

Silver Lake Association
Spring 2024 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
May 25, 2024 8:30 AM

Call to Order and Welcome Rob Fillmore

The 2024 Spring Meeting of the Silver Lake Association (SLA) was called to order by President Rob Fillmore on May 25, 2024 at 8:30am. The meeting was held at Nezy's Isle Event Center in Cumberland, WI and via Zoom. There were approximately 38 SLA members present in person and 6 members present via Zoom. Board members present were Rob Fillmore-president, Julie Geason-secretary, Randy Harris-vice president, Matt Wenzel, Roz Rockman, and Shane Grivna-members at large.

Rob introduced the two new SLA board members, Roz Rockman and Shane Grivna, who were elected during the Fall 2023 meeting. Welcome Roz and Shane!

Old Business

- Fall 2023 Minutes - Julie Geason

The Fall 2023 Minutes were approved as distributed and will be posted to the SLA website, silverlakebarroncounty.com

- Treasurer's Report - Rob Fillmore

In the absence of Steve Knudson, Rob Fillmore gave a brief review of the treasurer's report. A full report will be presented at the Fall 2024 meeting.

Lake Association Activities Updates

- Directory Update - Bob Wellhoefer

Bob distributed the 2024 supplemental directory with updates and changes from the directory printed in 2023. There are 5 new families on the lake in 2024. Welcome! A new hard-copy directory will be printed in 2025. Please email any directory updates to the SLA email, silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com.

- Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) - Rob Fillmore

Ben Cunningham and his younger brother, Calvin will be supervising the boat inspection and disinfecting station this summer at the Grant County Park public boat landing on Silver Lake. The boat inspection station is scheduled to be supervised 45 days throughout the summer, at an expense of about \$5200. The Wisconsin DNR reimburses the SLA for \$3000 of the expenses. This continues to be a very successful program and we are appreciative of the generous support of the Silver Lake Association members to be able to continue this program year after year and keep Silver Lake free from new invasive species.

- Aquatic Invasive Species Survey - Rob Fillmore

Two water surveys will be conducted this summer. If you are interested in participating by riding along, please contact Rob at silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com. Good news, the surveys conducted in 2023 resulted in no new invasive species observed.

- July 4th Boat Parade - Rob Fillmore

The annual Independence Day Boat Parade will be held on Thursday, July 4th at 11:00 am. We encourage all interested boaters to participate!

- SLA Picnic - Virginia Berglund

The 2024 annual SLA picnic will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024. Virginia Berglund and family have agreed to host this year. Thank you! Watch your email for an electronic invitation.

- Canada geese spotting and control - Holly Branch

Please email Holly Branch with information on geese numbers for 2024. Her email address is in the SLA Directory.

New Business

- Board Nominations - Rob Fillmore

The SLA board terms are three years. This year, the board terms of Julie Geason - secretary, Steve Knudson - treasurer, and Rob Fillmore - president, are ending. All are willing to serve again, but will stand aside if others would like to participate. Nominations and elections will be held at the Fall 2024 meeting.

Items from the Membership

- Buckthorn control

Virginia Berglund reported on the buckthorn control program. Spraying is effective in controlling low lying buckthorn and must be repeated every couple of years. A spraying program will be conducted by 4Control in October 2024. If you are interested in having your property sprayed, please text Virginia Berglund 612-940-5795. Cost is approximately \$200-300 per acre, up to \$500 for larger lots.

Interesting fact: One adult buckthorn can create a forest of buckthorn in 5 years!!

- Internet Service

There was a brief discussion about internet services offered around Silver Lake. This continues to be a topic of interest! Brightspeed is the main provider around the lake, however, speeds are variable and service is limited in some areas. Another option mentioned was Starlink Satellite Service, which has been successfully installed by a few property owners. It is more expensive on a monthly basis, but seems to offer better speeds. There was also discussion about contacting Mosaic Technologies to request they look into expanding fiber into Lakeland Township.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Geason, Secretary