

Silver Lake Association Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Kari Chase, Rob Fillmore, Linda Goergen, Steve Knudson, Bob Wellhoefer and Holli Priebe. Randy Harris was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Rob Fillmore, SLA president at the Cumberland Branch of the Dairy State Bank at 8:30am on Saturday, August 31st with 34 members attending.

Old Business

Spring 2019 Minutes -Minutes reviewed by Linda Goergen. Minutes approved and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report – Report provided by Steve Knudson. Steve reports a solid financial standing. Total Member dues for 2019 is \$2475.00, with 52 paying members, this is down 8 from 2018. Total cash out of \$2910.21, with \$2724.00 spent for boat monitoring and \$186.21 for other expenses. Water quality fund balance is \$5719.20. Treasures report approved and will be posted on the website.

Lake Association Activities

SLA Summer Picnic 2019 - held on August 10th at Chris and Julie Geason's home. A huge thank you Chris and Julie for hosting the picnic, there was a great turnout and a fun afternoon. Thank you to all who helped to make the picnic a success for the attendees and the host. At this time there were no volunteers to host the 2020 picnic. There will be an opportunity to volunteer at the spring meeting, or reach out to the board via email, silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com

Silver Lake Water Quality Report - Bob Wellhoefer reported on the Secchi disk reading in the spring was 19 feet, current reading is 13 feet, most likely due to the spring rains. Lake remains in the mesotrophic state and a healthy lake. DNR reports reviewed/discussed and reports will be posted on the web site. Silver Lake is a seepage lake and the level is affected by the level of water table, the water seeps into the lake as the water table rises. This is different than a spring fed lake, Silver Lake is not considered spring fed. Bob takes samples once a month for oxygen and chlorophyll for and 2x monthly for secchi disk.

Dissolved oxygen readings – Bob typically monitors this however the monitor he has no longer functions. Member offered to try to fix the current monitor. If this does not work, funding request for a new monitor will be an **action** item on the spring agenda.

Looking for a volunteer to help monitor the lake. Contact Bob if you are interested, he will train and work with you.

Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) 2019 plans and actions - Good summer number of boats up. The number of boats coming to the lake with weeds is dropping and the monitoring is providing necessary education to boaters and fishermen. Order was obtained to use decontamination station, and the compliance is good. Rob is still pushing to get the order changed to an ordinance which will help with increased compliance; compliance with the decontamination station is approximately

75%. The owners of the RV park are helping by keeping the solution fresh. Zach appreciates it when Robs stops in and checks on him as he is working. Question asked if there a chance to get battery power or a longer wand to the station to make it easier to get to the underside of the boats.

Canada geese spotting and control – Holly Branch reported that the late spring did not delay the geese nesting. Eggs were laid mid to late April. For this coming year look for nests mid to late April. Continue to watch and report sighting's or nesting's via the web site (report as early as possible to Holly in May and early June). The DNR will do a round up if there is large enough goose population.. **Action Item:** Requested that a **Canada Goose Watch Reminder** is pushed out via email, web site and FB to property owners early April. Reminder should include what to do and how/when to report. Information is also on the website.

Aquatic Invasive Species Survey - The plates are being analyzed. The Grant expires after 2020. Rob will check to see if Virginia is interested in keeping this project going.

Buckthorn Control Effort Update – project successful. Keep watching your property for seedlings. 4control is where we get the supplies; this information is on the web site.

Silver Lake Association Web Site Holli Priebe provided an overview of the association web site and all the information that can be found on the website. The website address is www.SilverlakebarronCounty.com

The website and Gmail address will be added to the directory with the next printing. Again the Silver Lake association members are encouraged to utilize the web site.

Directory Update 2019 directory updates were distributed. Members reminded to update/review their information at each meeting. Updates or corrections should be noted on the master directory. Bob Wellhoefer will be managing this going forward.

New Business

Board Position Elections - Two (2) positions are available this fall as the terms expire for Kari and Randy. Kari is stepping aside to allow new members to join the board; Randy is willing to continue if there is a spot to fill.

Matt Wenzel – nominated and accepted board positions 2019-2022

Randy Harris – nominated - will fill another term 2019 - 2022.

Donation from Wenzel Family – Matt and Mike Wenzel presented a gift to the Silver Lake Association on behalf of their father Robert Wenzel who served on the board and lead many projects over the years. Bob Wenzel was a respected neighbor and friend. He is greatly missed.

Clean Boats Clean Waters 2020 – Grant Application will be submitted for 2020 for \$4000. This is an ongoing expense and the association must apply annually. Note that the grant will cover 75% of the costs and the association must commit to covering the rest of the costs.

Request to authorize up to \$2000 for the 2020 CBCW activities. Approved/Reauthorized to go forward with CBCW 2020 and spend up to \$2000 in 2020 for this project.

Volunteer Opportunities-A great way to get involved with the SLA is to volunteer. There are many tasks that do not require a lot of time but are necessary and helpful. Opportunities for volunteers include Meeting Logistics (set up and tear down) , CBCW (data entry) and SLA Picnic (assist hosts with set up and tear down). Contact any board member via silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com the web site if you would like to help

Additional Topics from the Membership –

- Update on Ozzie’s health – Rob talks with him often, slowly improving. Rob will send out his contact information.
- Memorials for lake association members – Kari suggest that a memorial on the lake or at Grant Park would be a way to recognize those who have passed. Matt Wenzel informed us that there is a group looking into something for his father. Matt will get back to us with information.
- Association Bylaw proposal - Suggestion that the bylaws be amended in way that will assist the board to work more efficiently. Proposals include the following;
 1. Authorize the board to spend up to \$300-\$500 for *SLA projects or equipment*.
 2. Electronic voting as determined by the board.
 3. Electronic payment for dues.
 4. Identify board position roles of communication and one for technology.President requested a motion for the board to review/amend bylaws and to have the amended bylaws reviewed at the spring meeting. Motion made, seconded and approved.
- Question raised about the details of the previously authorization for the board to spend up to \$\$\$\$ for mitigation of AIS, should it be necessary. Previous minutes should reflect the action and the amount. Investigate and report back at the spring meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Goergen, SLA Secretary