



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

August 10, 2026

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.) (2027/2029)	Carol Levine (2028)	Cathy Merrill
Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2029)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Scott Collier (2027)	
	Rachel Musiker (2029)	
	Linda Metz (2028)	

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

Absent:

Mónica Abrams (Sec.) (2027/2028)	Tom Santurri (2027)	

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Eight board members initially present; quorum.
- 2. Meeting Minutes** - July Board meeting minutes approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report - Martha and Tom A.**
 - 2026/27 Membership fees and donations – 34 renewals to date (including honorary members); 21 donations totaling \$1,545.

- b) Account total at \$19,368.04 (including weed harvesting funds).
- c) The board approved a policy for automatic renewal of insurance policies that don't increase more than \$100 from the previous year. Approved the current \$581 Erie Insurance invoice.

4. Website - Jeff

- a. Jeff reported normal traffic and posted information on the September 11th NYSFOLA conference. July meeting minutes and August agenda were also posted.

5. Facebook – Scott C.

- a. Scott said 4-5 people had attempted to join the Facebook group but were declined due to not answering required questions.

6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica

- i. No change.

- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane

- i. Labor Day weekend - The group discussed planning social gatherings for Labor Day weekend and the fall. Carol offered to host a potluck brunch on Labor Day (10 am), suggesting an RSVP approach with a minimum of 10 people to make it worthwhile. They also discussed a boat social on Saturday or Sunday depending on weather. Tom will send an email to residents on both items.
 - ii. Fall event to be discussed at next meeting.

- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others

- i. Lake level – Jeff continues to update on website. Jeff provided an update on lake levels, noting a 4-inch differential but indicating variable conditions due to recent weather patterns.
 - ii. Lake Conditions
 - The group discussed lake conditions, noting that milfoil levels have increased but are not currently a nuisance. Tarki observed that large green algae blooms that were problematic in previous years are absent this season.
 - The group discussed a good newspaper article about Otisco Lake and noted positive community engagement on the Cazenovia Lake website regarding milfoil treatment.
 - The group discussed an algae bloom in the lake, described appearance as purple paper-like confetti pieces in the water column. Tarki advised that awareness is key and recommended sending basic information to residents about avoiding the affected areas, similar to handling other harmful algal blooms.
 - iii. Harvester –
 - Harvester was launched at the Girl Scout camp on 7/28.
 - Mosley's dropped off list of requests so 7 residents (including Girl Scout camp) were addressed.

- Weather delay pushed harvesting to 7/30. Harvesting was completed by about 3 pm on the same day (faster than estimated; about 8 hours vs the 16 hours estimated for 8 residents). Only two offload trips were needed.
 - Waiting on payment from Girl Scout camp; all others paid. Anticipate partial refund to residents pending receipt of bill from CCSWCD.
 - Disposal location at Twentyman farm.
 - Observations – Glad it was only a limited number of residents. Activity was fairly aggressive with a fair amount of sediment disturbed. A fair amount of eel grass cuttings were observed (suspect cutter isn't very effective at collecting).
- iv. CSLAP
- Five sampling rounds completed (3 partials and 2 completes).
 - Alene Onion from the NYSDEC will be auditing sampling on Monday 8/17/26.
- v. Other
- NYSFOLA conference on September 11. Two complimentary tickets available.

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

- a. Shoal markers – Jeff mentioned that one of the markers was dragged off the shoal. Jeff reinstalled. Some discussion on need to increase boater safety and lake condition awareness. Welcome packages include this information and it's highlighted in early season emails to residents. Double check to make sure information is in Welcome packages, including highlighted in Welcome letter.

8. Other

- a. Annual Meeting – Continued discussion from July meeting.
- i. Raffle baskets donations from Tully Market, Bloomin Cup, Andersons, Tully Hardware, Tully Building Supply, Little York Plantation, Cathy M.'s friend, Scott C. and Kinney Drugs. Very grateful for the donations and refreshments from Dunkin Donuts. Made \$300 from raffle (great job Monica and Jeff the raffle ticket man).
 - ii. Presentation was well received.
 - iii. Microphone and projector – projector worked well; close captioning didn't work out that well (Tom's opinion). Microphone brought by Jeff and Cathy worked great. (thank you).
 - iv. Dunkin Donuts quantities worked out well. Not a lot of leftovers.
 - v. Tap water worked out fine.
 - vi. Fantastic team effort helping with setup, presentation, welcome table and cleanup.
 - vii. No comments on budget presented and no objections to increasing membership to \$50.
 - viii. Thank you letters for donations delivered.

- b. Preble Food Pantry. Founders Kathy and Lou Scott have stepped away due to church-related conflicts. The SLPOA will continue with donation commitment for now.
- c. Need to follow-up with Girl Scouts on fall boat removal.
- d. Flags – Flags collected. Most in good condition; have sufficient quantity for next year. Thank you Rachel and crew.

9. Action Items

- a. **Carol** - Host a Labor Day social gathering at her house on Monday, September 7th at 10:00 AM, contingent on receiving at least 10 RSVPs.
- b. **Jeff/Cathy**
 - Update and post the lake level information after checking it on Saturday.
 - Call Kathy Scott to get more information about the situation with the Preble Food Pantry.
- c. **Tom**
 - Check with Girl Scouts on date for fall boat pull.
 - Send email on Labor Day weekend social events.
 - Check the welcome packages for information on boating safety, shoal markers, and directionality, and consider beefing it up.
 - Coordinate with Jeff on individual reminder emails to renew memberships.

Meeting adjourned at about 6:30 pm

Next Meeting – 9/14/2026 (pushed a week to avoid conflict with Labor Day)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

Future meeting dates –

- 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 Abrams