



Silver Lake Association (SLA)

MEETING TYPE: **Regular**

MINUTES TYPE: **Summary**

October Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Location: Club at Silver Lake

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Emmerson, President and led the Pledge to the Flag.

II. Meeting Attendance

Roll Call

Voting Directors/acting Alt. Dir./Exec. Comm. – 18

Others – 7

Total in attendance – 25

III. Guest Speaker – Katie McArdle (Silver Serpent Triathlon)

- Katie presented information on Power Point Slides about the schedule for the Triathlon Sunday, June 2, 2019. You can see the details of the presentation on the SLA Website (under tab – WQ Presentations) or the Silver Serpent Triathlon website (silverserpenttriathlon.com/race-details/). Bert Gallmon will speak at the May meeting with updated and final details of the race.
- Ruth L. had concerns with the blocked roads the day of the race. Katie mentioned that Bert will go door to door before the event to inform residents of the time schedule the participants will be in that location and what plans can be made for that day. Though the race will last from 8 AM to about noon, the roads being blocked for the racers will be for short periods of time.
- There are 120 participants signed up as of 4/13/2019 and the cap on sign-ups will be 150. Katie will try to have an estimated schedule for residents to know approximately where the races will be to cheer them on by the spectators. Katie will try to get a schedule to the SLA to share with the Tract Directors.
- Inclement weather or cold water temps will not be a deterrent to the race or participants.
- Volunteers are needed and can sign up on their website. If you choose not to help cheering on the participant is encouraged.
- Bert, Katie and their crew hopes that this event can be an annual event here at Silver Lake. The results will dictate the future races and the number of participants.

IV. Approval of October Minutes

The October Minutes were sent out by email and corrected by the Board.

Approved: 18 Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

V. Approval of financial report

The 2019 SLA Budget will be discussed at the May meeting.

Financial reports emailed to the Board of Directors and the reports reviewed.

Approved: 18, Opposed: 0

Motion Carried



VI. Presidents Report

Please be sure to sign in.

- Mark welcomed everyone to the 2019 season. He informed the board of the changes at The Club (staff, paint and décor at the restaurant). When there is an opportunity the board will be introduced to the new staff members. The SLA meeting fee will be the same as last year.
- Katie M. was presented with the first place prize for the SLA Directory Cover picture. The donated Gift Certificate of \$50 from the Silver Lake Brewing Project was Katie's choice. The second place winner, Al Fink (SL Institute), and third place winner Cindy Smith (Davis Tract) will have the choice between \$50 G.C. for Affordable Floor Coverings, and \$50 G.C. towards Morg's Sawz and Stovez donated by the businesses.
- There were over 20 new advertisers added to this year's directory and Bob Conolly (Publisher Conolly Printing) printed over 1600 directories. Please support the advertisers of the Directory, they make this great keepsake possible.
- The Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce membership fee is due. Ro D. asked what benefit does the SLA get for being a member? Mark provided the answer of; a discount for office supplies from Staples (very minimal) and free entry to workshops provided by the Chamber. The SLA does not benefit as much as businesses (advertising/promotions). Ruth L. commented that the SLA monies should go towards the lake projects not to other entities (town, village, county). The SLA should concentrate on our Mission Statement that is for Silver Lake.
- Matt J. added that it is a good way to connect with State and Federal Government to try and get information and/or grants for lake projects.
- Frank B. mentioned we should support the membership but we need a list of benefits to justify the membership fee. Mark will get a list together to share with the Board.
- Bob asked if the membership would help with the dredging project.
- After a discussion the board voted to renew our membership with the Wyoming County Chamber Of Commerce.

Approved: 16 Opposed: 2
Motion Carried

VII. Committee Reports

Water Quality/C.L.E.A.N.

Frank ask the Board for a motion to buy another temperature array to put in another location (south part of the lake). The cost would be \$750 from the SLA WQ fund in the budget. Bob C. agreed to use his facilities (electric/wifi) from his home.

Motion to purchase a Temperature array (cost \$750):
Approved: 18 Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

❖ 2018 Projects

- Pvt Dr 1 project **completed**



- Site P project **completed**
- Randy shared information that the DEC will be doing a fish survey in the near future. A pontoon boat will be trolling very slowly along the shore with very bright lights on. Frank Bright said it was already done. The results may be communicated sometime in May or later.
- A message was sent to Mary Austerman @ Cornell University to see if there will be a Boat Steward at the Silver Lake Public Launch this year. We are waiting for a response.

