

Sunset Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025, 7:00pm-Hanaur Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Russ Baldwin at 7:00 pm, followed by him leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Jenny Buhl with the following members present; President Russ Baldwin, Treasurer Michelle Bearden, Secretary Jenny Buhl, Board Members, Ron Schultz, Anne Dorman, Anne Clough, Dave Johnson and Valerie Jagiela.

A motion was made by Ron Schultz to approve August 12, 2025, meeting minutes with slight language corrections, seconded by Michelle Bearden, all approved.

Old Business:

- a) Lakes and Rivers have been contacted regarding the valve replacement on the tower. Dave Johnson reported that the items will be ready in a few weeks and will schedule time to come and install hopefully before cold weather

Reports

- a) **President Report: Russ Baldwin-** water level is down 18 inches. Oil and chipping of road will begin soon. From East side of spillway to East Lake Drive and side roads in between. Annual meeting is scheduled for October 18th, we have 3 applicants currently that have submitted their bios, with 4 seats open.
- b) **Legal & Insurance: Russ Baldwin/Ann Clough-** Nothing to report
- c) **Lake Patrol-Safety Enforcement: Russ Baldwin/Dave Johnson-** a couple of violations have been issued regarding issues with incorrect stickers. Ron Schultz reported all lights have been placed on the buoys. An updated “No Wake” sign has been erected at the boat launch. New signs will be coming next year.
- d) **Water Quality: Val Jagiela/Anne Dorman-** Charlie Edwards tested water 8/25/25 for algae. Val discussed options of having a certified sprayer to help with algae control and the high cost of this option. She reminded everyone that the association did purchase a rake and net to manually remove algae from coves and any member can use it. Coves were tested August 29, 2025 resulting in a positive e-coli test. Several board members discussed the issue and that there

is no way to know the cause of the bacteria. It was decided to notify all members of the result of the tests and to caution swimming in the water until a negative test is obtained. The cove was retested and are waiting on results.

- e) **Building & Construction Permits:** Ron Schultz-transfers will be updated for September in October's report
- f) **Common Grounds: Roads & Dam:** Ron Schultz-Oiling and chipping will begin soon as mentioned in the Presidents report
- g) **Leasehold Ground: Anne Dorman/Russ Baldwin-**Nothing to report
- h) **Treasurers Report-(Finance, Insurance & Property Taxes): Michelle Bearden/Jenny Buhl**—Michelle presented corrected the “roll forward” portion of her treasurers reports for March, May, June and July 2025. There were errors only in a formula, all bank balances were correct, these will be posted to the SLA Website. Proposed 206 Budget was presented and discussed, President Russ Baldwin made a motion to approve to be included in the Annual Meeting Packet to members, Jenny Buhl seconded, all approved. The balance of all accounts as of 8/31/2025 is \$355,079.16
- i) **Bylaws, Rules & Regulations/NFPC Status: Val Jagiela/Ron Schultz/Russ Baldwin-**the committee is meeting regularly to review current rules, suggestion for new language throughout the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations will be sent in the near future for approval.
- j) **Sanitation: Russ Baldwin/Dave Johnson-** the second round of chlorine testing will begin, with the addition of retesting the cove that contained e coli at the end of August. A few fines from 2025 Spring testing have not been paid, extra fines will be assessed.
- k) **Lease- Administrator of Leases; Amy Walkenbach/Jenny Buhl-**No transfers this month, but 5 pending transfers for next month.
- l) **Long Term Planning Committee-**Ron Schultz-the committee will be meeting with Ron Coyle and Ruth Anne to get their input on day-to-day items that may need to be addressed. Meetings take place regularly.

In New Business:

- a) Association Tree Removal Bid-a proposal last year in North Lake area, received bid from Dave Cary for \$5850. Will get a bid from another provider. Ron makes a motion to get a second bid and approve tree removal not to exceed \$5850 with funding coming from other budget items. Val will call regarding second bid
- b) With the resignation of Tom Sidener, a Vice President needed elected. President Russ Baldwin nominated Ron Schultz, Dave Johnson seconded the motion, all approved.

Guest Recognition

Andrea Bushnell- ...Representing the SLA Booster Club. asking how the SLA Board would prefer communication with the Booster Club. Possibly adding a section in our minutes for the booster club updates. Also requests a booster member to attend the SLA meeting to give an update on their activities.

The Poker Run was a success along with the 70th anniversary celebration during Labor Day weekend. She explained the difference between the booster club and the SLA Board of Directors, that the Boosters are a volunteer fundraising group for non-essential items for the lake, while the SLA BOD is an elected body by the members tasked to take care of day-to-day business needs of the association. The SLA BOD and the SLA Booster Club are not comingled but do work together.

Future events for the Sunset Lake Booster Club include; Oktoberfest Oct 11th, a Christmas Walk and mega raffle drawing Dec 6th and A book for the 70th anniversary of the lake being sold.

A motion was made by Michelle Bearden to adjourn at 8: pm seconded by Jenny Buhl, all approved.