



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

September 8, 2025

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)	Rachel Musiker
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2027/2028)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2027/2028)	Carol Levine (2028)	

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

Absent:

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

- 1. Roll call** to establish quorum (quorum - 6 members). Eight members present.
 - Welcome Rachel Musiker and brief introductions of attendees.
- 2. August 4, 2025** Board meeting minutes approved (Tarki H. motion, Martha Q. second – unanimously approved).

3. Treasurer's Report - Martha and Tom A. Song Lake Property Owners Association

Treasurers Report - September 8, 2025

REPORT:

General Fund:

Carried over from 4/30/2025	
Membership Fund	
includes membership dues, water quality & tent donations	\$11,130.78
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Deposits:

Membership Dues, Weed Management, Annual Meeting Raffle	\$3,380.80
Total Inflow:	3,380.80

Expenditures:

US Postal Service PO Box Annual Renwal	\$84.00
Erie Insurance-renewal Q610446629	\$569.00
Total Outflow:	\$653.00

Account Balance as of 9/8/2025 **\$13,858.58**

Last Bank Balance - July, 2025 **\$14,322.63**

a. 2025/26 Membership fees and donations

- i. Renewals – About 45 (counting lifetime honorary members) compared to 53 last year, would like to get up to 60. Decrease partially impacted by some residences in the process of selling, free memberships given to new residences and holdouts by STR owners. Discussion on additional outreach to increase membership (i.e., reminder on next email and individual contact particularly to those who were members last year but have not renewed). Highlight what the Association is doing in email correspondence.
- ii. Donations \$1,155 (20 donations) (vs \$1,625 last year; 20 donations) – ProcellaCor overlap likely the difference.
- iii. Good idea to add PayPal link in next email.

4. Website - Jeff

- a. Added “clean, drain, dry” info to Lake Info.
- b. Edited Boater Safety to include requirement for all power boat operators to have a license.
- c. Tom coordinating with Colleen on updating Song Lake contact information under Kettle Lakes Storm Response Resources. Website contact information updated (changed from Tony to Tom) but contact information in document needs to be updated
- d. Minutes uploaded.

5. Facebook – Scott C.

- a. **Song Lake POA** (versus old site Song Lake Property Owners Association).
- b. Not much activity.
- c. It would be great if people started posting - lake related activities.
- d. Old site will be discontinued soon.
- e. Most recent post regarding hydrilla from Cazenovia lake posting– good post.

6. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* - Tarki and Mónica
 - i. Steve Soos (2026) has moved away and resigned effective 9/1– Rachel Musiker expressed interest.
 - ii. Rachel Musiker voted in as Board Member to serve out the balance of Steve Soos' term (2026) – Jeff M. motion, Carol L. second. Unanimously voted in. Thank you Rachel for volunteering!
- b. *Recreation Committee* - Tom S. and Diane
 - i. Still do get together at Carol L.'s house in February 😊
 - ii. Do we want to expand on Annual Meeting (e.g., cater, barbecue, etc.)
 - If we add more elements maybe will have more people attend.
 - It would be more expensive – some may say they'll come and then don't show up.
 - Maybe earlier hours, it's a different lake (no longer many families with children), more risks now.
 - iii. Better to have smaller events – less expensive (i.e. – social hour on the lake every other Thursday - sandbar)
 - iv. Meet and Greet @ Heuga's – pay for your own drink, 1 ticket per person for one free drink!! – Fun!!
- c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki and others
 - i. Final CSLAP testing – 9/20 – Tarki won't be there but all is set for group to do testing.
 - ii. Lake conditions are good
 - iii. Milfoil – spotted in several locations. Jeff and Cathy have tried hand pulling but difficult to remove intact. They plan on continuing monitoring to locate and remove. Any follow-up treatments will be more difficult to permit because of new NYSDEC wetland regulations.
- ESF Practicum limnology class – if students can follow up with project, can check numbers. They have been doing projects for 10 years. In December – present their posters, maybe they can present in Tully too
 - iv. NYSFOLA Conference – Friday 9/12 (Little York Lake, Preble) – many good speakers.
 - v. Other – Mural by Brandon Lazore has been completed, unveiling in November at Tully library. Beautiful and large – 4' x 6'. Paid for by grant through Cornell. Digital version also available. There will be a website with information.

7. Shoal Markers and Sampling Buoy – Jeff

- a. Remove sampling buoy after last CSLAP event
- b. Remove shoal buoys – after boat haul day

8. Other

- a) Insurance renewal- Martha paid bill
- b) Boat removal – checking with Rob for 10/9 (did on 10/10 last year) – emailed and left phone message.
- c) Wind turbine letter – Citations need to be added and need to review referenced letters that were previously sent. Need to take it to the membership for consensus (through email) before signing.
- d) Collect flags.

9. Action Items

a. Tom A.

- i. Send email on boat removals and reminder on membership removals. Add Paypal link to email.
- ii. In future email, send items of things the Association does to show members how their membership and donations are being used.
- iii. Email membership regarding Wind turbine letter.
- iv. Coordinate boat removal at Camp Hoover

b. Scott – Facebook

- i. Continue to post history information that can be shared in the website too - Ongoing

c. Jeff –

- i. Continue 02/temp monitoring and water level tracking; continue posting data - Ongoing.
- ii. Reach out to 9 – 10 previous members that have not renewed.

d. Monica – Reach out to VanDynes on membership renewal.

e. Other –

- i. Remove shoal buoys after boat removal event.
- ii. Remove sampling buoy after last CSLAP event.
- iii. Collect flags.

10. Next Meeting – Monday 11/3 - last meeting for 2025!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 820 3099 9704

Passcode: SLPOA429

Next meeting - Monday 11/3

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Future meeting dates – Will schedule 2026 meetings at November meeting

Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams