

# **Sylvia Lake Association**

## **Annual Meeting**

### **August 17, 2024**

17 SL residents gathered at the Fowler Town Hall Herb Whalen Memorial Pavilion, for the SLA Picnic at 4:00 pm. SLA Annual Meeting was called to order by Emily Sprague, Vice President at 5:00. Board Members Present: Emily Sprague, Mike Hatch, Sandy Kraker

Meeting minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved. (Copy available on SLA website.)

**Treasurers Report-** Treasurer's report was discussed and approved. See attached report.

A big THANK YOU to Dave McGrath who has been managing the trash pick-up at the Pump House.

It was stated that Janet Anderson, our current treasurer, is stepping down. Any member who would be willing to accept this position please contact Emily Sprague.

#### **Committees:**

##### **Water Quality**

Sandy Kraker reported that water was tested on Tuesday, Aug. 6 PRIOR to the big storm. These results from 5 locations around the lake were consistent with tests done in past years. Town of Fowler tested the beach area after the storm and results will be available soon. Testing at the other sites around the lake will be done soon.

##### **Fish and Game**

Mike Hatch reported that the outlet is flowing as fast as possible after last week's storm. Volunteers have helped to clean out culverts in the outlet area. Thankfully, beavers have not been as active in the outlet as in recent

years. At least two of the beaver dams in the inlet were washed away by the storm.

A big THANK YOU went out to Josh Hayden for managing and funding the Annual Fishing Derby

### **Navigation**

Sandy reported that buoys were placed in the usual spots around the lake in June. Thankfully the storm surge did not displace any of the buoys.

### **Social**

Emily reported that Paddlepalooza has been postponed until Sat. Aug. 24 due to inclement weather.

Light up the Lake will take place Sat. Aug 31 of Labor Day weekend starting at sunset. Residents are encouraged to light up their camps and boats.

The boat parade plaques were donated by Harland Brown and will be distributed by Ralph Undercoffler. A BIG THANK YOU to Harland for donating these plaques each year and to Ralph for organizing the event.

### **Nominations**

Sandy Kraker, acting for the nominating committee recommended Greg Force and Scott Mackelvey as directors on the board replacing Sandy (whose term is up) and Janet Anderson (who is stepping down as Treasurer.) The need for a new treasurer was discussed with Greg Force expressing interest in the position. Discussion also included President and Vice President positions which Emily Sprague and Mike Hatch agreed to.

As a result, the following positions were voted on and approved:

President: Emily Sprague

Vice President: Mike Hatch

Treasurer: Greg Force

**Milfoil Task Force-** Bill Cook and Jared Bernstein are working on a letter explaining the need for herbicide treatment and seeking donations. We will need approximately \$30 - \$35,000 to treat the designated areas on the lake. A motion was made and approved to send this letter to ALL residents on the lake.

Sandy reviewed a conversation he had with Glen Sullivan from Ready Scout LLC about 9 lakes he had been working on in NY State as well as the herbicide permitting and application schedule.

Emily shared that she was contacted by the St. Lawrence County Department of Public Health about state grants that are available for lake residents to replace old septic tanks and systems. These grants are specifically targeting “pristine lakes” which includes Sylvia. A motion was made and approved that this information would be included in the milfoil letter to be sent soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted:

Joline Hemminger (filling in for Jane Dodds)

**Sylvia Lake Association  
Treasurer's Report  
For Period Ending August 31, 2024**

**Beginning Balance (August 31, 2023) \$8,825.71**

Income (Deposits)

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Association Dues    | <b>\$1680.65</b>     |
| Interest Earned     | <u><b>\$3.84</b></u> |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$1,684.49</b>    |

Expenses (Checks Written)

|           |                                   |                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 09/08/23  | #626 Rainbowtech Design-'23 Svces | \$918.25          |
| 12/13/23  | #627 Woods Trash Removal          | \$43.20           |
| 03/08/24  | #632 Rainbowtech-Ice Out Mugs     | \$68.41           |
| 06/18/24  | #633 Casablanca-Kick Off Social   | \$240.00          |
| 06/18/24  | #634 Shari Barnhart-Newsletter    | \$338.96          |
| 07/06/24. | #635 Shari Barnhart-Paddleplooza. | \$130.68          |
| 07/20/24  | #636 Woods Trash Removal          | \$48.00           |
| 08/06/24  | #637 Converse Labs-Water Testing  | \$240.00          |
| 08/08/24  | #638 Woods Trash Removal          | \$60.00           |
| 08/15/24  | #639 Shari Barnhart-'24 Svces     | <u>\$716.20</u>   |
|           | <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>\$2,803.70</b> |

**Ending Balance (August 16, 2024) \$7,706.50**

Outstanding Checks:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| #637 Converse Labs       | \$240.00        |
| #638 Woods Trash Removal | \$60.00         |
| #639 Shari Barnhart      | <u>\$716.20</u> |

Reconciled Bank Balance

**\$8,722.70**