Silver Lake Association (SLA)

MEETING TYPE: **Regular**
MINUTES TYPE: **Proposed**

May Meeting Minutes

Date: **May 10, 2025**
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Location: Epworth Hall

I. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Bob Capurso, President

II. **Meeting Attendance**

Roll Call

- **Executive Committee**

  President – Bob Capurso
  1st Vice President – Betsy Kent
  Recording Secretary – Brian Kinsman
  Communication Secretary – Michelle Hess
  Treasurer – Cathy Volk

- **Attendance:**

  Sally Capurso, Ron Norton, Karen Norton, Don Starner, DJ Starner, Randy Steltermann, Frank Bright, Jeff Miller, Sue Hettler, Mike Hettler, Bonnie Bright, Mary Sclusa, Jim Musclow, Kathie Musclow, Dave Boersma, Wilma Herman, Tim Herman, Pete Balcom, Nancy Balcom, Larry Murray, Peggy Phillips, Mary Gavigan, Sue Meegan, Steve Re, M. Hanzly, Pete Gross, Jane Eliasz, Bob B, Chuck Kent, Kelly Paganelli, Joan Maddison, Barb Petrie, Mike Bellamy, Aaron McConnell, Wayne West, Sue West, Robert Ritz

  Voting Directors/acting Alt. Dir./Exec. Comm. – 31
  Others - 11
  Total in attendance – 42

- **Pledge/Prayer**

- **Welcome-Bob C.**

- **What's New Around the Lake? Perry Market, Mac's, etc.**

    - Thank you to the Institute for allowing us to use their facilities and new agreement to house the plaques for Homeowner of Distinction Award
    - 45 MPH signs on North End all around the stand they are patrolling
    - Mac's unsure what is going on it is thought they will not continue restaurant
    - Perry Market is closing for 90 days and they have a prospective buyer (potentially Tops)
    - Doing some work at Epworth Hall downstairs with the use of some grant funds
    - LWRP meeting later this month for continued work towards distribution of funds
        - Part of these funds can also include targeted dredging based on hotspots from Todd Shuskey's research

- **Approval of April Minutes – Thanks Brian**
    - Motion**:** Don Starner
    - Second: Peggy Phillips

- **Treasurer's Report – Mary Gavigan – Discuss CD Result, Budget– Approval**
    - See financials distributed to all TDs via email
    - We put 20k in a 5 month CD in December, yielded ~$260 in interest
        - Motion: Randy Steltermann
        - Second: Chuck Kent

- **Approval of Mary Sceusa as Tract Director for Sutton Tract**
    - Motion: Peggy Phillips
    - Second: Barb Petrie

- **Appreciation Plaques for Bonnie Bright and Wayne and Sue West**
    - Thanks to Bonnie for 15 years of service as TD for Sutton
    - Thanks to Wayne and Sue West for many many years to the SLA as Tract Directors thank you for all of the time and effort that went into it

- **Directories, Cover Winner/Yellow Pages/Stickers /Placards – Betsy/Bob**
    - Winner of front page is Tim Snyder
    - The directories are still being prepared – the printer did not send enough. They are getting more made ASAP. Available for pick up at Betsy's house today before 1:00pm.
    - Each TD will get a packet of directories, roster, and flare check-off slip to go to Cathy or Mary with money collected
    - Yellow pages and directories are same amount so we should not run out.

- **Membership Packets – Bob C.**
  - see above
  - Dues remain $20 and flares $3

- **Flares/Tins – Bob C. – Available today - $3.00 per flare. Last pick up is the June Meeting.**
  - Flares and tins are available to be picked up from Capurso's until approx. 3 pm on Pvt Dr #3
  - Flare cost went up slightly but we are not raising prices. Still making 6 cents per flare – will profit approx. $100 from flare sales and breakeven is about the goal

- **Boat Parade – Sally -July 4th Cartoon Creations**
  - Cartoon Creations – anything Disney cartoons, movies, TV cartoons, etc.

