



Silver Lake Association (SLA)

MEETING TYPE: **Regular**

MINUTES TYPE: **Proposed**

May Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:40 AM

Location: Warrior House Camp

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Bob Capurso, President and led the Pledge to the Flag

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:** Karen Norton, Ron Norton, Jeff Miller, Sally Capurso, Bob Capurso, Frank Bright, Cathy Volk, David Boersma, Bonnie Bright, Randy Steltermann, Michelle Hess, Peggy Phillips, Diane Stephens, Pete Balcolm, Steve Re, Sue Hettler, Mike Hettler, Don Starner, DJ Starner, Tim Herman, Wilma Herman, Tom Kaufman, Jim Musclow, Kathie Musclow, Jennifer Wolfer, Brian Kinsman, Karen Neary, Jane Eliaz, Easton, M. Hanzly, D. Baker, D. Mueller, Betsy Kent, Chuck Kent, Keith Fournier, Mike Bellamy, Barb Petrie, Mary Kay Barton, Andrea Eliaz-Catena, Wayne West, Sue West

Voting Directors/acting Alt. Dir./Exec. Comm. – 34

Others - 8

Total in attendance – 42

- **Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer/Moment of Silence**
- **Welcome-Bob C.**
- **What's New Around the Lake – Randy-Photos; Jennifer Wolfer-Asbury Kids Boat Ride**
 - Sea serpent photos from Randy from the 1960s from the serpent they built, photos to be passed around
 - Michelle Hess: volunteer opportunity to lead a boat parade for disadvantaged kids for July 9th Tuesday night 6:00 PM – need about 12-13 party boats plus some extra boats for extra adults -> will be canceled at 12:00 noon if weather does not look good



- Jennifer Wolfer – representing Royal Family Kids Camp: 30th year at Silver Lake at Camp Asbury
 - Bring in 52 kids that are part of social services system
 - They come in and are treated to a week of “yes” so they feel loved and appreciated. Kids are ages 6-12
 - Happens yearly the week after 4th of July
 - Looking to begin a parade for them for a parade/tour of the Lake
 - Michelle will have website info to learn more about the camp and if you want to get involved
 - If you can’t drive a boat and are on shore please be aware of the event and cheer for them from shore
 - Need to borrow smaller sized life jackets just for that evening
 - Life jackets will be collected by Michelle Monday and returned right after
 - Need lots of volunteers!
- Former SLA President Tom Coughlin in attendance
- Private Dr #3 is having a summer book club starting in June doing June, July, August, all are welcome contact Sally Capurso

- **Approval of October 2023 Minutes – Thank you Mary Gavigan**
 - Minutes from October Hold until next month as wrong minutes were sent

- **Treasurer’s Report – Cathy – Discuss CD Result**
 - See Treasurer’s Report
 - About \$2600 net positive last year, saving for budget for dredging project unknowns
 - Money was placed in CD in the fall
 - YTD April a few memberships already, heavy expenditure on flares/tins still 15 cents ahead, goal is about to break even for the flares
 - Made one donation of \$750 to Soil and Water for trailside envirothon
 - Directory about broke even with the advertising revenue so starting next month about 0\$ before membership money begins flowing in and flare money, etc.
 - \$20,000 placed in 6 mo CD made about \$400 interest in that time period and then we pulled out because we don’t know when we will need money for dredging
 - Motion to Approve:
 - First: Barb Petrie
 - Second: Don Starner
 - Ayes: All, Nays: None, Abstain: None
 - Resolution: Pass

- **Directories/Yellow Pages/Stickers /Placards – Betsy/Bob C.**

New Directory Printers – Warsaw Pennysaver-- Some changes this year.

