



# WELCOME 2024 SLA ANNUAL MEETING

## 2024 SLA MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

- 2023 Year in Review Video
- Welcome & SLA Board Members
- Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District Update
- Scott County Sheriff Update
- 2023 Financial Review & 2024 Budget Update
- 2023 SLA Overview & Highlights
- 2024 SLA Goals & Initiatives
- Question & Answer
- Attendee Drawing



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#### Attendee Checklist

- Pay 2024 SLA Membership
- · Make a SLA Lake Improvement Donation
- Add SLA Events to Calendar and plan to attend

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# 2023 SLA BOARD MEMBERS

The Following Board Members Have Extended Their SLA Board Position for Another Term!



Wesley Steffan President 2021 - 2027



Patsy Lundquist Vice President 2021 - 2027



Audra Miears
Secretary
2021 - 2027



Matt Batulis Board Member 2022 - 2026

# THANK YOU | SLA BOARD MEMBERS!



Val Selle
Board Member
2022 - 2024
Social Committee
Chair



Monica Costello
Board Member
2022 - 2024
Water Quality
Committee



**Lauren Peters** 

Treasurer
2020 - 2024
SLA Sponsor
Sponsor – Pick your Paddle
Social Committee - Over 7 years

# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Larry Cox Treasurer 2024 - 2027



**Greg Tillotson**Board Member
2024 - 2026



**Aaron Van Beusekom** Board Member 2024 - 2026

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# Spring Lake Association 2023 Highlights

Joni Giese
District Administrator

**Danielle Studer**Water Resource Specialist

PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

# Three Guiding Principles of the





#### Water Quality

Maintain of improve quality of water resources



#### **Aquatic Invasive Species**

 Manage existing and prevent new Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)



#### Flood Mitigation

• Reduce Flooding Impacts

# Water Quality

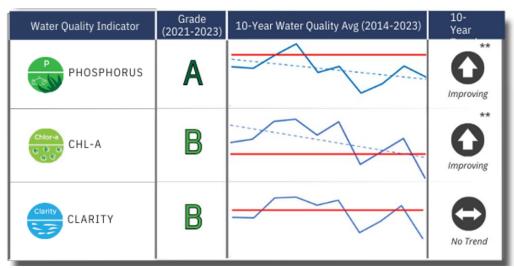




Spring Lake September 2017

# **Spring Lake Water Quality**



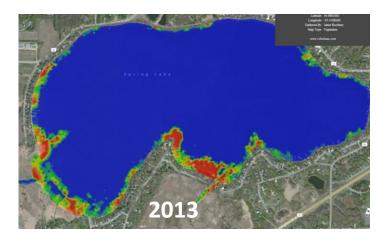


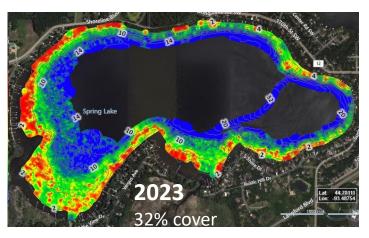
Grading Scale					
Excellent		Average		Poor	
All or most samples meet the desired threshold.	Many samples meet or are near the desired threshold.	Some samples meet or are near desired threshold.	Many samples do not meet the desired threshold.	Most samples do not meet the desired threshold.	



# Aquatic Plant Improvement on Spring Lake

- Increased plant growth and diversity!
- Habitat for fish and wildlife
- Maintain long-term lake health
  - Absorb nutrients
  - Reduce shoreline erosion

