



Silver Lake Association (SLA)

Regular Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: May 10, 2014
Time: 9:00 – 10:30
Location: Camp Asbury, Koinonia Inn

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by Mark Emmerson, President.

II. Roll Call

Total in Attendance - 38

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April)

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on May 10, 2014,

IV. Special Presentation

- Pledge to the Flag lead by special guest, Bill Harrington
- Presentation of Certificates by VA to Bill Harrington, WWII Veteran (Pilot)
- Presentation of 'Recognition of Service Certificate' by Mark Emmerson to Bill Harrington for years of service with the SilverLake Association

V. Approval of New Tract Directors

- Six (6) New Tract Directors

VI. Treasurer's Report

Following report provided by Mark Emmerson, President:

Motion: approved Treasurer's Report

- There is enough money to cover flares.
- Finance Committee – Looking for a few people

VII. President's Report

Mark Emmerson thanked Executive Committee and Directors for all of the help they have given throughout the winter and for getting the message out about the importance of water quality.

Water Quality should be the main focus, along with getting more people involved. We need to educate everyone about our lake.

- Water Quality Committee:
 - Need volunteers to join committee
 - We have a volunteer to help with the Hydro Lab
 - We have a volunteer to help with CSLAP



VIII. Committee Reports

Possible Committee Teams:

1. Environmental Team
2. Financial Team
3. Membership Team
4. Communications Team
5. Political Action Team
6. Activity Team

Contact Mark Emmerson if interested in volunteering on one of the above committees

Nominating Committee

- Up for election are: 1 possibly 2 Vice President positions; 1 Treasurer position; 1 Assistant Treasurer position

• *Water Quality*

- Letter sent to Chris Collins; need continuing funding for CSLAP testing
- DEC Law – Invasive Species
 - Seems to be going well
 - Fine for anyone coming or leaving with boat trailers that are not properly cleaned
 - State launch only
 - Law enforcement would issue tickets
 - Proposed law is 'any' launch
 - Will be implemented next year once approved
- Water Soil Committee Meeting – larger lakes having a lot of problems with invasive species; SilverLake is doing well.
- WAVE Project (Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators)
 - This year, citizen scientists can participate in the WAVE Project in one of three ways:
 - Become a 'local coordinator' who trains and coordinates a team of WAVErs by attending a 7 hour Local coordinator training (locations below) OR
 - Join a local group lead by a local coordinator OR
 - Sample independently and attend a 4 hour basic training session
 - What is WAVE?
 - This simple assessment can be performed by most everyone.
 - Visit stream sites once, July – September
 - Collect and sort stream organisms
 - Preserve one example for each organism for identification by the WAVE coordinator
 - For more information, contact:
Alene Onion, WAVE Coordinator
Hudson River Estuary Program
Phone: (518) 402-8166
Email: amonion@gw.dec.state.ny.us

• *By Laws* (Mark Emmerson)

- Summary of proposed changes provided;
- Vote on changes in August at annual meeting

• *Website*

- www.silverlakeassociation-wny.org
- Emailing Channel 4 news to get back on the station
- Suggestions or content can be sent to Mark Emmerson



IX. Old Business

- Flares vs. Lights
 - Flare education will be discussed at the June meeting
 - Flares will be available at the June meeting
 - Can pick locations to sit at to sell flares – have people come to you to purchase; insurance OK
 - Create a Flare safety/use education sheet

X. New Business

- Village close to appointing a new zoning officer to help with property maintenance issues.
- Institute and Emergency Management
 - A woman on the institute passes away; it took a very long time for ambulance to arrive
 - Not every house on the institute has the 4 digit house numbers
 - Not every street has a street sign on the institute
 - Need to educate lake/awareness of the importance
 - This is an issue being addressed with the entire county
 - 2 trouble spots – SilverLake and Java Lake
 - Can keep the 2 digit number, but also get the 4 digit number; maybe make the 2 digit number ornate.
 - Call 911, say this is a non-emergency; can you verify the address for me.
 - Calling on a cell phone takes longer.
- Town of Castile doing sewer maintenance; checking down spouts and sewers – making sure runoff isn't going into sewer system
- New judge needed for Boat Parade
- Next meeting is June 14th at 9:00 am at the SilverLake Country Club.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am