Silver Lake Association (SLA)

MEETING TYPE: **Annual**
MINUTES TYPE: **Proposed**

August Meeting Minutes

Date: **August 8, 2026**
Time: 9:00 AM – 11:40 AM
Location: Epworth Hall

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 – Betsy Kent
Recording Secretary – Brian Kinsman
Treasurer – Cathy Volk (not in attendance)

❖ **Attendance:**

Bob Capurso, Mark Emmerson, Pete Gross, Ron Norton, Randy Steltermann, Mary Sclusa, Jeff Miller, Jim Musclow, Leslie Kunze, Nate Wallis, Marcy Wolcott-Hatch, Ken Trost, Jean Trost, Bill Northrup, Brian Kinsman, Larry Bauer, Sandy Bauer, Mike Bellamy, Don Starner, DJ Starner, Bill Squier, Nancy Squier, George Kleindinst, Tim Herman, Wilma Herman, Betsy Kent, Chuck Kent, M Hanzly, Quinn Bellamy, David Boersma, Robert Ritz, Steve Christensen, Sally Christensen, Sue Meegun, Bob Bausel, Jeanne Owens, Mary Ky, B Snyder, Mike Hettler, Sue Hettler, Mary Gavigan, Sally Capurso
Total in attendance – 41

- **Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer**
- **Welcome-Bob C.**

- **Special Guests –**

Stan Klein, Castile Town Supervisor

Jim Brick, Town of Perry Supervisor;

Quinn Bellamy, Silver Lake Marine;

Representative of Wyoming Sheriff's Department Collin Reagan and Blake Russell

Bob Murphy, Local Historian; and

Larry Bauer/Bethany Bukowinski Family, Directory Cover Winner;

Bill and Nancy Squier, Homeowner of Distinction

- **Boat Parade Winners, Continued – Sally Capurso**
  - Funniest: Marcy Wolcott and her Crew
  - President's Choice: Elvis in Hawaii – Mike Bellamy and crew

- **Homeowner of Distinction Award Winners – Bill and Nancy Squier – Leslie Kunze**
  - Bill and Nancy Squier – moved to Wyoming Co 35 years ago purchasing Hillside Inn
  - In 2018 Bill and Nancy purchased a home in SLI – adding many perennial gardens, herb gardens, pathways and a retaining wall. Congrats to them for building a beautiful home on Silver Lake

- **Directory Cover Award – Betsy Kent presenting to Bauer/Bukowinski Family**
  - Congrats to Bauer grandchildren

- **Silver Lake Association Business of the Year – Silver Lake Marine & Q&A**
  - Congrats to Quinn Bellamy for the Business of the Year Silver Lake Marine
    - Chosen for sponsoring their lake life event every year, hosting our boater's safety course the last 3 years, provide service and fuel for the lake year-round, donations for the Cover Award, and rescue services available on the lake
  - SLM has been on the lake for about 50 years and prior to that was Don Smith Marine which began in the 1930s
  - Collective 225 years of experience at the Marina among all employees
  - Continue to have no strong interest in jet skis but reach out when in need and they can refer to trusted dealers in the area

- **Thank You Plaques for Departing Members**
  - Randy Steltermann retiring from Tract Director Old Orchard South after 14 years
  - Ron and Karen Norton retiring as photographer for the SLA and Karen for hospitality for the SLA Meetings
  - Betsy Kent retiring as Vice President and Directories
  - Brian Kinsman retiring as Secretary

- **Guest Speakers:**

Jim Brick and Stan Klein – Q & A – 15 min – not present
Sheriff Department – Q & A – 10 min

- Here to help with anything public safety related at anytime
- Budget for next year is being settled and there is money set aside to continue the services of the marine unit on the lake moving forward
- Blake Russell and Dave Richardson are the two primary representatives on the Wyo Co Sherriff Boat
- Most of the issues encountered on the lake are people that do not live on the lake, safety inspections on paddle boats, speed on jetskis, jumping wakes of other boats, etc., children under 12 mandatory to be in life vests at all times on the boat
- There is no speed limit on the lake → if someone wanted that instituted they would have to go through state representatives
- Call Wyo Co Sherriff land line and they dispatch right to the lake

Bob Murphy – Local Historian – 30 min

- Vice President for the Pioneer Association on Walker Road at the log cabin and the historian for the SLI
- 1855 was the start of the Sea Serpent myth
- 1872 the railroad opened which connected Perry to outside world and made Perry the biggest industrial world in the county
- 1872 Mr. Walker opened his second hotel downtown on the railroad tracks – within 10 years there were 7 more hotels on Walker Rd
- At one time there were 46-48 business along Walker Rd
- SLI started by methodist church as a tenting campground. They were 33x66 be-cause they were designed to hold a tent
- 1899 Governor Theodore Roosevelt at the time came to speak the to pioneer picnic and 25,000 attended his speech
- Building of original pump plant to pump water from the lake was pumped to the holding take on Standpipe Rd

