

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.



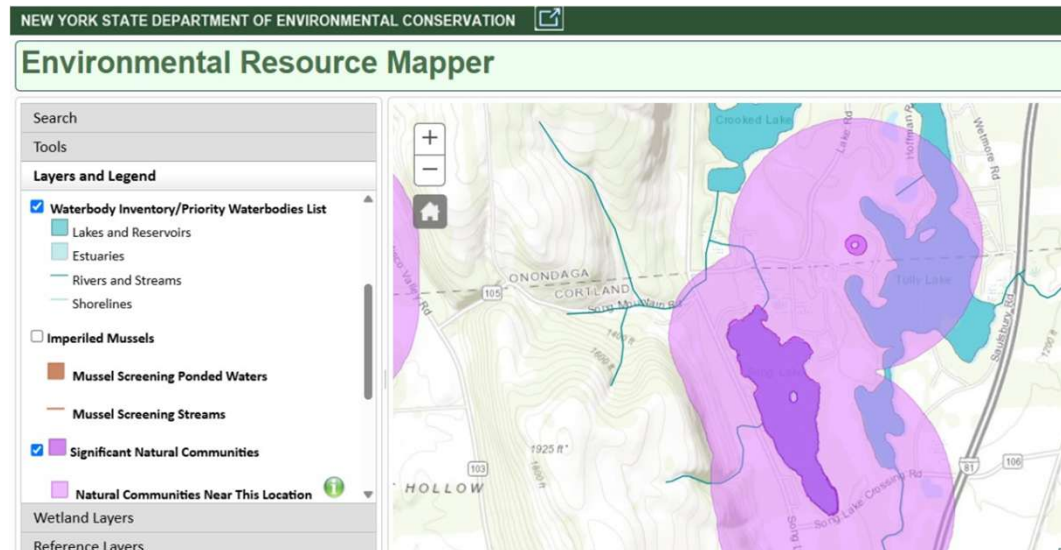
2024 Highlights - Walleye Stocking

- 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
Hicklins 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, NO_x, 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

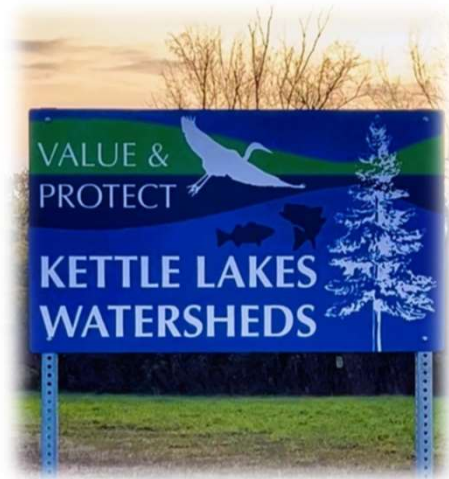
Kettle Lakes Stormwater - Rapid Response

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 adult _____
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.
www.songlakePOA.org Follow us on Facebook @SongLakePOA

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!!