Silver Lake Association (SLA)

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

July Meeting Minutes

Date: **July 11, 2026**
Time: 9:00 AM – 9:40 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 (virtually)
Treasurer – Cathy Volk

❖ Attendance:

Sally Capurso, Bob Capurso, Ed Baum, Bill Northrup, Pete Gross, Ron Norton, Sue Hettler, Mike Hettler, Wilma Herman, Jim Musclow, Tim Herman, Bill Maurer, Mike Nolan, Pete Balcom, Nancy V, Dave Boersma, Don Starner, DJ Starner, Sandy Halliday, Cathy Volk, Larry Bauer, Mary Sclusa, Leslie Kunze, Mary Gavigan, Bernie Hartman, Betsy Kent, Chuck Kent, Al Owens, Lou Ann Owens, George Kleinschmidt, Kelly Paganelli, Lee Loomis, Marci Loomis, Rob Ritz, Barb Petrie, Sue Meego, Jacki Ann Rose Kraft, Tom Kraft, Jane Eliasz, Terry Flanagan, Susie Patterson, David Mychal, Steve Re
Total in attendance – 43

*****Due to technical difficulties with the audio with the Zoom mtg minutes were only able to be captured for approximately the last 15 minutes of the meeting and no actually recording was able to be reviewed to complete the minutes. The following is an AI scribe summary of what Cathy's computer picked up at time of meeting. The first portion has no record and no in was taking minutes in person.*****

- **Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer**
- **Welcome - What's New Around the Lake – ??**
- **June Minutes – Thank you Brian**
- **Treasurer's Report – Thank you Cathy**
- **Boat Parade Winners - Sally**
- **SLE Event – Sue Palmer**
- **President's Report –**
  1. **Dues - $25, Membership Sheets, Flare money to Cathy by August**
  2. **Apparel Order Update**
  3. **Business of the Year**
  4. **Tract Director – Institute Sue Meegan**
  5. **Sewage Incident at Prentice Tract**

Michelle Hess reported recurring sewage incidents caused by improper connections (roof/ rainwater or sump pumps tied into laundry/drain systems) that overwhelm the local sewage treatment plant and lead to discharges into Creek. She explained limitations: authorities cannot enter private homes to force corrective work and smoke testing and other inspections have constraints. The group recognized this as a recurring infrastructure and compliance problem with public-health and regulatory implications. Decision / rationale: emphasize reporting and elevate community-level complaints to the town board for enforcement and policy change rather than relying on the association to resolve private plumbing practices. Action items: document the incident history and advise residents to raise the issue at the town board; compile a short guidance note for residents on reporting and possible remediation steps. Blockers/risks: inability to access private property, repeated occurrences, and limited enforcement tools.

6. **No Wake Warning lifted**

The meeting reviewed emergency communications and no-wake warning procedures after a recent no-wake order was issued. The protocol outlined: notify the sheriff first, post on the Clean Facebook page, and have Dave Richardson (boat patrol) enforce on-water compliance. Bob asserted a single-point-of-contact policy for communications with the sheriff to avoid conflicting calls and premature lifting of warnings. Decision: maintain the single-point-of-contact approach (through SLA) and use the SLA and CLEAN Facebook page for official public updates with cooperation between both organizations.

- **Veteran's Launch and Lunch – Sally:** Friday August 7th 11 AM
- **Homeowner of Distinction – Leslie Kunze**
- **Water Quality**

Rob provided the water quality update: CSLAP sampling occurs twice monthly (does not test for E. coli by default); a recent sewage release was not reported early enough to add E. coli testing. Rob is meeting

with contractor Scott Schrager on Wednesday to review dredging progress and keep the schedule on track. Harmful algal bloom (HABS) reporting is available via the NYS DEC website; community members are encouraged to submit reports. A planting project is planned for September with ~20 volunteers; the lake temperature is about 80F and a temperature gauge needs relocation because Frank is moving. Action items: Rob to coordinate the dredging check-in with Scott Schrager and to set up notification triggers so water quality team can request E. coli testing promptly; water quality team to publicize the HABS reporting link; recruit ~20 volunteers for September planting and confirm planting date. Blockers/risks: delayed incident notification limits testing options; concerns about contractor timeliness.

- **Old Business – Review Emergency Protocol**

  Serpent sign going up at Chuck and Betsy Kents home on W. Lake Rd

- **New Business –**

Cathleen circulated sign-up sheets for the Veterans luncheon (desserts and 'bulkins' - volunteers requested) and asked for more people to serve as captains. An alternative tournament / raffle event was announced with a visible signup window; organizers thanked attendees for responses. Leslie will present the homeowner award at the annual meeting in August and will provide plaque details. Action items: attendees to sign up for dessert contributions and volunteer captains (Cathleen to collect sign-ups); event organizers to finalize raffle/auction logistics and volunteers. Blockers/risks: volunteer shortfall for event staffing (desserts, captains), prize and sign logistics that require follow-up.

- **Door Prize - Sally**
- **Next Meeting – Annual Meeting August 8th, 2026 at 9:00 am at Epworth Hall**
- **Fun Theme – Silver Lake Apparel**
- **Meeting Adjourned – Thank you for attending.**
- **All Tract Directors please stay for a short meeting following this meeting**

During the post-general meeting agenda the board discussed impending officer vacancies: Brian (secretary) and the Vice President position are
open. Brian is stepping back and the Vice President role is moving. The group emphasized
the need for nominations ahead of the annual meeting; rules were clarified that nominees need not be track directors after a prior amendment. Decision: open nominations to the membership and solicit candidates; nominees will be considered at the next scheduled meeting. Action items: tract directors to solicit and submit candidate names and emails to the executive committee; post the openings on the association site and social channels. Blockers/risks: low volunteer interest historically (zero responses to prior appeals).

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