- Silver Lake is the second highest altitude lake in NYS
- 9 major industries were in Perry – Ice house, knitting/Champion, knife manufacturing, etc. all because of the railroad
- Cabin is open Sat and Sun 1-4 or by appointment for large groups

20 Minute Break – Tour of Epworth Hall's new lower level restoration

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- **Approval of July Minutes – Thank you Brian Kinsman**
  - **Approve:**
    - Randy Steltermann
    - Chuck Kent

- **Treasurer's Report – Thank you Cathy**
  - Not at this time due to Cathy not present

- **CLEAN – Nate Wallis**
  - See WQ report
  - Goal of CLEAN is to promote and protect water quality on the lake and beyond (within the watershed)
  - HABS are symptoms of underlying problems – phosphorous is a big one, dredging is one way to have that removed from lake
  - Pilot program – live dissolved oxygen meter measures the oxygen as it falls to the lake
    - With no oxygen at the bottom the oxygen at the water suppresses phosphorous from going back into the water but if there is no oxygen to suppress it when the lake flips it brings all the phosphorous to the surface which can cause a bloom
  - NYS HAB reporting on CSLAP
    - Report them! It helps get us on lists for DEC and state wide initiatives
  - LWRP first priority is dredging → HABS→drinking water preservation
  - Raised about $9,000 at the golf tournament this year → next year it is on 7/17/2027
  - HAB buoy pilot launches this week → disrupts the cells of algae both regular and harmful algae
    - It is an ultrasonic system that covers about 400 meters
    - It is used in multiple watersheds across the country and locally one in Syracuse with good success
    - It will be tested for a few days with a HAB research grant and will submit a grant proposal to see if we can get funding
    - It has to be 4-6 feet down below the surface

        - The unit costs $6,000 to buy outright → the trial is costing ~$600 to see where it goes
    - Dredging permit application was submitted in July
        - It addressed all deficiencies from previous dredging application
        - Application is available if people want to read it
        - It is a multistage program
            - Start at walker road to the walking bridge
            - Idea initially is to get the feasibility and then long term approach
            - Initially funded by Wyo Co and LWRP and revenue
            - Later phases by Tenney and federal money due to heavy metals near the dam
            - Goal being that over time it proves valuable and moves forward into the lake
    - Volunteers needed for plantings at Warrior Camp
    - Next CLEAN update State of the Lake 6/5/2027

- **Old Business –**

    - **Veteran Launch and Lunch – Sally C./Mary Gavigan**
        - Thanks to all who participated
        - 58 veterans plus their companions – the largest group yet
        - 7 boats brought veterans around the lake
        - Hoping to be able to continue it with the sale of Warrior House but hoping to be able to continue location depending
    - **Waste Management Issues**
        - Some concerns with pick ups of bulk debris from a few weeks ago
        - WM was invited to the meeting to discuss concerns
        - Complaints directed to Sandy and Matt
    - **Munger Tract Dock Concerns**
        - A letter from a resident that they are unhappy with the length of dock at Mac's old place
        - Hoping to put together a letter for everyone to sign on the tract and from SLA to the DEC to reduce dock length or addition of lights for safety purposes at the end of the dock
        - Now owned by four attorneys from Buffalo
    - **Davis Tract Concerns**
        - Terry Flanagan called there was an incident at the pump station again
            - A fuse went and emergency light malfunctioned and they were unaware of the issue

- Christine the Perry Clerk it was recommended that a phone number is posted so that people can contact if an issue is happening

- **New Business –**
  a. Nominations for Positions
  - **Election of Vice President – Currently held by Betsy Kent**
    - Mark Emmerson
      - Nomination: Don Starner
      - Majority vote to elect Mark Emmerson Vice President
  - **Election of Assistant Treasurer - Currently held by Mary Gavigan**
    - Mary Gavigan seeking re-election
      - Majority vote to re-elect Mary Gavigan Assistant Treasurer
  - **Election of Secretary –Currently held by Brian Kinsman**
    - Mike Hettler
      - Nomination: Sue Hettler
      - Majority vote to elect Mike Hettler Secretary

  b. Tract Director Approvals
  - **Barb Petrie – Adding Fairview South**
    - Motion to approve: Ron Norton
    - Second Betsy Kent
    - All in favor
  - **Bob Capurso – Adding Traber South**
    - Motion to Approve: Don Starner
    - Second Chuck Kent
    - All in favor
  - **Steve and Sally Christensen – Old Orchard Beach South (Replacing Randy Steltermann)**
    - Motion to approve: Randy Steltermann
    - Second: Ron Norton
    - All in favor

- **Dues discussion: we raised dues and did not include yellow pages which a lot of people missed. There was a discussion of lowering dues back to $20. Discussion of bringing yellow pages back to a yearly inclusion.**
  - Mark taking directories back and he will make it go back to the way it used to be

  - Decision made to include the yellow pages but keep it the same at the $25 via majority vote

- **Silver Lake Apparel Koozie winners**
- **Next Meeting – Sept 12th 9:00 AM Epworth Hall**
- **Fun Theme – Favorite Vacation Apparel**
- **Meeting Adjourned – Thank you all for attending.**