



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
Annual Meeting Minutes**

Saturday June 14, 2025

10:15 a.m. Mark Lodge, Girl Scout Camp

Present:

<u>Officers (2 year term)**</u>	<u>Board members (3 year term)</u>	<u>Other – on sign in sheet</u>
Tom Abrams (President) (2025/2026)	Carol Levine (2025)	
Tarki Heath (VP) (2025/2026)	Linda Metz (2025)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2025/2025)	Jeff Merrill (2027)	
Mónica Abrams (Secretary) (2025/2025)	Scott Collier (2027)	
	Tom Santurri (2027)	

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

Absent:

	Steve Soos (2026)	
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1. Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. - Welcome remarks - Tom Abrams
2. **39 members were in attendance (28 households)** - quorum was established (quorum - minimum of 15 household members).
3. **Approval August 24, 2024 Annual meeting minutes** - Mónica Abrams
Motion brought to approve last year's minutes, Rhea Jezer brought motion, Carol Levin seconded it. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Bylaw Changes** – Motion brought to approve Bylaw changes, Daniel Jezer, Carol Levin and Cathy Merrill seconded it. Bylaw changes approved unanimously. Please refer to attached PP presentation for specifics.
5. **2024 Highlights** - Please refer to attached PowerPoint (PP) presentation for specifics.
 - ProcellaCOR

- Recreation Committee – In addition Potluck brunch at Carol's in February was wonderful with great attendance!
- Septic Systems
- Boat Launch/Removals – Please clean, drain and dry ahead of time
- Walleye Stocking – Awareness – please tell others we are stocking

6. NYS Wetland Regulation Changes – Changes went into effect this past January. Please refer to attached PP presentation for specifics.

7. Treasurer's Report - Martha Quinn

PayPal option – Please consider covering the fee so the Association gets the full \$35 membership fee. Please refer to Attached PP presentation for specifics.

8. Committee Updates:

a. *Nomination Committee* - Mónica A. and Tarki H.

2025

- o All Officers Positions are up for election
- o 4 Board member positions are up for election
 - Mónica Abrams
 - Martha Quinn
 - Carol Levine
 - Linda Metz
- o Tom A. sent an email to Association informing the membership about the open positions.

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

- US flags - Purchased and distributed flags for Memorial Day weekend.
- Coordinating 4th of July social morning gathering
- Coordinating 4th of July boat parade and prizes.

c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki Heath

- CSLAP - Testing went up considerably costs \$400 more – done 8 times per year. Always on look out for invasive species. Water gage placed North end of lake.
- State of Song Lake – important updates. When have visitors, please explain how special Song Lake is – we work hard to maintain and protect it.
- Please refer to attached PP presentation for specifics.

9. COFOKLA Update - Tarki H.

- Please refer to attached PP presentation for specifics.

10. Board review and elections - Tom A.

Current board:

a. Officers - 2 years – 2025 terms up

President – Tom Abrams

Vice President – Tarki L. Heath

Treasurer - Martha Quinn (2025 Board)

Secretary – Mónica Abrams (2025 Board)

BOD (Board of Directors) - 3 Years

Tom Santurri (2027)

Jeff Merrill (2027)

Carol Levine (2025)

Steve Soos (2026)

Linda Metz (2025)

Scott Collier (2027)

- b. Introduction of new or renewing Board candidates and opened floor for discussion - each candidate gave a brief overview of themselves
 - Officers 2027 - Tom Abrams, Tarki Heath, Martha Quinn (2028), Mónica Abrams (2028)
 - Carol Levine (2028)
 - Linda Metz2027 (2028)
- c. Rhea Jezer made a motion to accept the slate of board members. Seconded by Al Socha. Slate approved unanimously
- d. Thank you to all the Officers, Carol Levine and Linda Metz for agreeing to continue serving as Officers and/or on the Board.

11. Other

- a) Girl Scout Fishing Support – Thank you Mark Wiisniewski and Elizabeth Rendfleisch for spending time with the Girl Scouts and teaching them about fishing. We want to support the Girl Scout Camp.
- b) Ornaments and magnets – none left; will order more.
- c) Membership renewal and general fund/water quality protection donation – please renew and consider donating to sustain the different programs and activities we have throughout the year
- d) Website and Facebook – check them out!! We have much information regarding Song Lake
- e) Speeding on Song Lake Road - speeding on Song Lake Road is still an issue. Best to avoid walking between 7:30 - 8:30 am. Call, complain to or email the Cortland County Sheriff. The more people that complain, the better.

Contact information below for complaints about speeding on Song Lake Road.