❖ **2019 Planned Activities**

- CSLAP, HYDROLAB, PHS nutrient testing*
- 2nd temperature array (S-end)
- SUNY-Geneseo/Brockport & ESF Reports
- Water Stewards @ State boat launch (LSP)
- Triathlon (June 2, 2019) * SLAWQ Presence *
- Diver Day (June 8 or 9, 2019) - TBD
- Golf Tournament (July 27, 2019)
- PHS, SUNY-Geneseo, SUNY-Brockport students
 - The SLA will partner again with students for water & soil testing. Another pontoon boat is needed to take the students out. Mike B. volunteered to take students out in his pontoon for testing water with Bonnie B. and Ron N.
- WCSWCD, SLA & CLEAN Partnering
- Identify new "far-lake" planting project (WCSWCD)
- Identify new "near-lake" project (WCSWCD)

❖ **D R E D G I N G**

- **Silver Lake Dredging Committee** - Stakeholders (SLA, VoP, Castile, ToP, MtM, Wyo Cnty IDA, Wyo Cnty DoH)

❖ **Silver Lake Experience (Aug 8-11, 2019) The SLA WQ Committee/C.L.E.A.N. will present:**

- #1: *Fresh Water: Global to Local Considerations and Stakeholder Roles* by Frank B. (8/8/19, 10-11:30)
- #2: *Planning and Planting with Native Species: Plants to Improve Our World* by Ellen Folts (8/9/19, 4-5:00)

❖ **PHS & CLEAN Soil Nutrient Testing.**

- Frank discussed the project working with the Perry High School Students testing soil samples from different locations around the lake. Digging a sample with a trowel, take the dirt 2" below the top of the soil. Put the sample in a zip lock bag and note the location on the bag. An OPTIONAL \$5 donation per sample (that will be split equally with C.L.E.A.N. and the PHS Class) will be accepted for the testing results. There will be a map plotting the results to view the locations where nutrients are high. Frank would like samples by the May meeting.

❖ **Hospitality**

- Karen N. asked for volunteers to bring in snacks for our meetings. She will take names each meeting for the following month.

❖ **Flares**

- Bob C. said that the flares will be the same cost as last year. He has tins left over so he will not have to purchase as many as last year. The flares will be available at the June 8th meeting.



- A street sign was knocked down on Private Drive #3 (Bob's Tract). After numerous phone calls to Town of Castile and Wyoming County (which denied responsibility to replace it, the sign was located at the Silver Meadows Farm. The sign was repaired but Bob would like to let everyone on private drives that if their sign get knocked down or damaged that private drive is responsible for the repair/replacement.

❖ **Directory/Membership**

- The SLA Directories, yellow pages and Coupon sheets are printed, delivered and ready to be assembled into the membership packages. The Spring Newsletter needs to be printed and picked up. Randy S. brought the 2019 year stickers in for the membership drive. Next year we have the 2020 stickers but need to order the next 3 years.
- We lost the Lumber Yard as a merchant discount on the coupon page. The Grateful Grill filled in the spot with the same discount for their restaurant.
- Mark will set a date for a few people to get together to put the Tract Packages together before the May Meeting.

❖ **WQ Golf Tournament**

- Joe C., Chairperson of the WQ Golf Tournament updated the Board on the tournament. He will schedule a meeting with The Club to finalize details on the tournament including; lunch menu, pizza at the turn, and volunteers/workers.
- Cost will be \$60 per person (\$240 per team of 4) and the \$20 per person for lunch only is available. You can get a registration from by contacting SLA or Joe C.
- Volunteers will be needed to man the admissions table, and the marshmallow drive hole. There will be another fun hole "using the same club for the whole hole".
- Baskets for the Basket Raffle are needed. Karen N. and Mark E. will take all donations again this year. Bring donated baskets to Mark's house sometime before the day of the tournament July 27, 2019 starting at 9 AM. Coffee and pastries will be available at the Club starting at 8 am.
- Set of golf clubs will be the top door prize and coupons for a free club will be handed out to each participant.