- New directory by new printer when Connolly told us they would not do it in December
- Scrambled and found the Warsaw PennySaver – did a great job with all of the photos
 - Mark Emerson won cover photo contest wins \$50 from SLA and \$50 from SLM
- Worked with Warsaw PennySaver and called advertisers, thanks to everyone who sent photos all were great and included as many as possible we tried to include at least one photo from every person who submitted photos



- Very happy with product and how it turned out they also printed yellow pages, there is no coupon page this year let us know if people miss it
- There are no extra directories so try to keep control over inventory
- In the future can try to run directories through CLEAN since they are a non-profit and could avoid sales tax in the future.
- Stickers, placards, and packets are available at the front, TD please take placards if you have new people
- Packets have two sheets that include a sheet for money totals for flares and memberships, other sheet is for membership sign ups with address changes possible so Cathy can update QB
 - Can be emailed spreadsheet form if desired contact Bob or Cathy
- TD information and roster available up front
- Memberships still \$20 and Flares are \$3
- **Flares – Bob C. Cost is \$2.64 each. Tins are \$0.20 cents each**
 - Thanks to Bob Martin for storing them, we include tins unlike Conesus or Rushford lake and we feel strongly it is worth it for environmental reasons
 - Price is for members only and it is a tax thing it is a membership benefit and all flares have to be documented as sold to a member
- **Stein Klein new superintendent for the town** is working on leaf and trash pickup they have also modified rental agreement and zoning issues so both sides are happy he is working very hard for the lake and working with ToP and VoP, Jim Bragg at County level of Waste Management issues and for leaf pickup
- **Boat Parade – Sally C.**
 - Last year's participants have all been contacted with categories:
 - Most patriotic, funniest, creative, presidents choice
 - This year's theme is "Summer of Sea Serpents and Dragons"
 - Looking for approval for \$10 voucher for all of Perry merchants available at bank for any local business part of Perry Main St Association
 - Motion to Approve:
 - First: Randy Steltermann
 - Second: Peggy Phillips
 - Ayes: All, Nays: None, Abstain: None
 - Resolution: Pass
 - Last year had 21 boaters
- **Water Quality – Frank Bright / Emelyn Bell – Wood Chip Bioreactor Project**
 - See attached reports
 - Permit by Wyo Co has gone to state for dredging, 1600 page document
 - Some land has been leased for deposition of soils for dewatering
 - An artifact was found on this land in the 1970s so state has to clear the land
 - Series of mtgs in early May regarding expansion of one of the farms
 - Variances were requested and all has been tabled because people started asking question about numbers (how many animals? Where will manure go?)
 - Important for the lake because of water demand the farms place on the lake – see the attachments for the limits from the state on how much water someone can take from the lake
 - Farmers can take from the lake for free but sometimes a permit is needed
 - The math is important 100,000 gallons of water per day can be taken from a farm without asking questions – worse case is 1-2" of lake level, body of water with 1 trillion gallons



- Perry Herald was not clear until permit was requested to be viewed and that showed more of the information
- Drinking water initiative by the state through VoP to protect drinking water as the lake is a source of drinking water for multiple municipalities
 - Their focus is water treatment on the back end but we are asking them to think about water on the front end and making sure everything is as clean as possible before it enters the water system
 - Importance of all of our efforts to try to make water as clean as possible
- Japanese Knotweed – will take a look as season gets going
- Golf Tournament is July 20th, already have 15 teams signed up so 7 slots left
 - Never too early to begin making baskets for the tournament
- Emelyn Bell: Wyo Co Soil and Water – proposed program for new strategy for dealing with nutrient run-off that focuses on a tributary that leads into the lake that runs through Fairview. CLEAN has already looked at this plan and Barb Petrie has gotten some feedback from her residents – more or less good to go with a few questions. CLEAN and SLA may fund a piece of this
 - See attached presentation on Woodchip Bioreactor
 - Idea is that it is a properly sized excavated pit approximately 10-12 feet deep that is lined and then filled with wood chips and the field tile that collects drainage off of the field is funneled to the pit. The water trickles through the wood chips and microorganisms consume the nitrogen and as it works its way through it then gets to drainage ditch and makes its way into the lake with less nitrogen content
 - Gates are there to control how much water travels through (spring run-off, heavy storm events, etc)
 - Not very common here but are widely used in Midwest for a long period of years
 - This was brought to Wyo Co Soil and Water at a conference at state level and they are trying to install one of these in every state
 - Original idea was an erosion site where during heavy storm events water comes down and a lot of sediment and organic matter is brought into lake along with field-stones, sticks, leaves, etc.
 - Goal is to use this site and the water that works through will be very clean by the time it gets into the lake
 - On average removes 30-50% of nitrogen from water before it gets to lake – can add steel which will pull phosphorous as well from the water run-off
 - Lifespan is 8-10 years (meaning woodchips have degraded enough that they are no longer doing their job)
 - Allegheny Farm Service is the company proposing to do this and have provided a concept design of what it would look like see photos in presentation
 - The project is estimated to be approx. \$25-30k for the pit, additional tile can be 30k and the erosion control 80k “Cadillac model” much more costly than what was anticipated
 - Don’t feel the new tile is necessary, erosion control portion was extremely detailed and costly and can be scaled back in detail thus reducing cost
 - Total was 145 for Cadillac model, option 2 was install bioreactor and erosion control (goal is 75-80k to do as much as possible) Option 3 is just bioreactor as standalone project for the 25-30k
 - District has committed 50k, SL Watershed has committed 10k and additional 1500 in testing cost



