Silver Lake Association

Fall 2021 Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2021 DRAFT

Board members present: Rob Fillmore, Randy Harris, Steve Knudson, Linda Goergen, Bob Wellhoefer, Matt Wenzel and Holli Priebe.

**Call to order and Welcome -** Rob Fillmore called the meeting to order via Zoom at 8:30 am, 26 members participated in the meeting.

**Old Business**

**Spring 2021 Minutes** were posted to the web site and sent out via email with meeting notice. Linda Goergen briefly reviewed with membership. Motion made seconded and minutes approved. Minutes will be posted on the website.

**Fall 2021 Treasurer’s Report** was presented by Steve Knudson. Membership – 63 members for 2021 with 16 members paying dues since the spring meeting.

Current balance is $19,437.30 in the general fund and $5720.30 in the water quality fund with an overall balance of $25,157.60. A few checks to be cut yet, additional expenses will included directory printing, boat monitoring, mailings, dissolved oxygen meter, and AIS survey. Steve commented on a new line item from the bank for Analysis Service Charges, Steve will follow up with the bank on these new charges.

**Lake Association Activities Updates**

1. **Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW**) Rob reported on this year’s boat monitoring. There were 48 days of monitoring for this season. The net expense is $5500 with reimbursement of $3000 from the DNR. Connor Morrison from Cumberland HS, was our inspector this year and is interested in filling the position next year. Wyatt Rye subbed in for Connor. Our inspectors and program were recognized and complimented by the DNR. Use of the decontamination station is now an ordinance, and boaters must comply. One occurrence of non- compliance was reported thru the proper channels.
2. **Aquatic Invasive Species Survey** - Rob reported on the surveys. The surveys were completed in June and August by Matt Berg with Rob Fillmore riding along for the August survey. There are no Aquatic invasive species noted, and Reed Canary grass is the only invasive grass that was noted. Rob explained that the Reed Canary grass while non-native, tends to stay in one place and should not cause problems. Cost for the survey was $712.00
3. **Directory Update** - Bob Wellhoefer updated the directory. The directories have been printed and distributed to membership. A thank you to Lorri Hedlund for the photo for the cover page and Bob for all the work to update the directory. If you did not get a directory and are current with your dues call Bob at 612-910-1411. Reminder to send any changes to your email, address or phone to [silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com)
4. **Water Quality** – Bob Wellhoefer reported on the water quality for 2021. Bob does water quality check monthly. Latest Secchi disc reading is at 15 feet, water quality is good. We continue to be in the Mesotrophic state. Dissolved Oxygen was done in July by the DNR. There is oxygen at the bottom of the lake (deep hole) which is good. Chlorophyll and phosphorus are both trending down. Note that the deep hole is 75 feet, historically was at 91 feet. Noting some shoreline turbidity/cloudiness. Minimizing runoff and creating buffers will help protect the water quality. Noted more water striders (harmless bugs on the water) this year.

1. **Summer Picnic** – The picnic was held on August 14th. Thank you to Randy for coordinating the event and to Keem and Adam Braun for hosting the picnic at their home this year. Picnic was fun and well attended. Knudson’s volunteered to host next year, details will be discussed at the spring meeting.
2. **Canada geese spotting and control -** Rob reported that Holli Branch is the contact. Noted approx. 12 geese consistently on the lake. Start watching in March, April and report via [Silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com](mailto:Silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com) Report as early in the spring as you see them.

**New Business**

1. **Board Nominations –** We have 3 positions, 2 incumbents are willing to serve again and 1 departing incumbent. Called for nominations for the open position. Nominations opened to the membership and a nomination was made for Julie Geason to fill the open positon, and incumbents Rob Fillmore and Steve Knudson. Motion made, seconded and approved accepting all nominations. “Thank you!” to Linda for her years of excellent and most capable service to her neighbors and our Silver Lake Association.
2. **Buckthorn Control Project** - An email was sent late summer regarding the planned work for September. The area to be worked on this fall is the right of way along 26 ½ Ave. If you are interested in the project there is still time to get involved. Call Virginia Berglund at 612-940-5795 with any questions you may have about Buckthorn on your property or the project in general.
3. **Items from the Membership**.
   1. Pontoon Storage available, call Matt Wenzel.
   2. Property owners reported gas siphoning from pontoon tanks and life jackets stolen off of boats this spring. Members are encouraged to report these incidents to the Sheriff.
   3. Internet access – Various levels of connectivity and reliability voiced, seems dependent upon where you are located. Brian Chase stated that a Fiber Hub was installed on 26 ½ a few years ago which has made access consistent and reliable for many on the west side of the lake. Stated it is also important to have the correct router. Those with internet connection issues contact Terri Knudson. Knudson’s will also check with Century Link.
   4. Loud music, loud and vulgar language coming from boaters (wake boaters and pontoons). Continue to promote community of courtesy and tolerance. Report the occurrence to the Sheriff and DNR, they can investigate if the complaints are not related to first amendment rights.
   5. Report of boats with lights at night close to shore, if unsure contact the sheriff.
   6. Spring Meeting Location – Discussion about safety plans for spring meeting in relation to vaccine status, location and availability of Wi-Fi. We are interested in a location with a lot space and Wi-Fi connection to hold a live meeting and remotely include those who are not able to attend in person. Suggestions included Nezzeys, Das Lach Haus, Barronette Bar and Grill. If you have suggestions please forward to [silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com)

**General Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Goergen

**Board meeting followed General Meeting**

Actions: Nominate Julie for secretary, Rob for President and Steve for Treasurer. Nominations seconded, and approved.