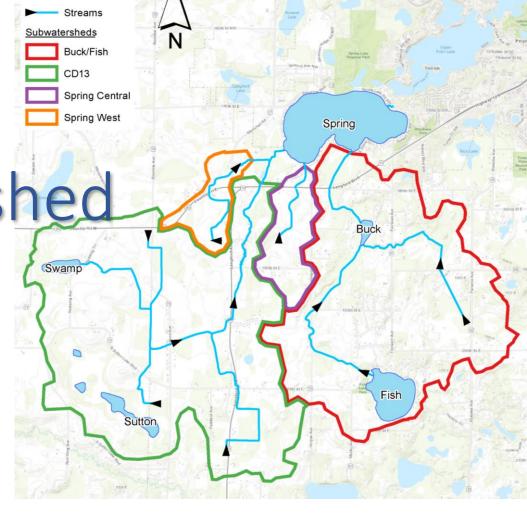






Upper Watershed

GOAL: Reduce nutrients from all areas that flow into Spring Lake



Lakes







# **Boat Inspections**

- Contracted and DNR inspectors
  - 67 violations exiting Spring Lake
  - 3 violations entering Spring Lake
- May October
- Common violations
  - Plants hanging off boat
  - Drain plugs in
  - Water in watercraft and equipment









# **Community Education**

# Reel Cool Fishing School



**Starry Trek** 



Aquatic Vegetation Seminar (with SLA)





# Carp Management

# 2023 Spring Lake

#### Removals

- ~ 11,500 pounds removed under ice seining
- Additional 400 pounds in summer

#### **Tracking**

• 10 Radio tags







# Carp Espionage

- Volunteers report carp sightings to the District
  - Staff checks on size of cluster and pursues a removal event if appropriate





# **Bluegill Stocking**







Bluegills eat carp eggs

Partnered with Spring Lake Association to stock 3,600 bluegills in breeding ponds



### Flood Reduction Success - How?

# 1) FASTER EXIT



Prior Lake Outlet Channel built in 1983 to create an outlet for our naturally landlocked watershed.

# 2) SLOWER FILL



Sutton Lake Outlet slows the flow of water downstream during flood conditions.

# Prior Lake Outlet Pipe Lining

Typical Pipe Lifespan	50 years
Our pipe's age	40 years
Typical storm drain has flow	70 days/year
Our pipe has flow	260 days/year





#### Cured-in-Place Pipe Liner

- > Extends pipe life by 50 years
- ➤ Increases outflow rate by more than 15%
- Installed through existing manholes





# **Bonding Request**

- Cooperators (right) submitted a request for support to the capital investment committee
  - Senate Bill (SF 3284) submitted by Senator Pratt
  - House Bill (HF 3269) submitted by Representative Bakeberg
  - Contact your representatives if you want to support!



# Volunteer Storm Drain Stenciling

- Looking for neighborhood groups in 2024
- Stenciling kits available for anyone, contact us!





# Questions?

Danielle Studer

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# SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE



Jacob Edwinson Sergeant



Max Kes
Recreational Safety Deputy



# 2023 FINANCIAL REVIEW & 2024 BUDGET UPDATE

Lauren Peters
SLA Treasurer & Sponsor









### 2023 BUDGET/ACTUAL INCOME

- \$15,324 | 2023 Budget Income
- \$18,706 | 2023 Actual Income
- \$ 8,800 47% | Sponsorship | **22** Sponsors | **15** Gold & **7** Silver
- \$4,016 22% | Membership Dues Collected
- \$3,190 17% | Lake Improvement Donations
- \$ 2,700 I4% | Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grant

### 2023 BUDGET/ACTUAL EXPENSES

- \$15,286 | 2023 Actual Expenses
- **\$14,486 | 2023 Budget Expenses**
- \$4,520 30 % Lake Improvement | Includes DNR \$2700 Grant
- \$ 5,971 39 % | Social Events
- \$ 2,604 17 % | Communication Expense
- **\$ 1,854 12 % | Marketing Expense**
- \$337 2 % | Administration

# 2024 SLA BUDGET INCOME

# \$15,540 | Total Budget Income

- \$ 8,600 55% | Sponsorship | **22** Sponsors | **15** Gold & **7** Silver
- **\$** 4,440 **\$**29% | Membership | **165** Budgeted Members
- \$ 2,500 16% | Lake Improvement Donation Fund

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\$2,250 Lake Improvement AIS Conditional DNR Grant Available, Payable Through 2024

# 2024 SLA MEMBERSHIP / SPONSORSHIP

### 187 | 2024 Sponsors & Members Goal

- 22 | Current Sponsors | 22 Budgeted Sponsors
- 125 | Current Members | 165 Budgeted Members
- 40 | # of Additional Paid Members Needed to Meet our Goal!
- We hope that you will be a paid member and encourage your new neighbors to become members.
- If you have new neighbors who moved in, please send their name, address and email address to <u>Board.SLA@Gmail.com</u> so we can welcome them and add them to our distribution list.





