- If successful and efficient in future can apply for state and federal funding to do several of these around the lake and this is a pilot for future initiatives
- CLEAN has reviewed the last few weeks and CLEAN has agreed to donate \$7500 if SLA will match
 - Fast forward 8-10 years who is responsible for maintenance?
 - Maybe answer to that is if it is successful and grant money is obtained could be included in that grant
 - For now the Wyo Co Soil and Water Conservation District will cover the maintenance of this initial project in 8-10 years
 - Appears that state is trying to get all money for dredging because we paid on the front end for testing, they are thinking of a 3.5 million dollar price tag on the project (likely ends up closer to 6) and it does not seem they will be asking us for money. Had approx. 23,000 in reserve for dredging so divert \$7500 of funds from that to this project
 - Bioreactor is to be installed on land owned by Southview Farms, Nate Osborne, he is very receptive and open minded on the project
 - Best Management Practices – have a Soil and Water District/landowner contract for the lifespan of the BMP that it has to be there and can't be removed
 - CSLAP testing tests water in the lake in the middle of the lake, we have not tested tributaries that feed the lake, goal is to see if this works and then go after tributaries that affect Inlet.
 - Todd Shusky has measured nutrients from sediment at the tributaries before it enters lake and tests are higher for nutrients at this point by a factor of 10
 - **Motion to Approve:**
 - First: Michelle Hess
 - Second: Betsy Kent
 - Ayes: All, Nays: None, Abstain: None
 - Resolution: Pass
- **Facebook/Website – Michelle Hess**
 - Keep an eye on Perry Herald for notices regarding Farms and expansions, construction, etc. Was just listed as a variance but it was really to double the size of the farm (double use of water, double production of waste, etc.) Also need people at Town Board Mtgs because if no one is there we don't know what is going on. Have representatives that live on lake attend mtgs.
 - Going well – all reports are on the SLA and CLEAN website
 - If you have content for FB send to Michelle Hess
 - Send news and updates to be passed on
- **Old Business –**
 - SLM Open House – Thank you to Betsy and Chuck Kent, Sally Capurso, Bob Martin, Doreen Adrian and Ron and Karen Norton.
- **New Business –**
 - SLE Sponsorship combined with CLEAN for a total of \$500 – Gold Sponsor
 - Boater Safety Course – June 1st 2024 at SLM - 7:30AM registration, 8:00 Start Time
 - Still have openings to do it at discounted rate if you take certificate down it will go on your regular license, certification is good for life



-Rentals: new zoning laws for Town of Castile all information is listed up front packets are available for what is required (parking, occupancy, etc.)

- **Homeowner of Distinction applications – Leslie Kunzie**
 - Information is on website, click link to submit applications, deadline is June 30th
- **Theme Prize Winner – Eclipse - Sally**
- **Next Meeting – June 8th 9:00 AM Warrior House Camp**
Fun Theme – Flag Apparel
- **Meeting Adjourned –**