

Silver Lake Association
Annual Meeting June 22, 2024
Tioga Pavilion, Belmont, NH

Pauline Tessier called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. She asked the new members to introduce themselves and where they are located on the lake. She explained that Jane Jordan, our VP, would run the meeting as Laurie Libby, president, was unable to attend.

It was determined that we would need 33 attendees to establish a quorum. That number was reached.

Jane sent around a sign-up sheet for our annual block party so that people could complete it during the meeting.

Minutes from last year's annual meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Joe LoGrasso made a motion to accept the minutes, Sabina Foote seconded, and all approved.

Dawn Marie Godin, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. She let us know that grants from the state of NH are likely to be reduced next year. Dawn reported that we had 162 voting members last year. This year there are new membership forms from which she will produce a new database of members. Dues are \$25 per person and go towards organizational costs of the association and the health of the lake. It was noted that funds for the block party expenses were all donated, none came out of the budget. Fund-raising income throughout the year also goes towards the health of the lake. The exception is that fund-raising at the block party is used for the next year's block party. Paypal has been eliminated as a method of paying dues because of fees that cut into a member's contribution. It is also challenging to transfer the account when a new treasurer takes over.

Members were reminded of the annual July 4 boat parade that begins at the end of the cove at 1:00 pm. Liz and Gary have agreed to lead the parade.

Pauline and Dawn Marie spoke about Milfoil. The original quote for hand-picking (no pesticides) is \$16,227. The state generally pays half but is struggling to meet that goal. We will approach the towns of Belmont and Tilton for donations towards this expense but we are not likely to receive

any monies from the town of Belmont as the annual budget failed at the polls.

Pauline also spoke of the chemical treatment done last year. In about two weeks the group will be back to remap the lake and gauge the progress we made. Lake Winnisquam will be doing this treatment soon. Members were asked to inspect their beaches for resulting broken off pieces of milfoil and to bag those pieces and dispose of them.

Pauline applied for a grant to help with these costs, hoping that her work on conservation would give us a boost, but the grant was denied. She is trying to gain experience teaching about conservation to improve our odds next year and will let us know if there is something individual members can assist with.

David Foote asked if the association is working with UNH. Pauline responded that UNH is currently focused on Squam Lake as they are closest to total eradication of Milfoil. They are looking for a chemical that will be effective but not harm the habitat.

It was asked if the state is testing Silver Lake for areas of Cyanobacteria, as Winnepesaukee and Winnisquam are currently affected. The state is not but will test a sample if we bring it to them. Pauline did have one sample she was concerned about. She took pictures and delivered a sample to the state but, luckily, it was negative. If Cyanobacteria is found the state closes the entire lake. Pauline would send out an email and Laurie would post this information on Facebook. The state sends many of us emails about changing lake levels but as these come from the Dam Bureau they are unlikely to use this list to notify us of cyanobacteria.

Laurie and Pauline spoke at the NH Lakes Conference about the process we went through to get a high water level for no wake status. We are the only lake in the state that has obtained this.

Jane spoke of our fund-raising efforts. We earned \$404.06 from the spring store. We have sold 58 ornaments and have profited \$493. We could reach a total profit of \$918 when we sell the remaining ornaments. We have flashlights to sell after the meeting along with wine tumblers, decals, and coasters. The tumblers, decals, and coasters were all donated to the organization.

Jane spoke about the block party, which will be held on Saturday, August 31, from 12:00-5:00. We will approach the owners of the shared lot we

used last year to see if we could hold it there again. Sign-up sheets were passed around – we need volunteers to set up, tear down, join the committee, organize a scavenger hunt, and sell raffle tickets. We are also looking for raffle donations.

The organization needs a president and three new (or incumbent) board members. Joe LoGrasso nominated Laurie Libby for president, Lou Loud seconded, and the motion passed. We had the following nominations for board members: John LeFebvre nominated Kathy Loud with Joe LoGrasso seconding, Nikie Rutkowski nominated Patty Donovan with Kathy Loud seconding. Marie Bonnett nominated Lloyd Smith with Karyn Golabiewski seconding. These three motions each passed.

Members were asked to spread the word about our website at SilverLakeNH.org.

It was asked if there is anything being done about controlling the geese population. Unfortunately there is not much that can be done except to **refrain from feeding them!**

Our official high-water mark is 467 ft. If the water exceeds that mark the entire lake will be a “no wake” zone. Signs will be posted and it will be announced on our Facebook page.

At 10:57 David Foote made a motion to adjourn, Karyn Golabiewski seconded, and all approved.

Minutes submitted by Nancy LeFebvre, SLA Secretary