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## 2024 SLA BUDGET EXPENSES

# \$16,130 | Total Budget Expense

- \$ 5,500 34% | Lake Improvement
- \$ 6,000 37% | Social Events
- \$ 3,080 19% | Communication Expense
- \$ 900 6% | Membership Expense
- \$ 650 4% | Administration
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- \$2,250 | Lake Improvement AIS Conditional DNR Grant available

### 2024 CURRENT CHECK BOOK

- \$24,312 | 2024 Starting Balance
- \$ 13,606 | Income Received
- \$ 4,225 | Expenses Paid
- \$34,693 | Current Cash Balance (March 31, 2024)
  - Includes \$9,710 | Lake Improvement Funds





# 2023 SLA Overview & Highlights

#### 2023 OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteers
- Fish Stocking
- New Events in 2023
- Aquatic Invasive Species



#### THANK YOU SLA VOLUNTEERS



Newsletter Packet Collating



Lake
Survey
with Blue
Water
Science



Bluegill Stocking with PLSLWD



Spring Lake
Estates
Landing
Cleanup
Kylee
Batulis

#### 2023 FISH STOCKING

#### Bluegill | Part of Carp Management

- June 2023 | PLSLWD & SLA Funded
  - Carp are an Invasive Species, Feeding Behavior Releases
     Phosphorous into Water Column

#### **DNR Walleye** | Enhance Fishing Population

- Fall 2023 DNR | Stocked 290 Pounds Fingerlings
  - DNR Stocks Walleye One Pound / Littoral Acreage of Fingerlings / Fry in Odd Years.

#### 2023 4TH OF JULY PARADE & NEW BOAT DECORATING



Ist Place | Lady Liberty | \$100 Gift Card Winners - Jaime Craig Weese and John & Denise Craig

2nd Place | 4 USA Flags | \$50 Gift Card Winners - Pamela & Scott Knutson



3rd PlaceCat Crew in Training | \$25 Gift CardWinners - Ken & Marcia Rodning

#### 2023 5K TURKEY TROT – NEW EVENT



#### **THANK YOU**

Brad, Susie & The Lindaman Family for Planning & Hosting!





#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

While This Wasn't a Race ...

Gabe Lindaman Came in 1st

& Nick Selle Came in 2nd!



#### 2023 NIGHT TO UNITE - NEW EVENT



**THANK YOU** | Party Hosts

Party I Greg & Sandy Sauve, Wesley & Vicki Steffan

Party 2 | Tom & Lauren Huntington, Maureen Reeder & Glenn Kelly





Party 3 | Audra & Cris Miears, Monica Costello & Joel Spalding

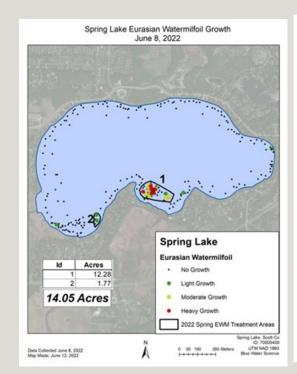
**Party 4** | Patsy & Brian Lundquist, Linda & David Menter

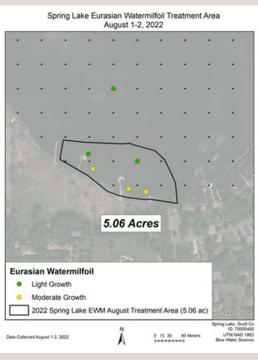
Party 5 | Joanna & Matthew Steiner



### 2021-2023 EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM)

- EWM Found in 2021by Blue Water Science (BWS).
- SLA Funded Treatment of 8 Acres at a Cost of \$5,000.
- 2022 SLA Pursued DNR Grant Provided Funding for Surveys and Treatments for 20 Acres.

