

Annual Meeting Minutes – 2026
Star Lake Property Owners' Association
June 6th, 2026 Camp Joy on Star Lake

President JoLene Kerr called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The meeting opened with the introduction of our guest speaker, Lily Carr, Lake Steward Program Coordinator at Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Lily shared valuable information on the importance of being Lake Stewards of Star Lake. Star Lake has been added to the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Lake Stewardship Program. The contact person presently will be Sue Nyhus, SLPOA member.

President JoLene introduced the current Board of Directors:

JoLene Kerr, President (2025)
Jake Daniels, Vice President (2028)
Steve Roth, Treasure (2026)
Sue Nyhus, Secretary (2027)
Yvette Lewis, Director (2028)
Danny Kimball (2027)
Dick Fultz, Director (2027)

Annual Minutes: The 2025 Annual Meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Stu Peterson and seconded by Kristin Daniels. All were in favor.

Treasures Report: JoLene Kerr provided the Treasurer's Report in Steve Roth's absence. The balance of the General Fund is: \$5929.90; the balance of the Lake Protection Fund is: 19002.02. JoLene also stated that our records are open for review when requested.

Committee Reports:

Membership & Publicity: Jake Daniels reported that there are 177 paid memberships as of today. The membership letter and spring newsletter were mailed the first week in May as well as being posted on Facebook and our website.

Water Safety: JoLene Kerr reported we purchased a PDF created by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers for Wake Boats. The sign indicates the areas that meet the recommended wake zone and depth guidelines for Wake boating, 500 feet from shore and at least 20 feet deep. The signs have been made and are posted at the north and east boat landings. The PDF will be made available to resorts by request if they would want to purchase signs.

Adopt-A-Highway: JoLene reported that the spring highway cleanup was held on Saturday, May 9. Sue added that 12 volunteers participated. A special thank-you was extended to Brenda Ebanks in recognition of her 28th year of volunteering with the cleanup effort.

AIS: Sue Nyhus reported a throw-a-rake event was held on May 29 at the HWY 108 access with no new invasive species detected. Sue explained the process and purpose of these events at the request of Kristin Daniels. AIS detection events will be held monthly this summer. SLPOA members are encouraged to help. Dates and times will be posted on FaceBook.

Old Business:

Boat Landing Signage: JoLene reported, as noted new Wake boat signage has been posted at the Star Lake boat landings. In addition, there is signage for Clean In, Clean Out (Clean, Drain, Dispose, Dry) as well as fish limits at the accesses.

Online Star Lake Apparel and Gear: JoLene reported that Yvette, at duCharmes will be notified when the order is ready. Individuals who purchased items will be notified and they can be picked up at duCharmes Corner Store.

Walleye Fundraising Update: SLPOA members Mike Anderson and John Bialozynski reported on their ongoing collaboration with the Minnesota DNR and their fundraising efforts to support walleye stocking in Star Lake. To date, they have raised \$33,300. Last fall, 3,500 fingerlings were released, followed by an additional 5,500 yearlings this spring. The total cost of the fish released was \$20,000. Mike also reported that Star Lake has recently been upgraded to a priority lake. As a result, the DNR has agreed to release 2.4 million fry annually. In response to a question about where the fish were released, Mike explained that the first release was distributed equally at Bell's Resort, Frank's Resort, and the west and east accesses. The second release took place at Frank's Resort, the east side of the bridge, Bell's Resort, the north access, and the east access. In response to a question about SLPOA board contributions, President JoLene Kerr noted that the board donated \$1,000 last year and that a donation for this year is on the agenda for discussion. The board also approved the purchase of 10 decks of cards to be used as door prizes at the meeting today. Mike shared that 800 Star Lake card decks have been printed and are being sold for \$10 each. Printing costs totaled \$2,840, including setup and shipping. Mike and John had requested that SLPOA cover the printing cost; however, JoLene explained that because the fundraiser is not a board project, donations seemed to be the more appropriate form of support. JoLene thanked Mike and John for their work on the project, and they received a hearty round of applause.

New Business:

Fishing Tournament: SLPOA is sponsoring the Swamp Shark Fishing Tournament to be held Saturday, June 27 at Bells Resort beginning at 8:00 am. The name was revived by popular request. JoLene reported that there are presently 8 teams (of 25) registered and tomorrow is the deadline for registering. Any teams interested are encouraged to register now.

Annual Picnic: President, JoLene reported the Star Lake picnic will be hosted by Bruce and Linda Christianson and Mark and JoLene Kerr at 33563 Beaver Dam Trail on Saturday, August 22. Any suggestions for menu items are welcome and can be directed to President JoLene. More information will be posted.

Tyler Tracey, Camp Joy Director: Tyler reported Camp Joy's 85th anniversary is being celebrated next Sunday. They are in need of two golf carts to help transport people. If anyone has a cart to loan them for the day please let Tyler know. Tyler reported 500 campers are scheduled to be at Camp Joy this summer. He also reported the camp is available for rental on weekends for family and group events.

Nominations and Vote: Steve Roth's term as a director on the board is up. JoLene reported he has agreed to serve for another term. She called for any nominations from the floor. After three calls the only nomination was Steve Roth. A motion was made by Jake Daniels to accept the

Steve's nomination. Lee Mindemann seconded the motion. A vote was called. All were in favor of Steve Roth's appointment to the board.

Star Lake Cookbook Project: Gail Hagen and Yvette Lewis are in the process of creating a Star Lake Cookbook. Gail reported individuals were encouraged to bring a recipe to the meeting. Those who brought a recipe were put in a drawing for a gift certificate donated by duCharmes Corner Store.

Door prizes were drawn and awarded. Thank you to the many businesses who donated gift items.

President, JoLene Kerr adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Nyhus
Secretary, SLPOA