**Silver Lake Association Spring Meeting Minutes – Approved**

Board Members present: Kari Chase, Rob Fillmore, Linda Goergen, Randy Harris, Steve Knudson, Holli Priebe, Bob Wellhoefer.

Guests: Ryan Magana, WI DNR and Lee Shambeau, 4 Control

The meeting was called to order by Rob Fillmore, SLA president at the Cumberland branch of the Dairy State Bank at 8:27am on Saturday, May 26, 2018 with 44 people signed in.

**Secretary Report -**  Minutes of the Fall 2017 meeting were read by the secretary and approved. Going forward the minutes will be made available on the website and members can review before the fall meeting.

**Treasurers Report** - Copies of the treasurer’s report was distributed. Member dues from last year and 2018 Approximately $2000 in dues has been collected at this time.

Deposits made for advance payment for the Clean Boat Clean Water and AIS Grant.

Total funds available $15,887.26 from the general fund and $5718.34 in the Water Quality Fund (Aquatic Invasive Species rapid Response fund). Copy of the report attached, Treasurers report approved.

**New Property Owners** - Welcome to new property owners. Reminder that the website has helpful information for all Silver Lake residents and property owners.

**Awards and Recognition -** Bob Wenzel was presented the **Friends of Silver Lake Award** in recognition of his work and support of Silver Lake. Our thanks for the many years of dedicated time, attention and service to Silver Lake.

**Lake Association Activities, Presentations, Project updates**

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Survey** - Virginia Berglund updated the membership on the AIS grant and activities we can expect over the next 3 years. Virginia applied for a grant on behalf of SLA to survey Silver Lake for AIS. A grant was obtained from DNR to cover 2 surveys each year for 3 years

Bids were sought, based on proposal Ecological Integrity Service (EIS) was chosen.

June 14th is the first survey, then another survey in the fall of the entire literal zone. In addition the surveyor will be testing for zebra mussels – 4 properties will be selected, Virginia will let you know if the substrate sampler is placed on your dock. Thank you Virginia for your work on this project.

**Best Lakeshore Practices-Water Quality –** Bob Wellhoefer distributed a handout listing the 7 things that can harm the lake. This information is also posted on the website.

Discussion about what products could be used near the water if there is concern of runoff or drift. Ryan Magana stated that products with an AQUATIC REGISTRATION containing 2-4-D will not harm the lake. Read the label, use with caution, must read and follow label instructions.

**Buckthorn Control Program –** Virginia Berglund - Virginia applied for a grant for control of Buckthorn on private lands. Cost will be ~$300-400/acre. Grant reserved for those lots that have a lot of Buckthorn. Virginia introduced Ryan Magana and Lee Shambeau.

Ryan Magana is the WI- DNR, Norwest Region Ecologist. Specimens shown of invasive species, teaching us about invasive plants, including buckthorn, and how their uncontrolled presence threatens the ecology of any area they invade.

* *Buckthorn replaces the native plants; there is male and female buckthorn. To begin to control go after the female plant first, identified by berries.*
* *Honeysuckle – non-native stem is hollow and flower is 2 pointed.*
* *Dame Rocket is invasive and not a desired species FYI Dame Rocket has 4 petals - Phlox native has 5 petals*
* *Wild Parsnip - will burn/blister skin with contact and sun activation.*
* *Pocket guide to invasive plant species was made available to the membership. Contact Ryan with any questions. Holli will Post the guide on the website.*
* *Wisconsin DNR has a Weed Watcher section on the web site.*
* *Bare rootstock of Native Plants can be planted, property owners can get from the county extension office.*

Lee Shambeau is the owner of 4 Control, a small, regional professional application company specializing in vegetation control of noxious weeds, nuisance weeds, brush and other invasive plants out of place. Their expertise is in the effective use of selective herbicides and application techniques targeting these problems. Lee’s presentation included control measures both professional and DIY. It is important to know that you can treat anytime of the year. Techniques include Basal Bark stem banding. Spray the trunk of the tree all around, treating the stumps on the outer ring, bark. Sprayers and product available from Lee. Call office to order product – 1-888-454-1121

* *Private land* --4-Control has been contracted to work with a number of homeowners to control the buckthorn on their property, Garlan 4 will be used, do not use near the water, swamps or streams**.**
* *Individual Property Control -DIY* Virginia proposed that we establish a volunteer weed management group to control and to help others with the control. Sign up sheet was sent around the room.
* Roadway - Virginia reached out to the Town of Lakeland for help with roadside control. Lakeland Township did not want to contribute to the control of Buckthorn. $1850 is needed for SLA to pay for the control of the roadside Buckthorn. 4 Control presented proposal to treat 26 ½ Ave, 26 ¾ Ave and 11th St within 15 feet of roadside. Requested that SLA cover the cost of treating the roadside areas.
  + *Motion made by Rob Fillmore SLA Pay for treatment upon the public right of ways in the amount of $1850. Second by Virginia Berglund*
  + *Discussion* 
    - *Where does the money come from? Silver Lake Fund.*
    - *Work by individual homeowners will be negated if there is not control.*
    - *Watershed is affected, control today will help the spread in the future*
    - *Treat this year, what are the steps needed for next year? Diligence, surveillance every year, seeds can remain dormant for 8 years.*
  + *Vote – Motion carried*

Thank you to Virginia for her work on this project.

**Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) Boat Inspections –** Rob Fillmore updated the membership on the monitoring program for 2018. Monitoring on weekends and holidays with inspectors at park from the first week of May till Labor Day. Rob has requested more grant money. Average on weekend of boats using the landing is approximately 22 boats.

* Advance of the Zebra Mussel is becoming a concern – there is no treatment or cure for Zebra Mussels. One way that we can prevent them from getting in Silver Lake is the placement of a Boat Decontamination Station. Station was installed at the landing early May. Decontamination should be done on the boat and the trailer. Will seek county ordinance to be passed for Barron County similar to Washburn and Burnett county that requires the boater to spray if available. Steve Walker will assist Rob in getting the ordinance to Barron County The solution is a dilute bleach solution that will not harm the lake. Spraying will kill the mussels and the microscopic aquatic invasive species.

**Grant Park Swimming Buoys** - Steve Olson from the county asked for help in the means of a boats to place the buoys. Buoys may need some repair, chains and anchor work needed. Reminder to call the sheriff with any unsafe conditions.

**Canada Geese Control Project** - Holly Branch presented updated on the Canada Geese Control Project she has been working with Steve Olson at the DNR. Idea proposed for next year – hire people to help with next location, propose paying for this service. This project will be reported on at the fall meeting.

* Why do we have so many geese –
  + 2 types of geese, migratory or resident goose we have both. Numbers- 1900’s they were overhunted and goose egg collecting was a hobby. Became endangered. Super resident goose was bred in and overpopulation has resulted. Adult deposits feces at a rate of about 15 lbs a week.
  + Real problem on Silver Lake is water quality.
* What can we do about it –
  + Round-up will be done the end of June – County and federal resources will be used. Barron county will pay for the round up
  + Egg addling – oil eggs in the spring
  + If you find the nest you can oil the eggs. Look for 1 single goose protecting the nest. Best if both are done every year.
* Action needed by membership and property owners.
  + email [SusanHBranch@gmail.com](mailto:SusanHBranch@gmail.com) with the following information.

• Date

• address/location

• Time of day

• number of geese

**2018 Picnic** – will be hosted by Rich and Deb Jansen on Saturday, July 21st. 4pm start with social time, dinner to follow. Rich and Deb are located at 1142 26 ½ Ave.

**SLA Web Site** - Holli Priebe has updated the website. It is on a different platform than Google. <https://www.silverlakebarroncounty.com> At this time the Google site will remain live and direct you to the new website. Holli will send out a note with the updated website.

**Directory** Kari Chase - updates/changes distributed to add to your directory. Any updates or new contact information can be sent to the SLA gmail account. [silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com)

**Membership Outreach** – Steve Knudson - We have many activities to better Silver Lake for all property owners. Consider your membership dues and take time to contribute today or mail to Steve Knudson- Address is on the website.

**Membership Topics and Concerns** -

* Please be considerate of your neighbors, request made that fireworks be used only on holidays.
* Lighting along the shoreline – requesting that homeowners use down lighting and be considerate of how you light your home and landscape and how others see the lighting.
* Loon Beds are used on other lakes to help with nesting. If interested contact Patricia Lange.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Goergen

Silver Lake Association Secretary