- 1. County Sheriff (Mark Helms) - 607.758.5599; option 0 for complaints (location, date and time); Mhelms@cortlandcountyny.gov
 - 2. County Legislature (Kevin Fitch) - Kfitch@cortlandcountyny.gov
- f) Wind turbines on Song Mountain – Southern Hill Watch – group of local residents that has been looking into this issue. Local zoning does not prevent it. Concern with geological stability

due to blasting and concern with storm water. Permit has not been filed yet. Look out for open forum. Maybe our wetland designation will help our area.

- g) Please stay away from shoal buoys – CSLAP testing
- h) Direction while driving on the lake – boats observed traveling in the wrong direction. Please drive boats, kayaks, etc. counter clockwise. Speed limit with certain distance from shore – kids are on lake. It seems renters go very fast and often without life jackets. It's dangerous if they lose control. If people are renting or staying at your property – please get this important information out to them.
- i) Anyone operating a boat must be licensed. During winter people coming out on ice at Collier's Point – some had permission.
- j) Scott Robinson – is willing to have boats that belong to lake residents only launch from his residence – not for renters. Coordinate with Scott on launching and removing boats.

12. Raffle – Please, please support the local businesses that generously supported our event and donated to our raffle – **Dunkin Doughnuts, Nightingale Hardware Store, K Kurdish Mediterranean Restaurant, The Sweet Basil, Anderson's Farm Market, Kinney Drugs and Bloomin' Cup.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attachments:

- Presentation materials (PowerPoint)

Respectfully Submitted by: Mónica Abrams

**Welcome
Song Lake
Annual (General) Association Meeting
June 14, 2025**



AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Count for quorum (15 members)**
- **Approval of 8/24/24 Annual Meeting minutes**
- **Approval of Bylaw changes**
- **2024 Highlights**
- **NYS Wetland regulation changes**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Committee updates**
- **C-OFOKLA Update**
- **Board review and elections**
- **Other business and open discussion**
- **Adjourn**



Membership Approvals

- August 2024 meeting minutes.
- Bylaw changes below.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS

Section 1-The general meeting of the members of the Association shall be in ~~June, July or July or~~ August of each year, on a date designated by the president. Notice of time and place shall be distributed to each member of the Association at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The meeting shall be held within the Town of Preble

Section 2- Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President at any time, or by the President upon receipt of a petition to hold a special meeting signed by at least fifteen (15) members; notice of the meeting is to be distributed to all members at least ten days previous to said meeting, and at such meeting only such business as is specified in the notice shall be considered.

Section 3- At all meetings of the Association, either regular or special, fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4-The Board of Directors (BOD) will meet a minimum of four (4) times a year. Notice shall be sent to all BOD members at least five (5) days in advance.

Section 5 - Upon petition of three (3) members of the BOD, the president shall call a special meeting to be held within the next ten (10) days of receipt of the petition. Notice of the special meeting shall be sent to all Board members at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 5 - Six (6) members of the BOD shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the BOD.

Section 6 - Members of the BOD may participate by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment enabling all Directors participating in the meeting to hear one another. Such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting,

ARTICLE V—ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - The Board of Directors will elect the nominating committee - The term of office for each Director at Large shall be three (3) years. Elections for such offices may occur annually, as needed, to fill vacancies and maintain a body of six at large directors.~~shall be held every two (2) years at the annual meeting. Two Directors shall be elected to replace the two (2) incumbent Directors whose terms are expiring.~~

Section 2- Each Association member at the meeting is entitled to vote for each Director seat.

Section 3 - A candidate must receive a majority of the votes to be elected

2024 Highlights - ProcellaCOR

Subcommittee formed to:

- Research and evaluate milfoil control options and costs.
- Solicit ProcellaCOR bids and make recommendations
- Fundraising
- Resident outreach
- Permit coordination
- Application and post-application inspection/testing coordination.



2024 Highlights - Recreation Committee

- Purchased and distributed US flags
- Coordinated morning 4th of July social gathering
- Coordinated boat parade and participant gifts



2024 Highlights – Septic Systems

- Coordinated with Cortland County SWCD on resident outreach and identifying potential projects.
- Engineering assessments and system pumping for 8 residents.
- Partial funding (75%) for system upgrade designs and construction for 3 residents.



2024 Highlights – Boat Launch/Removals

- Coordinated with Girl Scout administration to allow boat launches in the spring and removals in the fall.
- Coordinated with Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District to have a representative on site to educate on invasive species and assist in inspections.



