tarki will check with Snavlins. Tom checked with Morgans; not an option. Tom and Monica will try to check with Nate to see if suggestions (Town properties; had offered to check with Caseys). VanPatten not a good option with DEC involvement.
- iv. CSLAP
- Two sampling rounds completed. Next round will be limited sampling.
- v. Other
- A lot of fireworks debris seen in lake. Laser lights are increasingly being used as an alternative.

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

- a. Shoal markers – Jeff installed

## **8. Other**

### **a. Annual Meeting**

- i. Annual meeting held on June 6, 10 to 12 (only Saturday available).
- ii. Meeting went well; good turnout. Twenty-two families (34 people) attended. We planned on 30 people.
- iii. Next time
  - Make sure to introduce Cortland County Soil and Water representative next time.
  - Make sure only one vote per household and only active members can vote.
  - Date conflicted with Cortland WaterFest. Best to try and avoid first Saturday in June.

**Meeting ended before finishing agenda. Balance of agenda will be covered at August meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

**Next Meeting – 8/10/2026 (this is a post meeting change because of a conflict)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

**Future meeting dates –**

- 8/31/26
- 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 and Mónica Abrams