**Silver Lake Association (SLA)**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 8, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Location**: Charcoal Corral

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting called to order by Betsy Kent**,** Vice President at 8:30 am

**Meeting Attendance**:

**Executive Committee**: Betsy Kent, Bob Martin, Cathy Volk, Michelle Hess, Frank Bright

**Track Directors**: Chuck Kent, Ron Norton, Karen Norton, DJ Starner, Dave Boersma, Pete Balcom, Peggy Phillips, Ed Barron, Nancy Barron, Larry Bauer, M. Hanzly, Sue Hettler, Peter Goszewski, Bob Stowell

**News Around the Lake**- Letchworth Craft Sale this weekend in Perry.

**Approval of September 2022 Minutes** Motion by Frank Bright, seconded by Ron Norton, Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Income down this year from last year. There was $1,100 received in donations in 2021 and we sold about 225 fewer flares this year. Membership is up to 410 members. Motion carried to approve minutes.

**Water Quality Highlights**:

**Silver Lake Dams** Both Silver Lake Outlet dams have leaked for a prolonged period of time and plans were put in place earlier this year to rectify the problem. Progress was regularly provided on the SLA and CLEAN web and Facebook pages. To recap coffer dams were installed at the Walker Rd Bridge, the dam gates were repaired, the coffer dam was removed, and the outlet was refilled. This all occurred on schedule. SLAWQ is unaware of any substantive issues.

**Watercraft Inspection** Steward Jenelle Grigelevich completed her responsibilities at Silver Lake on Labor Day 2022. A summary is attached at the end of this report. SLAWQ sent Jenelle a gift card and a Thank You note acknowledging her efforts.

**Sewer System** The SLAWQ team reached out to the Town of Castile (ToC) Supervisor to discuss long range maintenance plans surrounding the sewer system. After several months without a response, we had a chance meeting with a ToC Councilman and they suggested we get on the schedule at a ToC Board meeting. We are currently fine tuning a document describing our efforts at Silver Lake and seeking answers to questions about the Silver Lake sewer system.

- **Planting 2022**: Location: Silver Lake State Boat Launch Date: Friday, October 14, 2022 Start Time: 9:00 AM. We will be removing the original tree tubes from the trees that we installed back in 2019 and 2020, clearing out around these trees, placing down weed barriers, and installing new weld-wire tree cages. We will also be installing a few new trees and more shrubs and protecting each new shrub/tree with weld-wire cages. Finally, we will be removing small, dead trees and debris from within the tributary. (New York State Park’s will remove any large, dead trees that we cannot get out ourselves.) Volunteers are necessary to execute each of these projects!! If you can help, please email Frank Bright (chefvb@buffalo.edu) ASAP

**-Flares –** Clean received a check for $435 from Wegmans for the LED flare program. The program has now ended.

**-Planting Plaque** As we described during previous SLA meetings, we are working with students at Perry High School (Todd Shuskey) and seeking to install plaques highlighting our planting efforts at Silver Lake. We secured permission from the State Park in early 2022. We continue to work with the Village of Perry.

-**Japanese Knockweed**- A-TIP has come to Silver Lake three times and sprayed. One site was sprayed three times, most other sites were sprayed twice, and two newly identified sites were sprayed once. The knotweed is dying off well and it is being cut down by SLAWQ. Targeted completion is late Oct/early Nov. A follow-up spraying may be needed in spring ’23.

- **Golf Tournament**: July 22, 2023 at 9:00 am.

**2022 CSLAP Campaign** The 2022 season has ended. The 2021 CSLAP Report is available online:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/IF/CSLAP/2021_CSLAPreport_Silver%20Lake%280403SIL0115%29.html>

Look for the full 2022 report in spring/summer 2023.

**Perry Central School Activities** Pleased see previous reports. The first complete set of analytical data on the sample cores were provided to Todd Shuskey in lateSept.

**Milkweed** Monarch butterflies are one of the most beautiful and recognizable butterfly species in North America. In addition to being effective pollinators, monarchs are widely known for their multi-generational migration from the northern United States and Canada to their overwintering spots in Mexico and Southern California. Sadly, over the past two decades the monarch numbers east of the Rockies have fallen by 80 to 90 percent. The monarch’s decline is in large measure due to shrinking milkweed habitat. SLAWQ proposes the purchase of up to 500\* Milkweed plants for replanting at residential properties where knotweed was removed (2 sites) and also for lake-wide distribution. We suggest plants be given out for free, purchase costs be split evenly between SLA and CLEAN, and a “prize” be given out for the best planting. \*The actual number will depend on the nursery’s price/plant.

**Motion was approved for SLA spend up to $800 in support of the Milkweed Project.**

**NYS Federation of Lakes Meeting** The annual NYSFOLA meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Registration has closed. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on March 3, 2023.

**President’s Report**:

Mary Gavigan, our new Assistant Treasurer, now has check signing privileges

Totes - Meeting with WM and Town/County Representatives October 19th at 11:00 AM at the County Planning Office, second floor Conference Room, on Center Street in Warsaw to discuss winter trash pick-up. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. It was noted that bulk pick up has been an issue on the west side of the lake.

Tina the Assessor reissued new WM requests to allow residents in Prentice Tract and P.D. #12 to individually select trash removal.

**New Business – 5 Minutes –** Nomination of Ed and Nancy Barron to the Tract Director and Assistant Tract Director position for the Country Club South

Motion carried to approve Ed and Nancy as Tract Director

**Web Site and Facebook- Michelle Hess** The off-season is a time when people like to keep updated on happenings around the lake. Please send me pictures and news for the Facebook page and website. Mhess5@rochester.rr.com

**Adjournment:** Motion carried to adjourn meeting at 9:13 AM.

**Next meeting is on April 8, 2023 at 8:30 AM.**

Respectfully submitted by *Michelle Hess*, Corresponding Secretary