

MINUTES OF SILVER SPRINGS LAKE ASSOCIATION

April 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. at Trudy Kemps residence. Present: Mike Fisher, Trudy Kemps, Cheryl Mekschun, Ray Braun, Tom Joseph via Zoom and Dave Govek was absent. Other association members present: Paulette Couillard (lot 98), Terry Klaves (lot 203), Al Gehring (lot 87), Ted Andersen (lot 83), Mike Ceplina (lot 97) and Steve Manlick (lot 136).

Secretary's Minutes: The October 22, 2022 minutes was accepted by Ray Braun and seconded by Tom Joseph.

Treasurer's Report: A draft of the annual budget for 2023-2024 was discussed and will be finalized at the next Board meeting. The major changes were the legal fees increased due to possible updating of covenants and increased computer costs due to a change in web hosting and maintenance. Trudy proposed that the association's checking and savings account be moved to F & M Bank. Ray Braun made a motion to move the accounts, Mike Fisher seconded the motion.

Architecture Committee: Ray Braun indicated that Peter and Marian Zopf (lot 108) would be tearing down their shed and attaching a new one to their house.

Clean Water: Terry Klaves reported that Cason and Associates mapped our lake for lake weed and Eurasian Milfoil in the fall of 2022. Early this spring they will map the Curly Leaf Pondweed. Both invasive lake weeds need mapping for accurate chemical orders and treatment. We discussed briefly the possibility of pursuing an algaecide treatment for Chara, a variety of algae, that may be a growing issue on our lake. Aquatic Biologists LLC will also be doing an updated muck survey on the lake this spring.

David Lester, a water biologist has indicated his interest in helping Terry.

Fish Committee: It was recommended that we should continue stocking walleye. The fish population appears to be healthy. The crappie and bass are doing okay, blue gills are small. Perch have not been stocked for a while.

Old Business: Mike Fisher reported he had no new information about repairing the frontage road. Construction companies are not interested in small jobs such as this one. Lehman was a possible Company to tap or when the East Silver Springs Road ditch and culvert project is going on we could piggy-back with the company doing that project.

Maintenance help is still needed for the lake. Mike Ceplina helped install the boat landing but is not interested in doing this full time but would help if he is available. The yellow ball-buoys were blown across some of the bays and need to be repositioned. Trudy will make some contacts to area people for possible interest in this position. The job duties would include: boat landing and pier area, buoy placement and road sign tree clipping.

Trudy requested to get assistance from a tech company or a knowledgeable person to help with the web site. A company in Berlin will take over the computer hosting and maintenance at a charge of \$370.00 per year plus any big updates at \$100.00 per hour. Paulette Couillard indicated her interest in assisting Trudy with the monthly updates.

Trudy proposed giving Joyce Jaeger a gift certificate for all her work on behalf of the lake, she annually audits the books, checks the P.O. Box on a regular basis. \$100.00 was the approved amount.

The April 29th Soup Cookoff was cancelled due to lack of interest.

New Business: Ted Andersen expressed great concern about the issue of lake aerators and their need and cost. He also suggested that a cap be put on spending when the covenants are revised and that an agenda be posted a week before the monthly Board meeting. Assurances were made to those attending that the Board is entrusted to make the best decisions on behalf of the lake membership. The Annual Association Meeting is on May 27, 2023 and will include information about aerators and future plans.

Mike Fisher indicated that two stop signs need to be replaced on Oakwood and White Birch Lanes. These will cost about \$70.00.

The annual vote for two Board positions took place and Ray Braun and Nathan Lehner won. Tom will contact all the candidates about the vote outcome.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at Cheryl Mekschun's home.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Mekschun and seconded by Ray Braun at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Mekschun, Secretary