❖ **Home Owners of Distinction**

- Article and pictures were submitted of the 2018 HOD award winner for submission in the 2019 SLA Directory. An article was also submitted for the Spring SLA Newsletter.
- Committee members Joan F., Dawn H., & Eileen W. have agreed to continue on the HOD Committee.
- Alternate Committee members: Bonnie B. & Helen H.
- Committee members have scheduled the Garden tour date in July.
- Linda handed out the HOD forms/criteria to Board members and ask them to help promote HOD nominations someone on their tract. Forms were provided for residents, some who do not have access to a computer/printer at the lake.
- Mark asked if there would be a possibility of have a Garden Walk (like in Buffalo). Details would have to be worked out. Bonnie B. offered the connection of Sally Cunningham to get information or to possibly help with setting it up.



❖ **Facebook/Website**

- Mark reported the SLA Facebook page now has 1,025 follows. The webpage will be updated with the meeting minutes, the newsletter, WQ Report and the Silver Serpent Triathlon Report. Mark is looking for someone to help or take over the website. Experience necessary.

❖ **Sailing Club**

- Mike B. reported that since Jim A. moved the Sailing Club hit a bit of a lull. There were 5 boats donated so far with Lee L. donating Dingy. This will be good for teaching beginners to sail, it seats 4 people. Mike will start to reach out to anyone interested in learning how to sail!
- Mike mentioned that he attended "Bio Diversity on Trees" program. Deer are eating all the hardwood saplings in Letchworth State Park and around the Lake and community. Mike would like to start a sapling nursery to protect and grow these hardwood trees. If anyone would like to donate saplings to this cause please contact Mike B. Saplings are tree under 12" tall. He will even give the tree back for you to plant when it is big enough to survive.

❖ **Lake Wide Yard Sale**

- The Silver Lake Institute asked Mark to announce the information for the Lake Wide Yard sale being held Friday & Saturday, May 31, and June 1, 2019. Loren P. checked with the Triathlon Committee to see if it would interfere with the race. Bert G. had no problem with the yard sale being held at that time. The Silver Lake Association has space allotted INSIDE Epworth Hall during the Lake wide Yard Sales on Friday, May 31 (10 AM - 4 PM) and Saturday, June 1 (9 AM - 3 PM) for a total of FIVE eight-foot tables. One display table (will be provided) is designated for SLA to have information regarding membership, golf tournament, and WQ information. The SLA table (and all tables, for that matter) can be set up on Thursday evening or Friday morning, but everything must be removed from Epworth by 4:00 PM on Saturday. The other tables will be used to sell personal items to the general public. Someone will need to be available to staff the SLA table, so we are providing SPACE (not physical tables) for 4 additional "vendors" from SLA who can staff their own tables in addition to being scheduled to watch the SLA table. SLA chooses the 4 volunteers to staff the SLA table (and their own tables).

Old Business

❖ **Solar Farms**

- Rich E. explained to the Board that the Town of Castile has passed Solar Farm rules and regulations over the winter. He assure us that there will be no commercial solar farms in the Lake District.
- Mark sent out a reminder email to all leadership entities to respond if they are willing to attend a Town Hall type meeting in September (9/14/2019). Mark received about 5 yes responses so far. He will send another reminder in August.

New Business

❖ **Secretary for the SLA**

The position of Secretary was accepted by Brian K. who is a resident of Prentice Tract. Tract Director Bill M. recommended him to be Alternate Tract Director with the retirement of Rick V. Brian also agreed to be Secretary starting at the May 2019 meeting. A vote of approval is needed from the board for these two positions. Ruth L. asked if the board could wait to vote until next meeting so he could be introduced to the board. Brian has attended a few SLA meetings in



2018. Mark responded he would like Brian to start as Secretary at the May meeting. If Brian doesn't work out the board could ask for his resignation.

- Motion to accept Brian as an Alternate Tract Director for Prentice Tract:
Ayes: 18, Nays: 0
Motion Carried
- Motion to accept Brian K. as the Secretary for the SLA:
Ayes: 18, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

❖ **Embroidery Merchandise**

- Mark asked the board if anyone would be interested in starting with offering embroidered merchandise such as towels, blankets, hats or totes. It will be brought up for discussion at a future meeting.

VIII. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn:
- Ayes: 18, Nays: 0
- Motion Carried
- Next Meeting May 11, 2019; Location: The Club on Silver Lake Restaurant