



Silver Lake Association (SLA)

MEETING TYPE: Monthly (partially conducted via Zoom)
MINUTES TYPE: Proposed

May Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Location: Hybrid Zoom and in-person Charcoal Corral

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 – Rich Eliasz
2nd Vice President - Frank Bright
Secretary – Brian Kinsman
Treasurer - Ro Donohue
Assistant Treasurer – Cathy Volk

❖ Tract Directors

Bonnie Bright **Sutton Tract**, Betsy Kent **Palmer Grove**, Karen Cecchini **Luther/Wheaton**, Jeff Miller **Eberstein Tract**, Dave Boersma **Country Club North**, Jim Musclow **Tucker**, Bob Martin **Traber South**, Bob Capurso **Private Drive #3**, Karen Norton **Walt's**, Bill Maurer **Prentice Tract**, Wilma Herman **Walker Tract**, Mike Bellamy **Traber North**, Joe Caputo **Old Orchard Beach North**, Pete Gross **Munger**, Jim Biddle **Broadbooks**, Randy Steltermann **Old Orchard Beach South**

❖ Alternate Tract Directors

Chuck Kent **Palmer Grove**, Ron Norton **Walt's**, Pete Balcom **Silver Lake Institute**, Kathie Musclow **Tucker**, Sally Capurso **Private Drive #3**, Tim Herman **Walker Tract**, Allan Cecchini **Luther/Wheaton**, Sue West **Fairview South**

❖ Guests

Marie and Gordy Soderholm, Ross and Mary Sclusa, Don and Dorris Starner, Sue Meegan, David and Crystal Tuminaro
Voting Directors/acting Alt. Dir./Exec. Comm. – 22
Others - 16
Total in attendance – 38



- Pledge of Allegiance
- Prayer
- Welcome-Bob C.
 - Thanks to everyone for coming, please make sure you get your flares, Sally and Bob are out in the parking lot.
 - Tins are available from Sally and they will get them to you
 - 80 boxes of flares were picked up from Elitsac they are \$3 each with some of the proceeds being donated back to CLEAN
- What's New Around the Lake?
 - New restaurant at Mack's is hoping to be open by Memorial Day menu is available on Facebook named the Rusted Anchor Lakeside Grill
 - Committees Needed – Sign-up sheet
 - Boat Parade – Hanna Quigley, so far
 - Sally has volunteered to take over the Boat Parade Hanna will assist in judging but we still need more volunteers
 - Homeowner of Distinction - no volunteers so far but we need to keep them going
 - Welcome New Residents Committee - bags to hand out to new residents as a welcome
 - Taxation Oversight Committee -Bob Martin, so far welcome to anyone else joining though trying to keep our taxes down and a knowledge of what is going on around the lake district
 - No Membership Pre-Registration. *Tract Directors* are responsible for all their members and the collection of dues and flare money. They are also responsible for distribution of directories, year stickers and flares. They may collect money in whatever fashion works for them and pay SLA in whatever fashion works for the Treasurer.
 - Extra plaques are available if needed
 - paperwork in packets include sheets for name and address changes and flare counts and membership/flare money please update the information appropriately so that Lake information is accurate



- Ro and Cathy will separate out the money for flares to go to CLEAN so turn in all money at once
- please turn everything in by the August meeting
- can do any means of payment to you and then one form of payment to Ro
- Water District all around the lake - Progress
 - Talked to Stan Klein who is a proponent of a Water District will require working with Village of Perry but he said do not give up on it
- Nextdoor Silver Lake – Sign-up sheet on table
 - Up to 30 people leave your email and Bob will send an invite
 - can post items for sale, things happening around the lake, etc.
- Approval of April 2021 Minutes – 5 minutes – Thank you Brian Kinsman

Motion to accept minutes: Randy Steltermann
Second: Frank Bright
Approved: All Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

- Treasurers Report - 5 minutes – Ro/Cathy – Thank you ladies
 - January through April we brought in \$160 for memberships and flare sales
 - \$350 to Carrie West for reviewing records
 - \$50 for Corral for Mtg
 - \$1050 and \$250 to Bob Connolly for Directories and Postage
 - Frank would like a formal letter sent to Bob and Sean to acknowledge his efforts with the directory - all agreed
 - \$4891.07 is current bank balance
 - No questions offered - we still have to pay for tins but flares were paid for last fall. Tins are about \$340 to pay
 - LED flares are stuck in shipping - the group ordered a number of LED battery powered flares to test how they performed compared to the traditional flares
 - Kelly Paganelli ordered them through Wegmans that \$1 of sale price of flares would return to lake associations
 - Flares will not arrive by July 4th



- will test the LED flares in 2022

Motion to accept financial report: Randy Steltermann
Second: Frank Bright
Approved: All Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

- Water Quality – 15 Minutes – Frank/Ron Norton –
 - Water quality reports improve distribution - sign up at the table
 - Highlights of report:
 - water quality group sent a simple request to each municipality to inquire about economic impact of Silver Lake to bolster the argument for dredging at the end of the lake. This information is required for grant application.
 - No useful responses and none of the responses took into account taxes
 - Imagine if Silver Lake disappeared - the assessed value of properties would drop by a factor of 3-4
 - If this occurred other folks not on the lake their taxes would go up
 - Expand Taxation Committee to include the economic impact of the lake on the surrounding communities. The input of lake revenue is important
 - Sediment barriers at Perry Public Beach are still installed - several 150' long barriers to decrease sediment flow into lake. Spent about \$450 on them and Village installed. Hope is that they will not be needed to put out next year due to growth of vegetation around it. May purchase one more time for next year.
 - Perry HS has started the Fish of Silver Lake poster Todd has started selling - email Todd or go to Perry Family Furniture and purchase directly there
 - Karen Norton thought about making them placemat-sized
 - State is paying for a boat steward at the SL Boat Launch - last year 8,000 boats were inspected
 - another student this year will be on starting May 28th Friday Through Monday from 8-6:30 his name is Connor Curley
 - we send out a letter to the boat steward program to the state every year to thank them and it saves us a great deal of money and helps to keep things out of the lake
 - 10% of boats have things on the lake so 800 boats had things that had to be cleaned off of the boats before they were put in the water



