



Song Lake Property Owners Association  
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“Watching out for our lake and bringing the community together.”

## Song Lake Property Owners Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

6:00 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) (2025)	Tom Santurri (2024)	Cathy Merrill
Tarki Heath (VP) (2025)	Scott Collier (2024)	
Mónica Abrams (Sec) (2025)	Linda Metz (2025)	
Martha Quinn (Treasurer) (2025)	Carol Levine (2025)	
	Jeff Merrill (2027)	

**Absent:**

	Steve Soos (2026)	
	Tony Goddard (former Pres)	

1. Start 6:30 pm
2. **Roll call** to establish quorum.
3. **August 5, 2024** Board meeting minutes approved with no changes.
4. **Treasurer Report**
  - a. Opening balance from 7/31/24                      \$12,524.46
  - b. Deposits (membership/weed donations \$1,055.96
  - c. Expenditures (COFOKLA Annual dues, Erie Ins. Premium, Girl Scouts Annual meeting lodge rental fee)                      \$901
  - d. Balance as of 10/31/24                      \$12,679.42**
  - e. ProcellaCOR donations - Outstanding GS - second payment offered for \$2K, Tom A. has contacted Julie about it. Tom A. and Tarki will coordinate to reach out again.

## 5. Membership Drive

- a. As per email from Jeff:
  - 132 Unique Parcel ID's
  - 101 Unique Owners
  - 78 Lake Front Properties/Owners
  - 51 2024/25 SLPOA Members (7 are not Lakefront owners) – (Tom Note: 53 when including Dorothy Sarvay who paid as a Lifetime member + 1 other lifetime member)
  - 44 Out of 78 Lakefront Owners are Members (56%)
- b. Some members have only phone numbers but no emails
- c. Will send a mailing to anyone that does not have an email asking for one – Jeff and Mónica
- d. Agreed to send emails to all residences (not just members) to keep everyone informed and hopefully encourage membership.

## 6. Annual Meeting

- a. **HUGE thank you to Tom S.** for the generous and delicious donations!!
- b. Carol believes it went well – good idea to have flowers at tables
- c. Liked redirect on short term rentals – we don't have any control over issue
- d. It was good idea to have a CCS&W representative with information on invasive species
- e. Thank you to members who distributed annual meeting reminder handouts to residents – Tom A, Jeff M. and Kathy M.
- f. Next year need utensils (including knives to cut bagels) and napkins in addition to juices and water.
- g. This year flags were touching the ground. Consider smaller flags or flags with longer poles

## 7. Board (Directors & Officers) insurance

Have \$500,000/\$1,000,000. Policy posted on Google Drive

## 8. Website

- a. Jeff – no changes
- b. Post drone video to get people to look at website
- c. Post older pictures on website
- d. Jeff – has been collecting and posting lake temperature and dissolved oxygen readings
- e. Jeff
  - i. Homepage – under picture – notifications with link to other pages within website
  - ii. Minutes and agendas posted – great!
  - iii. Put statistics on traffic; 500 visits so far
  - iv. Fab.com – songbird

## 9. Facebook

- a. Scott C. working with Tonny G. on access
- b. Tarki will check with Colleen – what she does for Tully Lake

## 10. Committee Updates:

- a. *Nomination Committee* – Mónica and Tarki.
  - Congratulations Jeff M. our new Board Member
  - Thank you, Diana, for all your work as a Board member
  - Terms – Officers 2 years, Board 3 years
  - Tarki and Mónica will meet to see if there need to be any changes
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b. *Recreation Committee* – Tom S. and Diana.

- Do we want to try to do more activities in addition to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July meet and greet
- We don't have as many kids as we used to on the lake so canoe/kayak races would likely result in little interest.
- Ideas – Happy Hour (social gathering) on the ice, Valentine's winter festival
- Potluck at Carol L.'s house in February 😊

c. *Watershed and Environment* – Tarki

- Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Next meeting 11/9 at 9:00 am
- Tarki has two 1932 pictures (attached) – need to post on website
- NYSFOLA
  - a. CSLAP members – Tarki, Jeff, Cathy, Carl, Terry, Donna, and Marjorie. Last testing done on Sept 22
  - b. Lake field data report probably in January; full report in May
  - c. Jeff has dissolved oxygen meter; continues to collect data and graph. Will need to return meter to DEC in November.
  - d. 2025 testing – 8 sessions proposed to Board and approved. Cost increase of \$330. HABs testing, if any, would be an additional cost.
  - e. Scott C. may be able to do ELISA testing (for toxicity) on HABs at his lab – build into graduate work. ESF will be closing lab – Greg retired
  - f. Strategic plan being developed by NYSFOLA. They will be sending a survey to get member input and are looking to expand into other programs (e.g., watershed management). Want to find out what members want/need (municipalities).
- Kettle Lakes Association
  - a. CCS&W Grant for septic systems to be discussed at Nov 14<sup>th</sup> meeting; also potential for harvester purchase.
  - b. Regional conference on Sept 13 at LYL went very well. Just over 100 participated. Only Marjie from Song Lake was to participate. PPTs available at NYSFOLA and KL websites
  - c. ESF Limnology Class – Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Song and LYLs. All lakes presented to about 20 students. Good class. Should have projects this week from Kim.
  - d. Conservation Field Days on Sept 19 and 20. All Cortland Co. 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Clean, Drain and Dry
  - e. Scheduled to install a road side sign on Lake Road – ***You are in Kettle Lakes Region***

d. *Fish Stocking* – Scott, Diana and Tarki

- Funds - \$1,935 – motion to round up to \$2,000 - passed
- Dan Stitch SUNY Oneonta Biological field Station - consulted
- Scott spoke to Ian Blackburn at DEC; very pleased to see stocking
- Scott filing application – put fish in first week in Nov.
- Size of walleye putting in – relatively large
- DEC will tell number to be put in
- Scott R. said his launch area can be used to release. Has a cold spring nearby
- Website – post a fact sheet
- Perch population will not be impacted negatively. Perch population has been measured and is sustainable

- Scott C will put together pictures and send to Tarki to put on Facebook and website

**11. Island Markers – Jeff**

- a. Jeff has testing buoy
- b. Shoal markers will be removed after Girl Scout boat pull out
- c. Jeff marked GPS coordinates – edges of shoal.
- d. Tom and Jeff to coordinate end of season removal

**12. Newsletter – Tom A.**

- a. Information currently distributed by email, as well as posted on Facebook site and website.
- b. Will not be doing a newsletter – not necessary

**13. Other**

- a. Need to setup a committee to review Bylaws (last done in 2016) – Tarki, Jeff and Mónica will meet to do
- b. Carol L. will paint Song Lake, lake sign, by Fulmer Rd either this fall or in the spring – Thank you!!
- c. It is good to have Zoom meeting link in Agenda – makes it easier to connect
- d. Boat pull – Girl Scout camp this Thursday 10/10/24 between 10 and 12.

**14. Meeting Dates –**

- a. Voted to the following schedule - bi-monthly through winter and monthly during lake season (e.g., first Monday in Jan, March, May, June, July, August, September, November)
- b. Voted to change meeting time
- c. **Meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month**
- d. **Meetings will start at 5:30 pm**
- e. Meeting dates – Jan. 6, March 3, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, November 3, 2025

**Next meeting – Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm via Zoom**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectively Submitted by: Mónica Abrams



Special Instructions

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