

SYLVIA LAKE ASSOCIATION

2025 Annual Meeting
August 16, 2025 5:00 p.m.

SLA members gathered at the Fowler Town Hall Herb Whalen Memorial Pavilion for the SLA Picnic at 4:00.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30.

Secretary's minutes were posted on the website and approved.

Treasurer Greg Force reports bank balance of \$12,919.19, which includes funds specifically dedicated to the Milfoil Fund (\$\$4,877.66)

Committees:

Water Quality: Testing will be done the week before Labor Day.

Mike reports ongoing interference with the outlet dam, and he has spoken to several concerned people. We have decades of data on lake levels and are working with Titan Mines personnel to maintain appropriate levels throughout the season.

Fish & Game: Many thanks to Josh Hayden, who has taken over the Ferguson Fishing Derby tradition. A successful event was held July 4-5.

Navigation: Sandy reported that the 5 orange hazard buoys and 2 large "Milfoil" buoys are in place. They will be removed after Labor Day. M. Greibsch reported a deceased animal (beaver?) near the outlet.

Social Committee: Emmy expressed gratitude for the fortunate weather conditions so far this year! Committee will work on alternative arrangements for the Spring Social, to increase participation. All events could use some new volunteers. Our SLA Constitution decrees that we hold a Spring Social meeting in June, and our Annual Meeting in August. Other events (Fishing Derby, Boat Parade, Regatta, Paddlepalooza, and Light up the Lake) all depend on volunteer organizers. Specifically, Ralph Undercoffler is retiring as Boat Parade Commodore, so we need someone to organize the Boat Parade.

There was discussion about the SLA mailing list. We mail the newsletter to everyone on the official "property owners list", which is derived from the tax files, and also to anyone who's signed up on the "neighbors" page on the SLA website (not Facebook!). Jane reminded attendees that properties whose tax address is an LLC, or a Trust, or c/o a legal firm, may not be forwarded to everyone who uses the property. To assure that you receive the newsletter, please verify that you are listed in one or the other database.

Nominations/Constitution: Committee nominated Emmy Sprague & Mike Hatch as co-presidents, Jane Dodds Secretary and Greg Force Treasurer. Approved. Saddle Whitaker is cycling off the Board. Current members: Mike Hatch, Emmy Sprague, Greg Force, Jane Dodds, Bill Cook, Jared Bernstein. In addition to the officers, the Constitution suggests we have a representative from each shore – we would appreciate volunteers from East & West shores!

Milfoil Task Force: Bill Cook reported that the Task Force recommends moving forward with permitting for milfoil abatement in 2026, pending spring surveillance. More information will be shared over the winter through the website and newsletter.

Old Business: Further discussion regarding milfoil. The current situation is that everyone is responsible for their own front yard. Mats are available at no cost to SLA members, but we do not have personnel to place, move, or remove them. There was a great deal of discussion regarding treatment options – please see the "invasive species" section of the SLA website for history and exhaustive detail about current options

Respectfully Submitted

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