



*Silver Lake Association (SLA)*

MEETING TYPE: **Annual (partially conducted via Zoom)**

MINUTES TYPE: **Approved Meeting Minutes Summary**

**August Meeting Minutes Summary**

**Date:** August 8,2020  
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 10:40 AM  
**Location:** Hybrid Zoom and in-person Camp Asbury

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Emmerson, President

**2. Meeting Attendance**

Roll Call

Voting Directors/acting Alt. Dir./Exec. Comm. – 28

Others - 6

**Total in attendance – 34**

**3. Approval of July 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept:

Motion: Ayes: All Nays: Zero Motion: Accepted

**4. Approval of July 2020 Financial Report**

Motion to accept:

Motion: Ayes: All Nays: Zero Motion: Accepted

**5. President's Notes**

Nothing to report except a thank you for coming and making things flexible because of the pandemic. Make sure you sign in.

**6. Elections - 1st Vice President/Secretary/Assistant Treasurer**

No new candidates or nominations for these positions. Formal votes were held for each and unanimous votes were for:

1. 1st VP - Rich Eliasz
2. Secretary - Brian Kinsman
3. Assistant Treasurer - Cathy Volk
4. Wilma and Tim Herman for TD for Walker Tract



## **7. Committee Reports:**

### **1. Water Quality:**

- WQ report sent out yesterday evening. They met on Friday evening before SLA meeting, so everything is most up to date.
  - Summary report of North end dredging shows one of the ten sampling sites had DDT sampling above class A, another had Copper above Class A
  - Overall, this is class A material
  - Plan is to move forward with the project but things will move slowly due to COVID
  - Two maps attached
  - Samples have a shelf-life of 5 years and things will be pushed out due to funding
- It was asked for WQ to come and take a sample of possible HAB near Old Orchard Beach North Tract.
- It was suggested for the WQ Committee to make broad statement about the lake water level and what is being done about it:

**WQ response:** "It seems to be the usual cycle of evaporation and there is a requirement of a certain amount of water be removed to run the water treatment plant. Without rain this has created low levels. This happens about 1/3 of the time. A Farm is permitted to take 100,000 gallons per day of water out of the lake. Lake is 45 billion gallons. Much more water goes through the water treatment plant. 1000s of gallons per minute. Gates are not open. It is possible that warm water with cool rain and wind makes evaporation worse. 1" of surface water is hundreds of millions of gallons. Mount Morris does not measure what they take from the water. Watershed commission should have those figures. It is unknown how many underground springs exist in the lake one number that has been suggested is around 11 springs that feed the lake. They are tough to track down due to their size you would have to land right on top of one to really find it via mapping technology".
- Comptroller DiNapoli was critical of DEC and response to invasive species.
- DEC is responsible for checking on permit holders and boat stewards. DEC largely agreed with Comptroller's recommendations.
- Silver Lake is the only lake in Wyom. Co. to have a boat steward and they are doing a good job.
- NYS has passed regulations on acceptable levels of poly florals.
- Invasive species detection – WQ Committee Co-chair hosted a presentation with a dog that can sniff out invasive species, put together by PRISM.
- 2020 planting to occur at the state boat launch to fill in where there are holes from the planting from last year (not many holes). Oct 16th is signing and digging, Sat. 10/17 physically plant and backfill with topsoil.
- Talks of a WQ project off east lake road but a plunge pool to be installed first to slow water down that is exiting the culvert so this project will move to 2021.
- Perry Public Beach - a letter was mailed regarding effective soil stabilization strategies. A prompt response was made and within a week they had plantings completed but it is still not enough to fully stabilize the whole shoreline. A strong rainfall would put a lot of the beach into the lake.



- HAB website shows one report of a HAB in the southeast of the lake on 7/30. It went live on the site yesterday. It was reported on 7/30 and was placed on website yesterday. It was near the state park. A photograph of green algae was submitted, and it is automatically accepted as HAB. No testing was performed.
- Media Advisory Committee within SLA to handle information that is coming in from the website and through facebook, help with yellow pages, etc.

## **2. Flares:**

When we decided not to sell flares it stated we owned 8 cases and the SLA President suggested to get rid of them. It was decided to sell 1 flare per tract and residents became upset that there were no flares. Residents were informed that Burt's, Elitsac and SLM were going to sell flares. What happened was that things did not go as intended. Money was collected for flares then SLA had to refund collected money and it was confusing for all involved. It was confusing due to the COVID and the President apologizes for the for the decision that caused the confusion. It was unprecedented times.

### **Flare Chairman report:**

- Thanks to everyone for continuing the tradition of the Ring of Fire. The sheriff was able to start it and the representation for flares was good. All tract directors were offered flares and they sold very quickly. It turned out to be a successful evening despite the confusion of what was supposed to happen. We piggyback with Conesus and they announced in April that they were not doing Ring of Fire. Their reasoning was based on the possibility of their public parks, where 1000s of people congregate. We do not have that situation; it is mostly a family event. That left us hanging in terms of cost and supply for the flares. All things considered it was a very successful event. Changes to be discussed. The SLA thanks the Flare Chairman for all work on flares.
- The SLA President suggested CLEAN take over the flares and increase cost by 1\$ per flare and use that extra dollar per flare for a WQ Fund Raiser. This would generate approximately \$2500 in revenue for CLEAN. This proposal was voted on and passed by the executive committee and is to be presented to the board. Part of the proposal is that Elitsac Lumber to be the supplier. They are active in the lake community. They get the same flares from the same supplier at the same cost and he can store them until needed. He can distribute as needed. They need to be purchased this year to get the same price through Bill Bliss/Elitsac. CLEAN would arrange for everything to happen but the Flare committee would have to pick up two times from Elitsac. They would be distributed in May and June at the SLA mtgs. It relieves a lot of pressure from the Flare Committee to keep track of what is happening. He no longer needs to store any at his cottage.