- Diver Day has been trying to be scheduled for almost a year. Town of Tonawanda sends police divers to pull things out of the lake
 - Trying to do it out of the Asbury Retreat Center before the triathlon
 - Lead diver is retiring so we do not have a diver day scheduled yet
 - it could be a day-of type event with little notice
- Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 31st - we need golfers, volunteers and most specifically hole sponsors and baskets from each tract to raffle off. They will be stored at Frank's - contact him to coordinate storage
 - Karen N has material to wrap the baskets if just dropping off an item get it to Frank and she will decorate
- NYS Health Dept and Wyo Co continue to work with us on dredging project
 - Steve Perkins would like more efficient methodology for assessing algae blooms in the lake
 - current set up is that Frank pulls a sample, puts it on ice and it is sent to ESF in Syracuse - best case scenario is a 2 week turnaround time which by that time the bloom is gone
 - They are interested in this for the water treatment plants for drinking water which they then have to treat with a significant amount of Chlorine which causes harmful by-products (Chloroform)
 - goal is to train individuals around the lake to pull a sample
 - First put on gloves (provided by Frank)
 - Grab and nalgene plastic bottle provided by Frank and fill bottle with lake water/algae fill out the date and location from bottle and call Frank and he will take directly to county health department in Warsaw who will assess it on the spot to let us know within about a day
 - 4 people are needed strategically placed on West and East side with a pair of people on North end - email Frank chefvb@buffalo.edu
 - NYHABS website still exists "official website of state of NY" to monitor all algae blooms in the state of NY but relies on photographs from residents no actual testing occurs it IDs anything green in the lake as a harmful algae bloom just based off of the color and photograph. No contact is made to anyone to test it or sample it
 - Costs about 500-1000\$ to test each sample so they just rely on the photo. If the photo is green it is ID'ed as a HAB by the state; this



testing helps bypass this process and gets real information and assessment of the samples to ensure that they are actually harmful

- Working with conservancy group of Genesee county to deal with a few significant conservation easements within the county - Stan Klein's farm will be a farm forever
 - 2 more are coming through the system to be perpetual farms - the other two is to avoid creating a solar farm on those properties
 - Has been some discussions about the Asbury woods and some others that we need to try to understand better we are hoping to have a representative here in July or August meetings
 - This is not a new program - primary goal is to protect Genesee river watershed that has been in existence but these are the first ones in Castile that are entering the program
- Flares – 5 Minutes – Bob C.
 - Please see above - thank you to Sally Capurso and Bob Martin for handing out flares and to Mike Myer to store the flares in garage overnight
- Old Business – 5 minutes each
 - Directories
 - everyone is picking up directories today. Thanks to Rich Eliaz and Mark Emmer-son on the Directory Committee for organizing the directories and for Bob Martin for garnering ad dollars
 - one of our best issues ever - Wojtaszczyk's will receive award and recognition at August meeting
 - Perry Kayak Docks - Mike Bellamy
 - last month update occurred since then donors have come forward the grants do not cover assets on the water that are non-permanent (docks, launches, etc.)
 - Since they were not covered the village offered to cover landscaping, labor, insurance, and maintenance
 - Trying to secure \$16,500 - Perry Rotary donated \$2,000 and another \$2,500 from rotary district for total of \$4500
 - Mayor Hauser - does not draw salary puts 5,000 into Project fund. He said he would put in maximum amount he can if others match it
 - Sam Gullo raised another \$5,000 in mainstream



- Kayaker in Conesus lake offered \$500 and another anonymous donor did \$500
- Please consider donating as an individual or as an organization/business. Potential vote to occur in June to determine whether or not the SLA includes money
- New Business – 10 Minutes –
 - Helen Hudson is no longer able to serve as tract director
 - Seek Approval of New Tract Director for Munger Tract: Pete Gross

Motion to accept nomination of Pete Gross as Tract Director Munger Tract::

Motion: Rich Eliasz
Second: Frank Bright
Approved: All Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

 - Letchworth Craft Show is to be held in Perry because state-level government would not condone the amount of tourists
 - Arts Council looked at other areas in Wyo Co and the fair grounds was discussed in Pike but Perry garnered more unanimous support
 - Rotary, Volunteer FD, Police are assisting the vendors and logistics for those dates
 - May be an opportunity for SLA, CLEAN, etc to fundraise
 - the organizations are participating in steering committee to determine layout but it will occur at the park just working to determine scale and layout, etc. All details to be considered but goal is to keep it as close as possible to original event on Columbus Day weekend Oct 9-11th
- Next Meeting – June 12th 9:00 AM Charcoal Corral
- Meeting Adjourned
 - No attendance on Zoom so we may discontinue that service

Motion to adjourn: Randy Steltermann
Second: Bob Capurso
Approved: All Opposed: 0
Motion Carried