- **Water Quality – Frank Bright /Kelly Paganelli**
  - "Water Resource Agency" is the group that is driving dredging
    - Draft or proposed minutes included with the following sentence "there is a possibility that we may never be able to dredge the lake, but the DEC did not say no."
      - DEC has declined application because they did not know what was in the sediment
      - We paid to have it tested by a NYS Certified Lab along with all municipalities
      - **REVISED** minutes were later distributed which had this sentence completely removed and will now look to deposit it on the land on the North end of the lake
      - The money is allocated but they need to find a site to dewater the sediment and a second site outside of the watershed to deposit the sediment
  - **Don't rake in the lake -** it is a violation of environmental law to dispose of environmental waste in the lake – Call DEC, take photo and take video. DEC contact information is included
  - Milkweed – being purchased and distributed soon and hope to plant within the watershed including state park and tributaries
  - All invasive and plant species mapped in entire lake
  - Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) – project continues to move along
  - Japanese Knotweed – small infestation in Fairview
  - **LWRP – meeting 5/21 at 6:00 PM** at Masonic Lodge – to present first generation framework of what they see, what the boundaries are, etc. This program will shape Silver Lake for the foreseeable future
  - CSLAP 2024 report available online and on CLEAN website
  - SL Bioreactor is on hiatus
  - Working with soil and water to find site for work this year
    - Potentially original site on Pvt Dr 1 near golf course
  - CLEAN Golf Tournament is May 19, 2025 9 am shotgun start
    - We need baskets and
  - Water Steward is being trained – Jonas Reyo – SUNY ESF student being trained next weekend and he will start after that.
    - He will attend the lake event on 5/21 and attend annual meeting of SLA in August
    - He will work Memorial Day to Labor Day Saturday, Sunday, Monday
  - Report in Perry Harold about ways to deal with Phosphorous in lake and primary method presented is no longer permitted by DEC
  - Nutrients are highest in the lake near tributaries
  - Hypolimnetic Aeration (HA) – deep water aeration is a technique that supplies oxygen to deep water without disturbing water's natural stratification
    - HA system covers approx. 20 acres – we have 840
    - Could become part of LWRP

- **Facebook/Website – Michelle Hess**
  - Many items covered in SL WQ report are posted on website
  - Royal Family Kids Boat parade for the kids is on July 9th this year – need boats and life jackets for that evening is a Tuesday night at 6:00 PM if you can't be on a boat be on shore and waving to the kids

- **Homeowner of Distinction – Leslie Kunze**
  - Forms are available to nominate for HoD award – also available online and on facebook

- **Old Business –**
  a. **Still in need of Members for the Nominating Committee**
     i. Need 1-2 members for Nominating Committee
  b. **Fall leaf issue with the Town of Castile**
     i. Issue has been resolved – landscaper in Byron will come down two times in the fall both sides of the lake for $2500 – town will donate $2500 to CLEAN. We will initially fund and the town will donate to CLEAN.
     ii. Jim Bragg has moved on from his position with the County
  c. **Camp Hough Paddle Open House at the Warrior Camp**
     i. Mark Emmerson found 100 paddles at the Y in Batavia from Camp Hough from 2004-2017
     ii. A former counselor took away all the paddles
  d. **Flare Vote – Executive Committee and Tract Directors only**
     i. Vote to keep current flares or move to LEDs for 2026
     ii. August 2020 SLA minutes – read out loud when Mark Emmerson recommended CLEAN take over flare sales as he was resigning but was never acted upon
     iii. SLA and CLEAN have posted on website and facebook about LED flares
     iv. LED flares first made available by Wegmans and Kelly negotiated a deal where we got $1 from every flare sold
     v. Vote – significant discussion regarding past discussions, 2020 minutes, September discussion, etc.
        1. Continue selling chemical flares 17 votes for chemical – 11 for LEDs
        2. Motion is passed that we will continue handing out chemical flares in 2026 and members may purchase their own LED flares

- **New Business –**
  a. **SLM Spring Open House June 21st – Need helpers –** to man an SLA table and discuss SLA in the community
  b. **Boater Safety Course – May 31t st 2025 at SLM - 7:30AM registration, 8:00AM Start Time - $30 for non-members, $20 for members and families – have 25 registered currently. Providing Coffee and Donuts from the Silver Lake Association**
     a. Reminder that in 2025 you need a Boater's Safety License to operate any motorized vehicle on the lake
  c. Bob Capurso announces he is stepping down at the conclusion of this year and will not seek re-election at the August Mtg.
     - Motion to adjourn
       - Ron Norton
       - Randy Steltermann

- **Next Meeting – June 14 th 9:00 AM Epworth Hall**
  - **Fun Theme – Flag apparel (Flag Day!)**