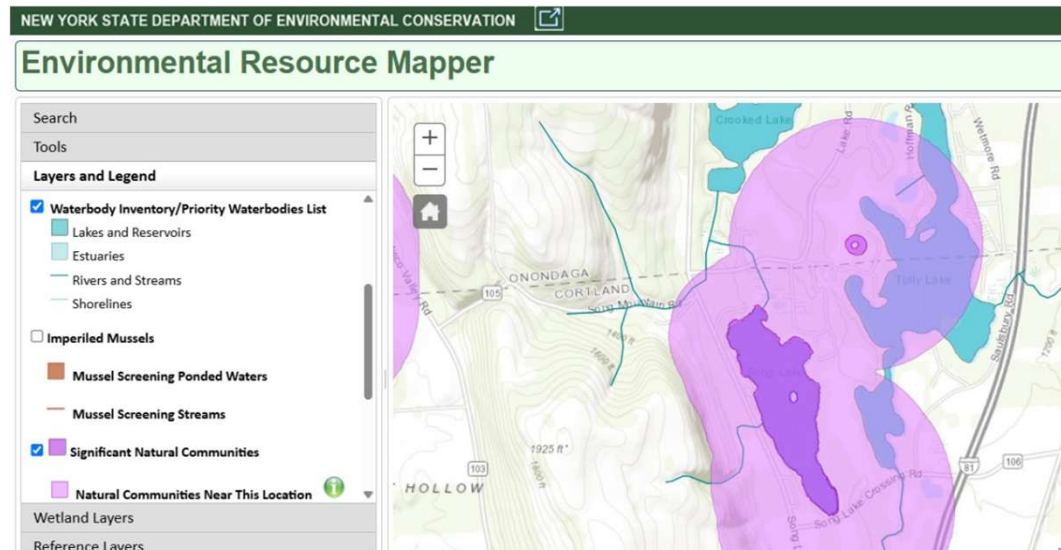
2024 Highlights - Walleye Stocking

- Dedicated budget item for fish stocking started by the late Donald Collier and funded by others (\$2,000)
- The SLPOA Board approved the fish stocking in August 2024 meeting
- NYSDEC consulted on species and permitting
- 800 4-to-6-inch walleyes released in October
- Abundant sunfish and perch minnows to keep these and other apex fish sustainable
- Having different species within our lake creates a beneficial fish cycle



NYS Wetland Regulation Changes

- Changes to New York State Wetlands regulations went into effect this past January expanding protections to an additional one million acres of wetlands.
- The newly adopted regulations define key terms, describe the revised freshwater wetland classification system, present criteria for the identification of Wetlands of Unusual Importance, and describe procedures the DEC uses in making jurisdictional determinations.
- The current NYS Freshwater Wetlands Maps will no longer limit DEC regulatory jurisdiction to wetlands depicted on those maps.
- Song Lake is specifically listed for attention under Article 24 (presence of an endangered species).
- Song Lake is highlighted for significant natural communities (probably lake cress).



Treasurer's Report

Song Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting Treasurers Report - June, 14, 2025

REPORT:

General Fund:

Carried over from August 24, 2024	
Membership Fund	
includes membership dues, water quality & tent donations	\$10,588.77
Designated Fish Fund	\$1,935.69
	<u>\$12,524.46</u>

Deposits:

Membership Dues & Weed Management	\$2,996.91
Total Inflow:	2,996.91

Expenditures:

Girl Scouts of NYPENN-rental for annual meeting	\$150.00
Erie Insurance- insurance for Board Member coverage	\$551.00
COFOKLA Annual Dues	\$200.00
Hicklings Fish Farm- fish stocking	\$2,000.00
Tom Abrams-reimbursement for SLPOA ornament purchase	\$214.15
NYS Federation of Lake Associations-CSLAP testing	\$925.00
Girl Scouts of NYPENN-boat launch donation	\$100.00
Deluxe Check Order	\$30.25
Tarki Heath- reimbursement for website renewal	\$220.19
Total Outflow:	\$4,390.59

Account Balance as of 4/30/2025 **\$11,130.78**

Last Bank Balance - May 31, 2025 **\$11,130.78**



- Membership renewals starting to roll in.
- Can use everyone's help to encourage membership and programs
- Please consider making donations to our general fund in order to sustain our various activities and programs

Nomination and Recreation Committees

Nomination Committee

- Discussed later in presentation

Recreation Committee

- Purchased and distributed US flags for Memorial Day weekend
- Coordinating morning 4th of July social gathering
- Coordinating boat parade and participant gifts
- Generous donations by Dunkin Doughnuts



Watershed and Environment Committee

Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)



CSLAP is a volunteer lake monitoring partnership between NYSFOLA, the NYS DEC and local lake associations

Water temperature,
Clarity (Secchi transparency),
Conductivity,
pH,
Color,
Total phosphorus,
Nitrogen (total, NOx, ammonia),
Chlorophyll a,
Calcium and chloride.

Volunteers also do field observations for invasive species, harmful algal blooms, and other surveys they may choose to be important for their lake.

Song also measures dissolved oxygen with a meter.

Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program

Since 2007
The team for 2025

Tom Abrams, Dave Barber, Carl Grillo, Marjie Grillo, Tarki Heath, Jeff Merrill, Cathy Merrill, Terry Orr, Donna Evans Orr

South of island – buoy
Every two weeks – 8 times
June through September

JOIN US

Saturday's at 8:30, Grillo's Deck
(Sunday is rain check day)

The full CSLAP report can be found at the DEC Website – [CSLAP Dashboard](#) . A link is also in the SLPOA website.

Watershed and Environment Committee

State of the Lake

- **2024 CSLAP Report**
 - No significant changes in water quality over the past several years.
- **Class B**
 - Suitable for recreational swimming and boating
 - Fish consumption has not been assessed – assume NYS fish advisories
- **Mesotrophic**
 - Containing a moderate amount of nutrients to support a healthy, diverse population of aquatic plants, animals, and algae.
- **Phosphorus**
 - Remains a potential pollutant – Stormwater runoff and internal loading
- **Other issues of concern**
 - Zebra mussels and Harmful Algal Blooms
 - Future invasive species – Hydrilla and Quagga mussels – highly disruptive
 - Wetland designation



Kettle Lakes Association (C-OFOKLA)

CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference

Go with the Flow: Caring for our lakes, wetlands and the life within

September 12, 9:30 – 4:30

Little York Lake Pavilion



Mural Project

Artwork by Brandon Lazore – Onondaga Nation, Snipe clan

Result from two years of community dialog with Tully, Preble, and Little York

Collaboration and Funding through Cornell Water Resources Institute

SUNY – ESF Limnology Class Projects

Kettle Lakes Stormwater - Rapid Response

Cortland County Harvester

Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District and

Outreach support for Grant

More at www.kettlelakesassociation.org And Facebook



Board Review and Elections

Current Board

Officers – 2 years

- President – Tom Abrams
- Vice President – Tarki L. Heath
- Treasurer - Martha Quinn
- Secretary – Mónica Abrams

Board of Directors (BOD) - 3 Years

- Tom Santurri (2027)
- Jeff Merrill (2027)
- Carol Levine (2025)
- Steve Soos (2026)
- Linda Metz (2025)
- Scott Collier (2027)

Proposed Slate

Officers

- President – Tom Abrams (2027)
- Vice President – Tarki L. Heath (2027)
- Treasurer - Martha Quinn (2027)
- Secretary – Mónica Abrams (2027)

BOD

- Mónica Abrams (2028)
- Martha Quinn (2028)
- Carol Levine (2028)
- Linda Metz (2028)

Other Business and Open Discussion

- Girl Scout Fishing Support



- Ornaments and magnets



- Membership renewal and general fund/water quality protection donation

- Website and Facebook

The Song Lake Property Owners Association Membership Form

Year 2025/26

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use this form.

Why Your SLPOA Membership is Important

- We keep you informed about community and lake issues through various forms of outreach (i.e., email, Facebook and the SLPOA website).
- We keep ourselves and the residents knowledgeable about our watershed by collaborating with SUNY-ESF, Cortland County Soil and Water and others to share the latest information and the best management practices for our lake.
- We are members of, and participate in, the New York State Federation of Lake Associations and the Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program.
- We are a founding member lake association of the Cortland-Ontario/Federation of Kettle Lake Associations.
- We help organize lake activities and have a lovely new tent available for members to use for a small donation (you must be a current member).
- We bring neighbors together with our Annual Meeting/Picnic in August.

Please circle your response to the following:

New or Renewing Dues will be applied to July 1- June 30. Please help us keep our

association active by letting us know your interests

Would you like to join one of our existing committees?

Nomination Committee
Recreation Committee
Watershed and Environment Committee

Your suggestions for a committee you would like to form _____

Name of adults _____

Name & ages of children _____

Lake Address _____

Other Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Dues \$ 35

Please help with a donation toward Milfoil Weed Management

and Water Quality Protection (Circle amount)

\$ 100

75

50

25

Other \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make your checks payable to the Song Lake Property Owners Association and send it, with this form to: SLPOA Treasurer at PO Box 489, Tully NY 13159

You can also pay via PayPal, please send funds to songlakeassociation@gmail.com and where asked what the funds are being sent for, please put in your "Name & Address" so we know who they are coming from.

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Note: Membership and donations are limited to any person who owns land, or leases a residence for a period of not less than one (1) year, and the property abuts Song Lake or is located on Palmer Rd, Old Woods Rd, Palmer Rd, or Song Lake Rd, (Between Palmer Rd and Palmer Rd.)

Other Business and Open Discussion

Raffle

A huge shoutout to the generous local establishments that supported this event and the raffle. Please be sure to support our local establishments.

K Kurdish Mediterranean



Bloomin' Cup



Working Together to Keep Song Lake (our home) Beautiful



Thank You!!