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"Watching out for our lake and bringing the community together."

Song Lake Property Owners Association Board Meeting

Minutes

September 14, 2026
5:30 p.m. Zoom video conference

Present:

Officers (2 year term)**	**Board members (3 year term)**	**Other**
Tom Abrams (Pres.) (2027/2029)	Carol Levine (2028)	Cathy Merrill
Mónica Abrams (Sec.) (2027/2028)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Scott Collier (2027)	
	Linda Metz (2028)	

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

Absent:

Tarki Heath (VP) (2027/2029)	Tom Santurri (2027)	
	Rachel Musiker (2029)	

1. **Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Seven board members present; quorum.
2. **Meeting Minutes -** August Board meeting minutes approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report - Martha and Tom A.**

a) 2026/27 Membership fees and donations – 48 renewals to date (including honorary members; vs 53 last year); 26 donations totaling $1,780.

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Treasurer's Report – September 14, 2026

REPORT:

General Fund:	
Carried over from 8/10/2026	
Membership Fund	
includes membership dues, water quality & tent donations	$19,368.04
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Receivables:	
Membership & Water Fund	$324.91

Total Inflow:	$324.91

Expenditures:

Expenditure description	Amount

Total Outflow:	$0.00

Account Balance as of 9/14/2026	$19,692.95
Book-to-bank difference	$83.95
Last Bank Balance - 8/31/2026	$19,609.00

4. **Website - Jeff**
    a. Website updated with meeting minutes and information about the October 8th haul-out date.
    b. Added a message on the website about cormorants not belonging in the area, including links for additional information.

5. **Facebook – Scott C.**
    a. About 50 people have joined
    b. Waiting for Tarki's edits before posting content on HABs and cormorants

6. **Committee Updates:**
    a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
        i. No change.

    b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
        i. Labor Day weekend boat social on Saturday included only 3 boats but weather was threatening and it did drizzle during the event. Enjoyable and relaxing as hoped. Agreed to continue next year.
        ii. Social on Monday at Carol's was a success as always. About 22 people attended. Great food and very nice to see everyone. Thank you Carol!!
        iii. Discussed organizing a fall social event. Carol suggested a monthly restaurant lunch where attendees pay their own meals. Agreed to try organizing a gathering at Huega's restaurant on a weekend in late October,

likely around Halloween, with a proposed meet time of around 5 or 6 PM. The event would be informal with no drink tickets or food paid for out of SLPOA funds – Monica will check.

c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others

i. Lake level – Jeff continues to update on website. He reported water levels continue to track similar to last year. See Attachment 1.

ii. Lake Conditions

- Bryozoans recently observed; a positive lake health indicator.
- Would be good to collect a sample of the purple planktothrix to have Greg Boyer analyze

iii. Harvester –

- Based on phone discussion with Amanda (CCSWCD) weed harvesting would be invoiced at $1800; under budget. Will need to send refunds to the 6 residents that participated on difference once invoice is received and cost is confirmed.
- Tom to follow up with Girl Scouts on their payment (reduced cost)

iv. CSLAP

- Alene Onion from the NYSDEC conducted audit during sampling event on 8/17/26. Audit went well. Discussed the elevated phosphorus issue from last year's blank sample. Likely a result of lake water being submitted as blank, as the blank result was consistent with lake concentrations.
- Alene expects more DO meters will be available next year.

v. Other

- NYSFOLA conference on September 11 was a great success. Over 100 participants. Jake (Girl Scout Camp ranger) attended using a complimentary ticket.

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

a. Sampling Buoy and Shoal markers – Jeff will pull sampling buoy after last sampling event. Shoal markers will be pulled after boat pull event.

8. Other

a. Membership – Jeff sent emails to those that were shown as not renewed. Several had renewed but were not shown as renewed in spreadsheet. Tom coordinated with Martha on correcting spreadsheet. Tom will check on Barber and Woodward families.

b. Preble Food Pantry. Jeff and Cathy delivered food pantry donations. The pantry still plans to connect with the Central New York Food Bank, which could change what items are needed.

c. Fall boat pull. Set with Girl Scouts for Thursday, October 8.

d. Boating certification requirements will be added to the Welcome Package cover letter.

e. Welcome packages – No change

f. Merchandise – No progress

g. Ornaments/magnets - No change. Three ornaments and 2 magnets left.

h. Tax district – No progress. Toma and Jeff will meet to discuss.

9. Action Items

a. **Jeff**

- Pull the CSLAP sampling buoy after the sampling event on Saturday.
- Pull the shoal markers sometime in mid-October, after the haul-out date.
- Update and post the lake level information as collected.

b. Tom/Monica

- Follow up with Girl Scouts on their payment for weed harvesting
- Double-check and update the membership spreadsheet to include payments from Michael and Diane Woodward and Dave Barber.
- Send out an email regarding membership renewals, including a reminder about the low number of residents who have joined.
- Call Huega's to check if they have a band on October 30th and, if not, organize a social event there for that night.
- Update the welcome package summary letter to include information about the shoal markings and the requirement for a New York State boater certification.

Meeting adjourned at around 6:25 pm

Next Meeting - November 2, 2026

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

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Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams