

**Sunset Lake Association Board of Directors Minutes
December 12, 2023, 7:00pm-Hanaur Hall**

- I. Call to Order by President John Kemp-
- II. Pledge of Allegiance-ALL
- III. Roll Call by Secretary Jenny Buhl

Title, Name	Term Ends	Present/ Absent
President, John Kemp	2024	P
Joe Kovacs	2024	P
Treasurer, Michelle Bearden	2026	P
Secretary, Jenny Buhl	2026	P
Russ Baldwin	2025	P
Brady Hahn	2025	A
Valerie Jagiela	2025	P
Tom Sidener	2026	P
Jerry Winterland	20245	P

IV. Approval of Minutes

a) November 14, 2023, Board Meeting-

- ACTION: Jerry Winterland moved to approve the November 14, 2023 board minutes, seconded by Tom Sidener-Motion carries, all in favor- November Minutes approved as presented.

V. Old Business

- a) **Elect Vice President:** Tabled from the November meeting due to a tie between Baldwin and Hahn and one board member absent as tie breaker. President Kemp had a suggestion from a board member that the vote should be secret ballot, all agreed. Votes were cast from attending board members and tallied. Baldwin-6 votes, Hahn-1 vote. Russ Baldwin elected Vice President.

ACTION:

- b) **Vote on a date for fireworks 2024:** Results of surveys were distributed to board members. President Kemp explained that he was asked by the board to have a survey sent out in the weekly email

“What’s Up” going to only SLA members asking what dates they would like to have fireworks on the lake in 2024 that included dates and the vendor available for each date. Subsequently, another survey was posted on the Sunset Lake Girard Facebook Page by the pages administrator that only included dates. President Kemp asked Ruth Ann to compile results of both surveys, breaking out the Facebook results for SLA members and non-members. The majority of votes cast through the member email survey was for June 29, 2024 while the majority of votes cast through the Facebook survey was for July 5, 2024. Counting only votes that were cast by current SLA members, the results were:

	Email Survey	Facebook Survey	Total
June 29 by Falling Skies	33	26	59
July 5 by J&M Displays	8	45	53

President Kemp provided 2 proposals from the vendor J&M Displays each for \$16,000.00 for a 20–22-minute show, each using different size shells, one that would require blocking off Emmerson Airline and would be available July 3rd or July 5th. The proposal from vendor Falling Skies was \$15,000.00 for a 30-minute show and did not require blocking off roads and would be available June 29th. Discussion held between board members and audience in regard to the results of the surveys. Members stating some were having issues getting their emails to go through another stating she didn’t answer the email because she took the Facebook survey. Tom Sidener fielded the question of the email explaining it could be an issue with our Royell email address and would check into it. Treasurer Bearden stated there should not have been a 2nd survey distributed via Facebook in her opinion. She had stated at the last meeting that it would not be appropriate to distribute a SLA member survey via Facebook because 1) not all SLA members use Facebook; 2) a lot of people who are not SLA members follow and comment on that Facebook page; and 3) the Facebook page is not administered/controlled by the SLA Board.

ACTION: Jerry Winterland moved for fireworks to be held on June 29, 2024, seconded by Secretary Buhl-motion carries, all in favor-Fireworks set for June 29, 2024 by Falling Skies.

- c) **Approve September and October 2023 Board Minutes “as amended”**: September and October Amended minutes had been approved, Vice President Baldwin stated the amended, approved minutes for these months had not been posted. Discussion regarding updating the process for approval and posting amended minutes followed. The executive committee will meet on this matter to improve the process of getting minutes posted to our website.

VI. Reports

a) President’s Report-President Kemp reported that Ron had been working diligently keeping the leaves cleaned up around the lake. President Kemp had to contact two people regarding cleaning up the leaves from their yards and was having trouble contacting a third member while neighbors were making complaints about the yard. President Kemp asked Ron to remove leaves from the yard with the member being billed for the service at \$100/hour.

- b) Building and Grounds-President Kemp-Hanour Hall is being rented for Christmas.

c) Water and Land Safety-Vice President Baldwin-Nothing to report

d) Building & Construction Permits-Jerry Winterland-Lot 284-new shed. President Kemp issued a tree removal permit today.

e) Treasurer Report (Finance, Insurance & Property Taxes)- Treasurer-Bearden presented her December Treasurer Report through 11/30/2023. Although the format is different than the format Treasurer Muschong had used, the report provides the same information. Pages 1-3 of the report summarize the year-to-date activity and current balances in each of the bank accounts, pages 4-6 provide the detailed profit and loss statement broken down by month, page 7 lists the checks that were issued during November and page 8 lists the payment receipts that were deposited in November. The YTD Net Cashflow according to the bank account summary is \$68,904.33. The Net Income according to the Quickbooks Profit and Loss Report is \$68,163.29. The cumulative reconciling difference between the bank accounts and Quickbooks as of 11/30/2023 is \$741.04. Some of this difference is the interest income earned on the bank accounts that has not been entered into Quickbooks yet. Treasurer Bearden will work on identifying and correcting the remaining difference, but that will require some time to learn more about the Quickbooks system. Despite the small unidentified reconciling difference, the Treasurer's Report shows that SLA remains financially sound

f) Bylaws, Rules & Regulations-Treasurer Bearden reported the By Laws have been updated to reflect the new SLA monthly meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month. Vice President Russ Baldwin added that he believes the Bylaws should be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds in Macoupin County when changes are made. Russ will prepare a document to incorporate the change to be filed.

g) Sanitation-President Kemp checked 57 Lots for Chlorine tabs-6 were found with no chlorine in the tubes, the homes were part time residents. A note was left on the door reminding them to put chlorine in their tubes. Val Jagiela stated that if a lot is found non-compliant, the person checking should add a chlorine tab and charge the member as our rules and regulations state you must have chlorine tabs in your septic tube. This would eliminate the need to leave a note on the door and going back to check the lot is complying. President Kemp agreed, they should have chlorine and would leave the process up to the next committee member in charge of Sanitation. Jenny Buhl asked if the SLA Board member adding the chlorine damaged anything while adding chlorine, would SLA be liable. President Kemp said he had previously contacted Maguire Septic regarding a service to check and add chlorine to each lot on a regular basis, they did not offer that service.

h) Lake & Watershed Management-President Kemp-North Lake Drove the dry dam is filled with silt and debris. He talked to the farmer about digging it out by spring

i) Secretary's Report- Secretary Buhl-Nothing to report

j) Leases- Administrator of Leases; President Kemp-Lot 62-John and Marcie Leanord to Lester and Amy Stewart

VII. New Business

- a) **Streaming monthly SLA board meetings**-Tom Sidener-Tested the live stream tonight on YouTube using Tom's equipment. He provided the address for viewers to log in. To purchase the same equipment is under \$200 and will be no cost to SLA or viewers to sign in and watch.
- ACTION:

b) **Create community-based fireworks committee**-Tom Sidener-Discussion held regarding SLA members creating a volunteer fundraising group to raise funds and make decisions regarding fireworks and if funds would be held by SLA or the group. The request for volunteers for the group could be sent out in the weekly "What's Up" email. Michelle Bearden suggested using a survey tool that was shared by Tom to get feedback about such a committee.

ACTION: Treasurer Bearden moved to have a survey link emailed to SLA Members to gauge interest in forming and serving on a fireworks/fundraising committee. Seconded by President Kemp. Motion carries, all in favor- Tom Sidener will create a survey link to be email to SLA Members

c) **Current mowing practices**-Val Jagiela shared her concern for the common ground being mowed too much and would like to see some of these areas be left for prairie grass. She noted leaving these areas alone should be a money savings to the lake with gas and labor costs along with giving habitat areas to wildlife.

ACTION:

d) **Utilization of community center (Hanaur Hall)**-Val Jagiela would like to schedule card game days during the winter and also offer the members to use the facility at a discounted fee for "garage" sales other than during the yearly garage sales. Val will coordinate upcoming card days.

ACTION:

e) **Monthly help for senior SLA members**-Val Jagiela-discussion regarding setting up a system for monthly "work days" for members that need help fixing thing around their homes.

ACTION:

VIII. Membership and Guest Recognition:

Sue Muschong-Lot 207-Regarding posting Amended Minutes-recommending if we want to post the minutes before approval to add a watermark "DRAFT" to the document.

Jane Mihkelson Lot 255-The sign on West Lake burn pile is down-John responded he will take care of it.

Terry Moore Lot 278-Social media for SLA-2 Facebook sites is confusing, forms on website are inaccurate and need updated. Board commented we have nothing to do with Facebook sites.

Linda Urban Lot 36-Agreed with Val's suggestion of having scheduled activities in the hall.

Deb Thompson Lot 254-Suggested that if we begin the live feed, that audience members not be allowed to interject when the board is talking.

IX. Board Comments-None

X. Adjourn-Vice President Baldwin moved to adjourn meeting, Secretary Buhl seconded, Motion carries, all in favor- Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Jennifer Buhl #

1.10.24 #