



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 14, 2025

(Date changed from 7/7/25 due to conflicts)

5:30 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) (2027/2026)	Scott Collier (2027)	Cathy Merrill
Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2026)	Linda Metz (2028)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2027/2028)	Tom Santurri (2027)	
	Carol Levine (2028)	

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

Absent:

	Steve Soos (2026)	
	Tony Goddard (former Pres.)	

1. **Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Nine members present.
2. **June 2, 2025** Board meeting minutes approved (Jeff M. motion, Scott C. second – unanimously approved)
3. **Treasurer’s Report - Martha and Tom A.**
 - a. Recent expenses (paid and pending) - tent rental \$25, PO Box 1 year
 - b. Current reserves - **\$14,017.63**
 - c. 2025/26 Membership fees and donations
 - i. Over 20 renewals
 - ii. About \$760 in donations
 - iii. PayPal submittals \$551.85. They don’t come with form.

- iv. Basket raffle - about \$320. Thanks, Jeff, for doing an outstanding job selling tickets!!
- v. new membership from Rachel Musicer and Zack Schurkman for their property on Palmer Road
- Renewal – remind members to consider donating to the Watershed Fund, note on website - link to renewal/joining Association (dues & donations Watershed Fund). Make it easy so people don't have to go to another site.
- **Martha** will update information on all people who have joined/renewed
- **Jeff** – will look into how PayPal works to see if donation reminder can be included.

4. Website - Jeff

- Website looks good 😊. Jeff continues to update
- Changed popup to highlight regional NYSAFOLA Conference in September
- **Tom** – send 4th July pictures to Jeff for posting on website

5. Facebook – Scott C.

- NEW site is up and running!! New site – **Song Lake POA** (versus old site Song Lake Property Owners Association).
- What will happen to people already following on previous site? – will post on old site a link to get to new Facebook page and call out that old site will be terminated in the near future.
- Want to get people's emails – use as a question to join?
- What parameters do we want to have? – non-political, non-commercial, certain etiquette s expected or will be removed
- Important to makes clear in case someone is removed – know the reason
- **Scott** – will add history information that can be shared in the website too (showcase old photos and documents about the lake and island). Knowing the history will make residents more involved in the lake
- Important to save the pictures from previous years
- Encourage people to post pictures – at annual Meeting we can vote on one to make cards that are included in welcome packages for new residents 😊
- Post digital postcard with info about HABS and algae. Tully Lake has information from Kettle Lakes.
- **Tarki** will get digital format and personalize to Song Lake. Can be posted on both website and Facebook
- Can also get pictures of algae blooms and print postcard size to post on refrigerators
- Not currently seeing HABS – have lots of algae
- Can also post a 2-minute video, put on homepage – spotting a HAB.

6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
- **2025** – All Officers were reelected at the Annual Meeting until 2027
 - **2025** - Linda M., Carol L., Martha Q. and Mónica A. were reelected until 2028
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
 - i. 4th of July event – Great turnout for both and lots of fun.
 - ii. Some neighbors from across the street came to see the festivities for the first time
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki
 - **Tom A. and Tarki** - Need to write an email to let residents know that they will see algae in warm temperatures
 - Weeds seem to be just as bad as before – not milfoil, its pond weed

- **Tarki** – will look for pictures for how bad it was before
- Tom A. – took recent pictures of the lake. Have lake cress (protected species), crow foot
- CSLAP testing – went well, great group of people
- Lake water level is still high
- May need to consider harvester for pond weed. We have to sign up one year in advance to use the harvester. Can consider for next year.
- Can take weeds, garden waste to Cortland (South Franklin St.) – NO plastic
- Knapp Farm – not taking our weeds for now
- CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference 9/12

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

- a. Done – thank you Jeff
- b. Markings on CSLAP buoy peeling off – will be redone in the fall

8. Annual Meeting - Tom A. – recap. Discussion items

- great turnout!

- a) Date change (August to June; June date conflicted with several other area events) – maybe a week earlier?. June worked out.
- b) Setup time - 8-8:15 for 10 am start – worked out well. Thank you to everyone who helped out!!
- c) Refreshments and ancillary items – Thank you Tom S., Merrills, Abrams, Scott C. We had enough of everything
- d) Raffles – Raised about \$320. Donations from Kinney Drugs (\$25 of merchandise at cost), Tully Hardware (\$50), Sweet Basil (\$50), Kurdish restaurant (\$25), Anderson's (\$15), Bloomin Cup (coffee mug and sticker), Dunkin Donuts (refreshments), Tom S. (2 baskets) and Scott C. 2 wine bottles
- e) Presentation – great job with it, very informative and to the point. Focused and the time allotted was good. Liked the video too
- f) Other – next year microphone with speakers around the room so people can hear better.
- g) Thank you cards for donations are being distributed

9. Other

- a) Insurance renewal – No price increase \$569 – bill will be coming soon. Policy has been scanned and uploaded to MyDrive
- b) **Martha** - will share with Tom the Skaneateles Association website for information purposes
- c) CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference 9/12
 - Tom S. will donate doughnuts and coffee
 - Information about what other lake associations and property owners are doing
 - HAB samples – Gregg will have a microscope onsite
 - Plant give aways
 - Good speakers on aquatic plants
 - Legislative update – speak to issues affecting lakes

10. Action Items

- a. **Tom A.**

- i. send 4th July pictures to Jeff for posting on website
 - ii. Work with Tarki on writing an email to residents about lake conditions, weeds, and algae situation. To also include Facebook etiquette and HABs information.
- b. **Tarki**
 - i. Get digital format of boater safety/clean drain dry handout from Colleen and customize it for Song Lake
 - ii. will look for pictures for how bad lake weeds condition it was before
 - iii. work with Tom on email
- c. **Scott** - Facebook - will post history information that can be shared in the website too
- d. **Jeff –**
 - i. will look into how PayPal works to see if reminder can be included for donations in addition to membership fee
 - ii. Add the algae/HABs identification card to the website once received from Tarki
 - iii. Update the website to highlight the regional NYSFOLA Conference
- e. **Martha**
 - i. will update information on who has joined/renewed
 - ii. will share with Tom the Skaneateles Association website
- f. **Monica –** will finish distributing thank you letters.

Next meeting - Monday 8/4

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Future meeting dates - September 1, November 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams