

SLIA Annual Meeting

May 23, 2026

Spirit Lake Shelter

10:00 AM

Attendance: Board Members Present: Tom Noennig, Trent Weik, Kari Weik- exc, Stacey Marcott, Troy Weik- exc, Tim Strebis, Aaron Zondlo, Paula Cook, Joe Burger Jr, Curt Bach, Jeff Esselman

Call Meeting to Order

Introduction of Board and Introduction of all members present

1. Secretaries Report (Kari Weik, read by Tom N): Review of 2025 Annual Meeting

Motion to Approve: Brian Giese

Seconded By: Brian Arndt

Questions / Comments

Member Vote: Unanimous

2. Treasurers Report (Stacey Marcott)

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 (Attached)

Motion to Approve: Curt Bach

Seconded by: Tim Strebis

Questions / Comments

Member Vote: Unanimous

3. Presidents Report (Tom Noennig)

1. Celebration of our successful events of 2025-2026

Kids Fishing Contest

Ice Fishing Contest

Gun Raffle

All of these were a tremendous success - special thanks to Trent Weik and Tim Strebis for their organization of the contests and to all the board members and volunteers for their efforts.

2. Enhanced Wake Boating update

Both the Town of Rib Lake and Spirit have passed the ordinance prohibiting extreme wake boats on Spirit Lake

Thanks to members Joe Pysyk and Fred Silloway from the Lakes at Stake Alliance for their assistance. Also to Joe Knorr, Town of Rib Lake and Darrell Lind, Town of Spirit. This has turned out to be much more work for the townships than originally anticipated.

Signage is now posted at the launch

Remember this only prohibits the “extreme wake boats” and does not prohibit existing watersports (Jet skis, tubing, waterskiing etc). We also ask watersports to be considerate of fishermen and stay 100’ from docks and other watercraft.

3. **5013c Status.** Board member Curt Bach has done a phenomenal job in getting this accomplished. Curt also donated all of the filing costs with the IRS. All memberships and donations are now tax exempt for our organization. As well as purchases for the association are now sales tax exempt. Thanks Curt!

4. **Website updates.** We have worked with Stacey Schnabel from F3, she is a website developer. We thank Greg Walters for his work on the website in the past. Our new site allows for membership to be paid on line and with auto renewal. It hasn’t been easy for all of us, myself included, to remember to pay annual dues. The auto renewal feature will automatically do this and send members a reminder when the autorenewal will happen. We will also be able to update information in “real time” as the board will have admin rights to the page. There was a fee paid to Stacey Schnaubel for her services and a monthly \$7 fee to Stripe for the secure autorenewal feature. The board approved this unanimously in March 2026.

Please go to Wilkums following the meeting to pay membership online/setup auto-renewal. Board members will be available to assist.

5. **SLIA Volunteers.** Members of the board have continued volunteer efforts over the course of 2025-2026.

- A. Rib Lake Fish and Game Ice Fishing Contest (Jan 2026)
- B. Rib lake Fish and Game Walleye Tournament (May 2026)
- C. Taylor County Sportsmen Club 5th grade expo (May 2026)
- D. F3 Banquet (March 2026)
- E. Westboro Fish and Game 4th grade fishing day (May 2025)

6. **Boat Landing Update**

I was approached by members of the community to install a concrete pad at the launch. After discussion with the board we are exploring costs and feasibility of such a project. I am meeting with Gary Bartz from the DNR. This will have a pretty big price tag but Rib Lake Fish and Game and other organizations will be involved with financial

contributions. It is not a done deal. Once we have all the financial information we will seek approval from the board and solicit funding if approved.

7. **Stocking updates.**

The DNR stocked walleyes last fall (no expense to the club) over 1000 5' walleyes were stocked in the big lake

Rib Lake Fish and Game donated 500 perch in the fall as well - they have done this the past few years for us. Thanks to RL Fish and Game. A big thank you to Rib Lake Fish and Game for their efforts to help improve Spirit Lakes. We have a great partnership with that organization and many of our board members are also members of RL Fish and Game.

8. **Aerator updates**

We had to hire an electrician this year to fix and update the shack on the little lake. This was an approximate \$900 expense to the club. Thanks to Joe Petri for coordinating this.

We also had to replace the pump for the big lake. This was purchased for approximately \$600 and installed by Trent Weik and Kyle Patrick this winter. Special thanks to all involved with this necessary expense.

We also had about 20 volunteers this year to install the fencing this January. It was awesome to have all the help - it went fast and our aerators were effectively running all year.

Fencing has been pulled and stored for the winter - thanks to Tim Petri and Troy Weik for pulling in the fencing.

9. **Life Jacket Kiosk** is stocked for the summer. Whoever did this is very much appreciated.

New Business

4. **Election Of Officers**

Duties of Board Members:

Board members are elected for a 2 Year term. Duties include attending 4 board meetings a year (in person when possible) plus the annual meeting. Vote on fundraising ventures and expenditures. Sell gun raffle tickets. Volunteer (when possible) at our fishing events and help out with miscellaneous projects when they arise. (ie. Aerator fence installation, buoy install and removal etc.)

2026 Board positions up for elections

Troy Weik

Tim Strebig
Aaron Zondlo
Paula Cook

Results: Paula Cook rescinded her renomination. Parker Weik was approved as the new SLIA Board Member. We thank Paula for her commitment and service for the past two years and welcome Parker to the board.

Motioned to accept Parker Weik to the board and to renew Troy, Tim and Aaron for another term

Motion to Approve: Joe Pintarro

Seconded By: Brian Giese

Questions / Comments

Member Vote: Unanimous

5. Upcoming Events

August 8 - Jim Poirer Memorial Kids Fishing Contest

February 13 - SLIA Annual Ice Fishing Contest

6. Upcoming Board Meetings

July 11 - Kids Fish Contest Discussion/Planning

September 19 - TBD

January 9 - Install Aerator Fence + Ice Contest Agenda

April 10 - Annual Meeting Discussion/Planning

7. Other Items for the good of the membership

A. A concern was brought up by Gary K about resident's pressure washing silt from their shoreline. This was new to the board and Tom N will discuss with DNR about legality. We do not know who is doing this.

B. A second concern was raised regarding the dam. An inspection was done approximately 5 years ago and was said to be working the way it was designed. Tom N will post the dam report on the new website.

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Arndt

Seconded By: Joe Burger, Jr

Questions / Comments

Member Vote: Unanimous