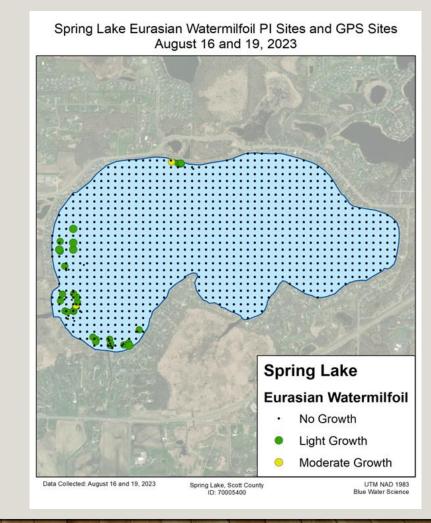




### 2021-2023 EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM)

- Three Lake Surveys Performed Early 2023 - No EWM Found.
- Survey Performed in August 2023 Found Light Growth on West Side of Lake.
- BWS Primary Concern is if it reaches Lake Surface and creates Mats.

We Will Continue to Monitor in 2024



#### ZEBRA MUSSELS IN SPRING LAKE

- Lone Zebra Mussel Found April 2022
- SLA placed Zebra Ladders around the Lake
  - Confirmed it was not an Isolated Case.
- 2023 Found All Around the Lake.
- Difficult to Manage / Mitigate per DNR.

Please do Your Part to Prevent the Spread to Other Lakes by Following:

Clean - Drain - Dispose Policy







## 2024 SLA Goals & Initiatives

#### 2024 SLA ICE OUT WINNERS



**Kelly Charles** 

**Prize:** \$50 Gift Card to Sailer's Greenhouse



**Joel Spalding** 



#### **ICE OUT DATES**

March 3, 2024
Earliest Date \*

April 4
Average Date \*

May 1, 2018
Latest Date \*

\* Dating back at least 30 years.

#### 2024 GOALS AND INITIATIVES

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- Provide On-Going Communication on Spring Lake Park
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#### 2024 GOAL - COMMUNICATIONS

We are Committed to Relevant & Timely Communication

- Communication Methods
  - Email, Facebook & Website
- 2024 Spring Communication Packet
  - Collated and Hand Delivered and mailed over 400 Newsletters, Lake Map, & Events Magnet.
  - Donations Gifts & New Resident Packets.
- 2024 Fall Newsletter Digital Only.



## 2024 GOAL - COMMUNICATIONS PHOTO OF THE WEEK & YEAR

Competition runs from May 27 – November 4 on Facebook.

 Photo that receives the most likes on Facebook is the winning photo for the week.

#### Winning Photo will be:

- Displayed on our Facebook and Website Headers for one week.
- Entered into the 2024 Photo of the Year Contest
- Included in the 2024 Year in Review Video.
- Header for the 2025 Printed Newsletter

If you are not on Facebook, send photos to Board.sla@gmail.com

### 2024 GOAL – EDUCATION SPRING LAKE MAP / SIGNAGE at BOAT RAMP



**THANK YOU** | PLSLWD for donating funds to print maps that will be handed out by Spring Lake Boat Landing Inspectors this season.

## 2024 GOAL - EDUCATION BOATING ETIQUETTE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Dispose of Your Trash Properly
- Respect the Ramp
- Own Your Wake
- Keep the Tunes in Check
- Minimize Repetitive Passes
- Know No Wake / Speed Restrictions
- Know the Boating Right of Way Rules
- Be Prepared
- Be Polite Give a Wave

## 2024 GOAL – EDUCATION BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

- Everyone is Encouraged to Take the Online Boat Training
   Course to Become Boat Certified.
  - Currently required for anyone 12 17 Years Old
  - Starting in 2025, anyone born after 1987 will need to be certified – phased in by years.
- In 2024 the SLA is Sponsoring a Drawing for Anyone Who Successfully Completes the Online Boat Training Course by August 1.

