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Minutes of Silver Springs Lake Association Annual Meeting

May 28, 2022, 1:03 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mike Fisher at 1:03 p.m. Present were board members Trudy Kemps, Ray Braun, David Grovek and Cheryl Mekschun. Tom Joseph was excused. There were 45 other members in attendance.

1. Mike opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and introduced Board Member election results. Trudy Kemp was re-elected as treasurer and Cheryl Mekschun as a volunteer write-in for Secretary. Mary Gizewski finished a three-year term as Board Secretary. #56 (Carberry) moved to dispense with reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting and accept them. #9 (Galten) seconded the motion. All minutes can be found on the lake website.
2. TREASURERS REPORT: Trudy provided a written budget (handout) for 2022-2023 which was approved by the Board and expenses for the previous three years. An audit was completed by Joyce Jaeger and Kay Castillo. Three business ads were added to the newsletter this year which has defrayed our costs. Trudy suggested that lake members should encourage their favorite vendors to consider placing their ads in our newsletters.
3. ARCHITECTURAL REPORT: Ray Braun reported that Lot 139 expanded a shed. Any expected building should be in contact with Ray Braun and David Grovek.
4. CLEAN WATER REPORT: Terry Klaves reported that the lake presents a different weed picture every year because of the weather. Cason out of Berlin does a review of the lake every spring and fall. Currently, curly leaf pond weed (CLP) is exploding with 10 acres being noted whereas last year it was 2 acres. Water shield weed must be hand pulled and properly disposed of when it becomes a nuisance. Non-invasive pond weed creates food and shelter for fish and is treated in the navigation lanes early summer. Kera is a prickly blanket weed on the bottom and is not usually a problem. Celery looks like blades of grass and is a "good" weed. Algae (green or brown) can be seen in clumps and usually disappears and typically is not treated. The lake is scheduled to be treated after the Memorial Day holiday. Rainfall and fertilized lawn runoff all contribute to the weed growth as well as low-

water conditions. The nitrogen and phosphorus testing is done in the spring, summer and fall and were good. Recommend that owners plant shoreline shrubbery which will help with runoff and deter the geese. The lake turns brownish in August and is caused by nutrient or phosphorus cycling. Oxygen levels are monitored all year and are normally at 100-120% which is good.

5. FISH STOCKING: Rob Noga reported that he requested 900 walleye and received 400 this year. The walleye keeps the blue gill down and the plan would be to use the money not spent this past year for the upcoming year fish purchase. A fish feeder was installed at the boat landing which is an experiment to see if more feeders are needed. Fishermen are asked not to fish near the feeders. Shelters (artificial trees or cribs) in the bottom of the lake might be a way to help fish hide and grow. Lot #9 asked if more fish could be added. The walleye addition is best for the lake. Lot 71 asked whether the northern are still a problem. There seems to be less of them now and catch and release is encouraged. Lot 136 asked whether minnows were put into the lake. It was found that the bass eat them and it is a waste of time and money.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

**Trudy reported that once again the goose eradication form was filled out. If we have 35-40 geese, the eradication can take place. So far we don't have that many.

**Muskrats are damaging shorelines again this year. Finding a trapper is getting hard because the pelts are not worth much and requires a DNR permit. Lot 63 asked what would deter a muskrat and it was suggested a wire or mesh shield. Lot 30 and Lot 4 asked whether they could live trap and it was suggested they check the DNR website for information and use their own discretion.

**Boat launch gate will be closed after Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend. Boats wanting to come on the lake need lot numbers and DNR licensure on them. Board members can be called to unlock the gate.

**Reminder that fireworks and dog noise cannot be controlled by the by-laws and it is left up to the property owner to contact law enforcement.

**Thank you to the volunteers this past year. Brad (Lot 71) donated materials and painted the frontage road lake signs. Trudy organized the golf outing in past years and no one has volunteered to organize a future event. Trudy organized the poker run event. The Christmas Party was organized by Shirley LaShay with assistance from the Hemmerich's. The Fishers for organizing the fish jamboree. Mary Gizewski for her three years as secretary on the Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

**Options are being reviewed for the lake output pipe and repair of the lake edge.

**Cedar Springs and Silver Springs lakes are having a joint rummage sale on June 4th.

**The frontage road has some cracks requiring patching and repair. The job is probably less than \$500 and not considered a high priority by companies. We may look at combining our job with another lake to do this repair.

**The Fish Jamboree event (September 4) is looking for a volunteer to assist Mike Fisher.

**Poker Run (September 10) has a volunteer.

**Christmas Party (December 10) has a volunteer.

**A maintenance person is needed for next year. Duties include putting in buoys, swan decoys, dock landing in and out, and tree trimming around lake signs, etc.

**Lot 63 asked about the boat storage charge from the budget report and it was explained it is used to store the weed cutter and we are trying to sell it.

Lot 96 (Jaeger) moved to adjourn the meeting, Lot 131 (Braun) seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mekschun, Secretary