Motion to accept new flare policy:

Motion: Ayes: All Nays: Zero Motion: Accepted

## **3. Directory Yellow Pages:**

- 99% of Conolly Printing's business is activities. They laid off everyone and has been unable to maintain he business activities because of COVID restrictions. His status for next year is questionable. SLA may have to see once things move forward what position he is in to print our directories for next year. Conolly Printing agreed to print our directory if possible. We had another suggestion for next year to include telephone numbers and emails in your yellow pages. The survey that was sent out 16 surveys were returned. 14 said yes to phone and email, 7 want to be included on emergency WQ alert list. More surveys were returned with membership checks.



- People seem to be excited about the options to include the emails and phone numbers and see how the directory evolves.

#### **4. Looking for committee members:**

- Directory/Facebook/Memberships:
- Do not have to be full time residents. A few people are wanted for directory, memberships, and Facebook.
- Contact SLA President if interested in one of the committees. This year is a good year to reflect on how we can move forward for next year.
- Directory/Membership Committee – This committee collects and audits articles for the directory. They send articles of the Boat Parade, HOD, letters, and photos, and work with Conolly Printing to develop the contents for the SLA Directory. Promote residents to e-mail lake life family pictures and stories to Conolly printing. Update list for membership for the directory and the yellow pages are updated. The list is a little tedious to put in new and old information. Proofreading is done once a draft is completed.
- Facebook Committee: answer messages, answer questions, monitor photos and things that are submitted, it is an everyday communication for residents on the lake, up around 150 followers this year total audience 1300+ followers. Someone to administrate that would be helpful.
- Also looking for boat parade committee chairperson

#### **5. Old/New Business:**

- The Silver Lake Institute has a new president. Epworth is closed this year because of COVID restrictions, they are still an option for 2021. Updated Resident's information for all residents in SLI was sent to SLA. This listing of SLI residents will be updated for the first time in 7 years.
- Silver Lake Experience:
  - The SLA representative for the Silver Lake Experience said the SLE is happening Aug 5-8 2021, Thurs.-Sun. SLE is a four-day joint venture between SLI and Asbury retreat center with representation from SLA. Activities are based on recreational and craft experiences. Anyone can purchase a day or four-day pass. Includes breakfast, lunch, and four sessions per day. At night there are concerts in Epworth Hall for three nights. This year is an all-day bus tour to Letchworth Park. Cooking classes, gardening, etc. In 2015 there were 400 people in attendance from 7 states. [silverlakeexperience.com](http://silverlakeexperience.com) great opportunity to meet people and activities. Go to the website starting in January to register for classes because they do fill up. Looking for sponsors both business and personal [lorenpenman@silverlakeexperience.com](mailto:lorenpenman@silverlakeexperience.com)
- Art Show to take place this fall possibly contact SLI Leadership if there are questions.
- Perry Chalk Art festival rescheduled to next week.

#### **6.The Silver Serpent Triathlon:**

- Received the ok to run a very small event Sept 27th a paddle/bike/run. Kayak, bike, run, or run bike run, or a duathlon.



- Have not gotten ok yet to go more than 70 participants. We will probably have two transition areas if it gets to 70 so that we do not have a gathering more than 50.
- Bike course is almost the same as the June event but a little shorter 16 miles down from 26. Run will use part of silver lake trail other than that the run will be like the Silver Serpent Triathlon in June. Everyone has given ok. SLI is to be asked about the roads. Same social distancing things will happen. Masks required until race time, masks in transition place. Racks will be social distanced, if all 70 attend we will have some sort of corral type start to avoid bunching at beginning of race. Hand sanitizer at end, boxed lunch, medals and T shirts in plastic bags prepackaged so everything is grab and go to discourage congregating in certain areas. It was officially announced last Friday and already have 25 entrants. This will not replace the June event in the future. June 6, 2021 is still planned. Website for information is on SLA facebook page. Volunteers are always needed especially for road marshals and folks around transitional areas and with set up and tear down. Race to start at 10 am. Most are done by 12 and 12:30. Clean up most likely around 1 or 1:30 and that is where most help is needed. Town of Perry PD will have presence as well for road portions of race.
- Question about PVC pipe used as pump to water golf course. Water empties out of pipe and floats to the top. A boat hit this pipe that goes 30 ft out into lake. Sheriff has contacted the owner of the Club at Silver Lake Restaurant and was to have it removed, but as of yesterday it has not been done. It is supposed to be done this weekend.

**7.Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion: Ayes: All Nays: Zero Motion: Accepted

**Next Meeting: September 12, 2020 Location: Hybrid (Camp Asbury and Zoom)**