Drawing Will be Held in August for Chance to Win One of Ten \$50 Gift Certificates.



#### 2024 GOAL - SOCIAL EVENTS

May 27 | Memorial Day Pick Your Paddle

June 22 | Dive the Lake Cleanup (Volunteers Needed)

July 4 | 4th of July Boat Parade & Boat Decorating Contest

July 20 | Summer Concert & After Party

August 6 | Night to Unite (Volunteers Needed)

September 2 | Labor Day Pick Your Paddle

November 24 | 5k Turkey Trot

#### **THANK YOU**

Solar Shield for Donating the Spring Lake Association Social Events Magnets



## 2024 GOAL – SOCIAL / LAKE IMPROVEMENT DIVETHE LAKE CLEANUP- SATURDAY JUNE 22

#### Promote Awareness on Keeping Spring Lake Clean

#### **Volunteers Needed**

- Certified Scuba Divers with Equipment.
- Pontoon Boats and Captain's
- Deck Hands, to assist with trash and scuba diver needs.
- Volunteers at Raymond Park
- Paddle Board Volunteers

## **Volunteer Signup Available at the Registration Desk**

Prior Lake Dive the Lake planned for June 15.



#### 2024 NIGHT TO UNITE

Party Hosts and Helpers Needed for 6 – 7 Parties | Volunteer Signup Sheets Available at the Registration Desk

Spring Lake Association will Assist You in Planning Your Party and will Also Coordinate with the Following Partners:

- Scott County Sherriff
- Scott County Horse Patrol
- City of Prior Lake Police
- City of Prior Lake Fire
- Scott Soil & Water Conservation



Tuesday, August 6, 2024

# 2024 GOAL— COMMUNICATIONS SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK

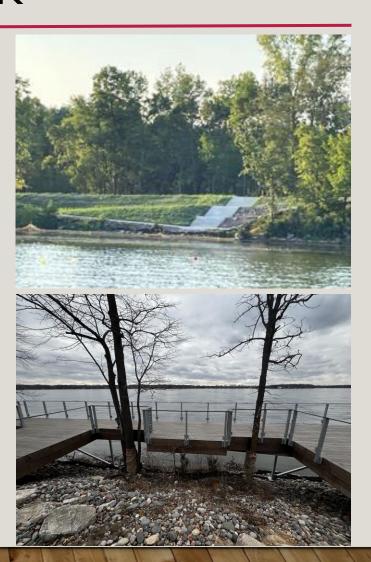


## 2024 GOAL - COMMUNICATIONS SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK

- Soft Opening May 22
- Grand Opening June 28

Prior to Park Opening, the Following will need to Completed:

- Fabricate and Install Railings on Observation Platforms
- Installation Electrical Components
- Build / Install Picnic Tables
- Install Drinking Fountains



## 2024 GOAL – COMMUNICATIONS SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION

- January 2024 | City of Prior Lake & Spring Lake Township Approve Framework for New Orderly Annexation Agreement
- Areas 24.1 and 24.2 Would Remain in Township.
- Pending State Legislation May Impact Future Annexation Agreements.
- Awaiting Further Communication from the City and the Township.



#### 2024 GOAL - LAKE IMPROVEMENTS

- Spring Lake Boat Ramp Improvements DNR
- Partner with Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District & DNR
  - \$500 Donation for Bluegill Stocking / Volunteers Requested.
  - Spring Lake Boat Inspectors to Pass out Maps to Boaters.
  - Evaluate / Manage with PLSLWD Curly Leaf Pondweed which is an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

# 2024 GOAL - LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPRING LAKE BOAT RAMP

- In 2023 Prior Lake Association & SLA Worked together to address boat ramp accessibility and improvement.
- Senator Pratt and Representative Bakeberg authored bills to seek funding with support received from DNR.
- \$500,000 was approved by the Legislature May 2023 to improve boat ramps in Scott County.
- Meeting was held with DNR in August and September to discuss improvement plans.

