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MINUTES OF SILVER SPRINGS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

May 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Joseph. Board members present: Vice President Nate Lehner, Treasurer Trudy Kemps, Secretary Cheryl Mekschun, Architecture Committee: David Lester and Ray Braun. There were 84 Association members in attendance.

Tom Joseph opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed David Lester as the newest elected member of the Board. Mike Fisher was thanked for his work on the Board.

SECRETARY REPORT: Lot 141 motioned to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2023 meeting; Lot 131 seconded the motion. All minutes can be viewed on the website.

TREASURER REPORT: The Balance Sheet and Profit Loss Statement were provided to all members in attendance. The landing/pier project was covered by a reserve in the form of a CD. Lot 173 asked for the actual cost of the project and Lots 24, 87, 168 asked about the Board's ability to spend the Association's funds. The Covenants and By-Laws were explained and a motion to limit the Board's ability to spend more than \$10,000 was not acted upon because there was not a quorum of lot members present. A number of advertisers were added this year: Soda Construction, A Splash of Color and Freedom's Choice Contracting. An audit was completed by Joyce Jaeger and Kay Castillo. A motion to accept the report was made by 124; Lot 87 seconded the motion.

FISH COMMITTEE: An order of 1000 eight-inch walleye and 2000 flathead minnows has been placed by Tom Joseph.

LAKE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (LPC): Terry Klaves provided a report that revealed the lake has aged (60+ years) to the point where previous chemical weed treatments are no longer effective. The dead weeds and algae created a muck buildup on the bottom promoting new weed growth. The cost of chemical treatment has increased 300%. The LPC took into consideration the cost and effectiveness of the treatment processes. The LRC proposed to the

Board the DASH method for the invasive weed bed removal and weed harvesting for biomass removal. Bids were obtained and the Board reviewed and approved the LRC recommendations for 2024.

Lot 54 asked about length of contract? One year is the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of this new method. Lot 102 and 24 had concerns on cost and provision of safety sheets for any chemicals. These are available. Lot 108 asked if aeration was considered. It was used in the past. It did not control weed growth and was costly to maintain.

Lots 148 and 173 were concerned about green slime (algae). This could be treated with a fungicide and owners were asked to rake their shoreline, keep leaves/debris away as well as not to fertilize lawns near the shore. Lot 148 reported success with muck pellets. Lot 49 asked about width of the weed harvest. The navigation lane is 20 to 24 feet wide and 4.5 miles around. Weeds will be removed from the navigation lane and put on a local farm field. The DNR licenses the lake as a "fish farm" and there are no restrictions with the methods used to preserve the recreational value of the lake.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board is proposing an annual dues amount of \$400.00 starting in May 2025. This increase is necessary to cover the cost of the lake preservation program.

By-Laws and Covenants require a vote by all members and this meeting does not have a quorum. Lot 138 and 133 were concerned about getting proper bids for the launch/pier and lake treatments. The bids were obtained from interested contractors and in some cases there were few interested in bidding. Lot 102 asked why the pier is 32 feet which goes against the Covenants and is a danger for night boating. Lot 102 suggested solar lights on the pier. The launch/pier will accommodate the weed harvesting equipment that will be used on the lake this year. Lot 102 expressed concern that previous minutes did not contain Board approval for the launch/pier project as well as the lake treatment process. A review will take place on this concern. By-Law and Covenant changes as well as the dues increase will be voted on this summer by ballot. Lot 102 suggested using an e-mail process for voting. This process will be considered.

OLD BUSINESS: The lake activities for the year have been posted in the Newsletter. Pontoons must have lot numbers placed at the back. DNR pontoon licensing should be kept up to date. The lake is "No Wake" and the launch gate will be closed after this weekend. There is a need for some frontage road repair and if any owner has a driveway paving project they could ask their contractor to assist the Association. Lot 8 asked if the directory is on the web site. Lot 134 asked the secretary and treasurer positions not be compensated. Lot 24 and 215 asked that all financial information be available. Lot 89 and 193 are concerned that geese are a problem this year.

ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE: Ray Braun reported there have been home additions, new garages and house replacements this year.

Lot 79 motioned to adjourn the meeting; Lot 89 seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mekschun

Secretary