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MINUTES OF SILVER SPRINGS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

May 27, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Joseph. Present were board members: Vice President Mike Fisher, Treasurer Trudy Kempf, Secretary Cheryl Mekschun, Matt Lehner, Architecture Committee. Ray Braun excused. There were 65 association members in attendance.

1. Tom Joseph opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed Nate Lehner as the newest elected member of the Board. Lot 170 moved to dispense with reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting; seconded by Lot 141. All meeting minutes can be found on the website.

2. TREASURERS REPORT: The checking and savings accounts have been moved to F & M Bank in Berlin as a result of the Neshkoro bank closing. The bank offers a better interest rate on the savings account. The outlet project caused us to go slightly over budget. Insurance on the maintenance boat was cancelled as the boat is not being used and is under consignment at Blackhawk Marina. Legal Fees were budgeted for \$1500 in anticipation of Covenant and By-Law updates. Motion to accept the report by Lot 166; seconded by Lot 130.

3. ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE: Nate Lehner introduced himself and gave a brief update of small property projects.

4. CLEAN WATER: Terry Klaves reported that David Lester volunteered to assist him. He reported Cason has surveyed the lake and has seen some improvements this past year. Curly leaf and Illinois pond weeds need to be treated in summer. Chara (algae) is spreading and has one to two inches of muck below it. Treatments have a narrow window to be done and we compete with other service users. Postings at piers are made when caution is necessary. Water clarity is affected by run off. It is recommended that fertilizers not be spread near the lake shore. Phosphorus and nitrogen levels are okay. Muck and sediment were surveyed in 2016 and this spring. There is heavy sediment at the inlet and in 13 areas. Methods of dealing with this include: aeration, dredging and disposal, weed cutting (did not work in the past), spot vacuuming, muck pellets and hand racking. Lot 136 asked about how much muck the lake has and this is not known at this time. Lot 40 indicated that raking and pellets worked on their shoreline. Lot 136 has done back hoeing which helped. Lot 56

expressed concern about the need for aeration. Lot 166 raked their shoreline and suggested putting information into the newsletter about doing their part to keep the lake clean. Lot 67 reported that lawn services are not careful and blow leaves and debris into the lake. Lot 130 indicated Lake Tahoe has cleaned up the lake through use of a healthy bacteria. Lot 173 expressed concern that aeration is not the answer because the previous system did not work. Lot 56 uses a lake rake that proved very effective.

5. FISH COMMITTEE: Bob Noga reported 1500 walleye were planted last fall. The prices have been increasing over the years. Over the past two years sizeable walleyes have been caught and the general consensus is that the fish in the lake are healthy. Lot 173 questioned why walleye were placed in the lake as they do not reproduce in this water setting. The walleye are fun to catch and they keep the blue gill population in check. Lot 67 suggested more northern pike and bass to be planted. Lot 34 asked whether northern pike caught should be disposed of. It is recommended that fishermen catch and release and that DNR fishing regulations be followed.

6. OLD BUSINESS: Al Gehring and Mike Ceplina volunteered to put the buoys into the bays, installed the boat landing pier and will do maintenance work for the lake. The boat landing gate will be locked from Memorial weekend to Labor Day weekend.

A goose round up is possible through the Agriculture Department. We have to guarantee at least 40 geese are on the lake. The charge is around \$3500.00. Lot 9 reported they had 40 or more geese on their beach.

Lake tee shirts are available to purchase. An order will be placed soon.

Lake activities include a joint rummage sale with Cedar Springs Lake on June 3rd, the boat parade will take place July 1 with the theme to be "Christmas in July", Fish Jamboree is September 3, the Poker Run is September 9 and the Christmas Party will be December 9. More participation is encouraged.

A reminder that our lake is a "no wake" lake and shorelines are being eroded and owners are encouraged to reclaim their shorelines. Lot numbers should be placed on each side of the boat near the back. All boats on the lake after dark should use their running lights.

Lot 166, Lot 8 and Lot 9 reported they have muskrat eroding their shorelines. Property privacy is an issue and permission must be given to have a trapper come on the property. Private trappers must be licensed. Property owners do not have to be licensed to trap nuisance muskrats.

NEW BUSINESS: The health of the lake is a key issue for the Board this year and how we address it needs to be planned. A Committee is being formed to look into the methods and procedures to go about eradicating invasive species and muck. Lot 215 and Lot 130 want careful consideration about an aeration system and want to know what other lakes in the area are doing in this regard. Lot 152 suggested that a vote of the membership should take place if aeration systems are being considered. The Committee will make its recommendations to the Board.

A Committee is being formed to review the Covenants and By-Laws as it has been over 10 years since the last updates.

Lot 8 and 55 recommended that dues be raised from the current \$200.00 per year.

Lot 141 moved to adjourn the meeting; Lot 130 seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A Mekschun

Secretary