



Silver Lake Association Belmont-Tilton, Inc.  
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
June 24, 2023

Before the meeting began, Craig Clairmont of Belmont public works announced issues with eight pumping stations in Belmont. He asked residents to a) discontinue ALL types of flushable wipes and b) avoid draining grease, especially around Silver Lake and Coons Point. Maintenance is expensive. The more pumping stations must be closed and cleaned, the more it costs residents. He urged everyone to be mindful.

Pauline Tessier thanked Craig for being a guest and then called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. She verified a quorum of 53 Silver Lake Association (SLA) members present (plus proxy voters) and then she introduced Lauri Libby as acting president.

Lauri Libby, acting president, welcomed new members and invited them to introduce themselves. They included:

- Carolyn and Steve Buckley
- Mike and Shelly Pagnotta
- Alden Smith
- Ricky and Sam Virgin

1. Minutes of the Meeting

Lauri asked for a motion to accept the 2022 annual meeting minutes that were sent by email to all members. David Foote made a motion, seconded by Lou Loud, to accept the June 25, 2022, Silver Lake annual meeting minutes. The vote passed unopposed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Juliette Paquin presented a fiscal summary of revenue and expenses for the past year (see Attachment 1). Lauri asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report Mark Evans made a motion, seconded by Dennis Leclerc, to accept the Treasurer's Report ending in May 2023. The motion passed unopposed.

3. Bylaws Committee Update

Dennis Leclerc, Bylaws Committee chair, read the motion (see Attachment 2):

To delete the Silver Lake Association Bylaws Article, I through Article IX as registered on June 18, 1990 with the New Hampshire Secretary of State, withdrawn on February 1, 1996, and reinstated on February 1, 2006, with the attached Bylaws. The existing Articles of Agreement will not be changed and shall remain intact.

He continued to read the Background and Reasoning sections of the motion.

Without further discussion, Dennis made a motion, seconded by Dave Foote, to amend the SLA Bylaws as presented. A vote of 53 was counted in favor of the amendment and the motion passed unopposed.

#### 4. Milfoil Mitigation Update

Pauline gave an update on the herbicide treatment efforts. On June 8, two hours were spent near the cove and in the brook near Tilton. A “residue sampling” will be conducted later in the season.

Herbicide treatment was originally quoted at \$13,150. The area being treated was smaller, based on DES mapping of the lake in June, and the actual cost was \$8,905. Additional costs yet to be paid include: \$2,200 for residue sampling, \$900 for Post Treatment Survey and \$850 for the state reporting.

Pauline stated that hand harvesting curly leaf pondweed was not an effective option. She indicated they tried hand picking for two years and the plant just kept spreading throughout the lake. Milfoil will be harvested later in the summer as the herbicide treatment only destroys the plants above the soil but not the roots. Mitigation costs for milfoil have been estimated at \$6,575. Remapping of the lake will be done in July by DES.

In the past the town support has been successful. For the year 2022 the Association received a total of \$3,550 and in 2021 the total was \$5,000. Pauline will request assistance from both towns later in the year once the treatments have been completed.

Pauline also announced her attendance at the NH Lake Conference and informed everyone that Lake Winnepesaukee spent over \$1 million on mitigating milfoil. Dawn Marie Godin gave an overview of her experience harvesting milfoil on Silver Lake and in the area. She stated that Lake Winnisquam will use herbicide with a GPS system to identify target areas. She reminded everyone that the result destroys the plant but not the roots, and eventually washes down to Silver Lake. She is currently working with UNH on Lake Pawtuckaway to research chemical treatment that will destroy the roots. Volunteer divers have harvested in the past and it was successful when the focus was on specific areas on Silver Lake.

#### 5. Budget 2023-2024

Pauline explained the SLA budget that was sent to members by email on May 20, 2023, has been updated to reflect recent donations/savings and handed out a revised version (see Attachment 3). Without further discussion, a motion was made by Mark Evans, seconded by Joe Lo Grasso, to accept the budget for 2023-2024. The motion passed unopposed.

#### 6. Increase in Membership Dues

Lauri announced a recommended an increase of \$5 per person, which would make the dues for 2024-2025 \$25. This year members paid \$20 with an optional donation of \$5 and opened the floor for discussion.

