

SYLVIA LAKE ASSOCIATION

2023 Annual Meeting
August 12, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Board Members present : Sandy Kraker, Mike Hatch, Bill Cook, Jane Dodds

SLA members gathered at the Fowler Town Hall Herb Whalen Memorial Pavilion, for the SLA Picnic at 4:00. Torrential rains stopped around 3:00 p.m., so picnic weather was comfortable!

President Sandy Kraker called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Secretary Dodds had copies of 2022 meeting minutes, also posted on the SLA website. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Cindy Shaw was not present. Board will solicit treasurers' report to be attached to these minutes.

Committees:

Water Quality: Testing was done on August 8 for 6 traditional locations, water quality is consistently good. Informational discussions about septic testing, and other runoff into the lake, with conclusion that the Association can act as resource to campers, but we have no mechanism to test any private property systems.

Mike Hatch reports that the volunteers who monitors the outlet dam has been active, trying to educate and interact with continued interference with boards at the dam site. Goal is to have slight outflow over the dam for the full season. While the water seemed high to some residents in spring, and low now, longtime campers noted that this is not unusual. Mike has also been working with the Mines to assure the dam structure remains intact. Group expressed appreciation to Mike and his team.

Fish & Game: Mike also reports that there was a successful Fishing Derby- the Ferguson family held the final derby over July 4 holiday. We continue to see state-provided rainbow trout (often in the bellies of bass), and would like to establish communication with whoever is coordinating that activity.

Navigation: Sandy reported that the 5 orange hazard buoys, and 2 large "Milfoil" buoys, are in place. And will be removed after Labor Day.

Social Committee: In Emmy's absence, we reviewed the remaining SLA sponsored activities: Nori Grout Memorial Sailing Regatta, Paddlepalooza, and Lights On The Lake. We'd like to recruit volunteers to help with these, and the Boat Parade, next year!

Nominations/Constitution: Sandy presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate for the next year:

Immediate Past President: Sandy Kraker	President:
Secretary: Jane Dodds	Treasure: Janette Anderson
Mike Hatch	Bill Cook
Saddie Whitaker	

A discussion ensued regarding the governance of the Association. We are short two Board members. Ralph Undercoffler suggested that the current structure may need to be updated, to encourage more people to volunteer to share the workload. That would require a change of bylaws, which the group agreed should be discussed in the coming year. At the end of the discussion, the Committee's recommendations were approved.

Milfoil Task Force: Volunteers located 9 milfoil mats in the South Shore patch, and were pleased to discover the 10th mat during the process. Mats were pulled, and scrubbed. The Task Force no longer has volunteers capable of placing mats. Any lake residents who would like to utilize a mat in their waterfront are encouraged to contact any Board member to arrange for pickup. Board will track location of the mats going forward. The Task Force updates are all available on the website. Bill and Sandy summarized the year's work and answered questions from attendees about proposals for 2024. Once again, we encourage any interested lakers to participate in committee work and decision-making. We appreciate the new volunteers!

Old Business: Last year's suggestion that we bring back the Picnic was reviewed - those in attendance enjoyed the event, and we are very pleased with the facilities that the Town has provided for this, and other events.

New Business: Ralph Undercoffler wants the minutes to reflect our continued concerns about boaters, particularly jet-skis, who do not have spotters when they are towing tubes. Additionally, boat speeds close to shore are a concern. Several people noted that they have felt unsafe in paddleboats, kayaks, and SUPs, particularly when motorcraft are driven by younger drivers.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45, followed by another torrential downpour.

Respectfully Submitted
Jane Dodds
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**Sylvia Lake Association
Treasurer's Report
For Period Ending August 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance (August 31, 2022) \$8,479.23

Income (Deposits)

Association Dues	\$2,609.23
Interest Earned	<u>\$4.20</u>
Total Income	\$2,613.43

Expenses (Checks Written)

10/03/22	#620 Rainbowtech Design-Labels	\$275.00
12/19/22	#621 Jane Dodds-Survey/Postage	\$650.00
05/05/23	#622 Rainbowtech-Ice Out Mugs	\$51.80
06/17/23	#629 Rainbowtech-News Letter	\$296.59
06/17/23	#630 Christian Peris-Band	\$250.00
06/17/23.	#631 Casablanca-Kick Off Social	\$250.00
07/25/23	#623 Shari Barnhart-Stickers	\$93.96
07/25/23	#624 Woods Trash	\$129.60
08/11/23	#625 Jane Dodds-Water Testing	<u>\$270.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$2,266.95**

Ending Balance (August 31, 2023) \$8,825.37

Outstanding Checks:

#625 Jane Doods	<u>\$270.00</u>
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Reconciled Bank Balance **\$9,095.71**