### 2024 GOAL - LAKE IMPROVEMENTS SPRING LAKE BOAT RAMP

- Spring Lake / Dewitt (Upper Prior Lake) Boat Ramps
  - DNR Ramp Locations not ideal.
  - Shallow Bays
  - Low Water Levels Caused by Several Years of Drought
  - Damage from Power Loading Make Accessibility Worse
- Sandpoint Boat Ramp (Lower Prior Lake)
  - Water Depth is Less of an Issue
  - Damage from Power Loading Makes Accessibility Worse

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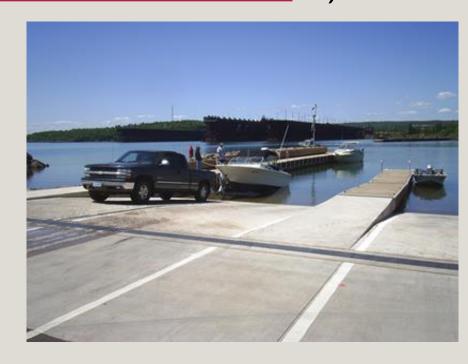
#### SPRING LAKE BOAT RAMP

- Spring 2024
  - Fixed Dock Replaced by Floating Dock.
    - Addresses Fluctuating Water Levels.
  - Create Lake Channel Lined with Buoys.
    - Utilize Propel Wash from Boats to Keep Channel Clear.
- Late Summer 2024
  - Existing Ramp Condition to be evaluated.
  - Consideration to be given to extend ramp to minimize impact of Power Loading Damage.



# 2024 GOAL - LAKE IMPROVEMENT SAND POINT RAMP (LOWER PRIOR LAKE)

- Total reconstruction planned.
- Requires Ramp Shutdown from July – September 2024.
- Closure May Affect Spring Lake Traffic.



Proposed Poured Concrete Ramp

### 2024 GOAL - LAKE IMPROVEMENT EVALUATE / MANAGE AIS CURLY LEAF PONDWEED

- Reached agreement with PLSLWD for cooperation on Survey/ Treatment efforts.
- SLA submitted request to DNR for AIS
   Grant funds. We Received \$2,250 to be
   used to offset Survey/Treatment Expenses.
- Blue Water Science / SLA Board Members surveyed Spring Lake on April 17.
  - Near Shore | No Heavy CLP Found
  - Off Shore | Heavy CLP Found





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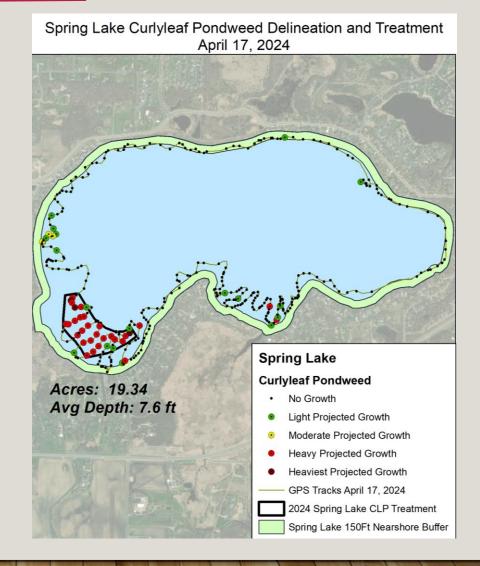
#### EVALUATE / MANAGE AIS CURLY LEAF PONDWEED

#### Near Shore (light green)

 Results consistent with what was found last year on Spring Lake and on other Lakes this season.

#### **Off Shore**

- Treatment Plan for 19.34 acres scheduled for by late April.
- Follow up Post Treatment survey planned for mid-June.



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   Communications, Education and Social Events that Bring our Members Together.
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### ATTENDEE DRAWING

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### THANKYOU FOR ATTENDING

We hope you enjoy 2024 on Spring Lake!