A suggestion was made to add a separate line on the membership form for the option to make donations in the future. Mark Evans pointed out that milfoil treatment is expensive. Considering the current membership of the amount needed won't be reached in time and fundraising efforts will be required. He asked, “why only a \$5 increase?” Many shared his sentiment and would consider paying a higher membership fee in the future and donations for important projects. Discussion continued and many good ideas for fundraising activities and funding organizations to approach were mentioned and shared.

Dave Foote was asked about the history of SLA membership dues. He explained the original fee was \$15 per family and then increased to \$20 per individual. He agreed with Mark that there is a need to increase dues and seek donations for current projects. However, because the motion presented was \$5 per that is the motion we are restricted to voting on today. He then made a motion, seconded by Lou Loud, to approve the increase as proposed (\$25) for membership dues in 2024-2025 to \$25 per individual, and to investigate another increase the following year. The motion passed unopposed.

7. SLA Gear Store Requests

Pauline asked for suggestions and received the following: bucket hat, hoodies, zip fleeces/hoodies, and a yard sign. Shorts with pockets were a hit. Decals were available at \$2 each or 2 for \$5. Everyone agreed to open the store for another opportunity, especially before the holidays.

8. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Parade

Lauri announced a \$200 donation was made anonymously to support the boat parade. Anyone who wishes to participate should meet at the cove by 1:00 PM. Juliette Paquin has volunteered to lead. There is no theme. A judge boat and judges have been arranged.

9. Labor Day Block Party

Laurie announced \$300 was donated by Jodi Palmeri to contribute toward this event. Jim Sawicki asked if there was a budget line for this purpose and expressed his preference to use the funds for milfoil treatment instead.

Pauline stated that there is no budget line for this.

Dawn Marie expressed her support for community-building activities as long as the Association is fiscally responsible. In the past, turnout was greater than expected which led to greater costs, and it was an opportunity to increase membership (30% at the time).

Dave Foote expressed in the past the Association didn't spend money on the boat parade. Lou hosted a horseshoe tournament at a cost of \$5 per person. Paul O'Connell organized a golf tournament for anyone who wanted to participate. Dave had a concern that members who sign up for these types of functions seldom attend meetings. He thanked Pauline for all her hard work, and she needs help.

10. Election of Officers and Board Members

Lauri announced the following vacancies: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and three seats on the Board. An officer's term is two years, a board member is three years. She opened the floor for nominations.

President: Joe Lo Grasso made a motion, seconded by Dave Foote, to nominate Lauri Libby as president. The motion passed unopposed.

Vice President: Juliette Paquin made a motion, seconded by Pauline Tessier, to nominate Jane Jordan as vice president. The motion passed unopposed.

Treasurer: Pauline made a motion, seconded by Lauri, to nominate Dawn Marie Godin as treasurer. The motion passed unopposed.

Secretary: Dale Daley made a motion, seconded by Dave, to nominate Nancy Lefebvre as secretary. The motion passed unopposed.

Board Vacancy 1: Joe Lo Grasso made a motion, seconded by Karen McCadden, to nominate Mark Evans on the Board of Directors. The motion passed unopposed.

Board Vacancy 2: Jim Sawicki made a motion, seconded by Jane Jordan, to nominate Kathy Loud on the Board of Directors. The motion passed unopposed.

Board Vacancy 3: Lauri made a motion, seconded by Jane Jordan, to nominate Pauline Tessier on the Board of Directors. The motion passed unopposed.

Summary of Officers and Board Members (term dates):

President: Lauri Libby (2023-2024)

Vice President: Jane Jordan (2023-2025)

Secretary: Nancy Lefebvre (2023-2024)

Treasurer: Dawn Marie Godin (2023-2025)

Board of Directors: Mark Evans (2023-2026), Kathy Loud (2023-2024), Pauline Tessier (2023-2026), Joe Lo Grasso (2022-2025), Chris Evans (2022-2025)

Dennis Leclerc acknowledged Pauline's relentless effort this past year and thanked her for everything she has accomplished for the Association. Everyone applauded their appreciation.

Dave Foote made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Considine. The motion passed unopposed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted July 1, 2023, and amended May 18, 2024, by Sabina Foote, volunteer

Attachments:

1. Treasurer Report ending May 2023
2. Motion for Membership Vote to Amend Bylaws
3. SLA Budget 2023-2024