



Friends of Spirit Lake

**AND SPIRIT LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2026
TIMBERLAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

Thank You!

Timberlake High School and Lakeland Joint School District

Guest Presenters

Brad Sondahl – Sound System

Registration Volunteers

50/50 Raffle Volunteers

Friends of Spirit Lake Board of Directors



General Membership Meeting 2026

Environmental Conservation
Protect – Preserve – Improve



Annual (General Membership) Meeting Agenda Overview

Guest Panel (10:00 AM)

- **City of Spirit Lake**
- **Department of Health**
- **Inland Empire Paper Company**
- **US Fish and Wildlife**



SLPOA Business Meeting (11:00 AM)

- **Minutes from 2025 SLPOA Annual Meeting**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Member Survey**
- **Progress Report for 2025**
- **Looking Ahead**
- **Elections of Board Directors**
- **50/50 Raffle Drawing**

Beavers: Nature's Engineers

A Community Presentation on Beaver Benefits & Coexistence

West Bonner Public Library

118 Main St, Priest River

Tuesday, August 18

4:30-5:30 PM

JOIN US & LEARN MORE

Discover how beavers create healthier, more resilient watersheds—and how practical coexistence tools help address challenges while benefitting landowners, wildlife, and entire communities.



Spirit Lake Guest Panel

- **City of Spirit Lake – Mayor Charlene Phipps**
- **Department of Health – Jason Peppin**
- **Inland Empire Paper Company – Evan Neal**
- **~~US Fish and Wildlife Service~~**

~~Brittany Morlin and Brian Walker~~



2026 Annual Business Meeting

2026 Board of Directors & Advisory Board

Officers:

- **Paul Sturm, President**
- **Dan Beha, Vice President**
- **Jane Clark, Secretary**
- **Jerry Peterson, Treasurer**

Board of Advisors (non-voting):

- **Wyatt Brown**
- **Carol Capra**
- **Doug Freeland**
- **Randy Hurst**
- **Brad and Linda Pendleton**



Directors:

- **Galen Beem**
- **Rob Brewster**
- **Don Finney**
- **Tod Kiblen**
- **Tim King**
- **Ron Largent**
- **Justin Morrison**
- **Ed Niblock**
- **Kurt Peterson**
- **Dustin Thiers**
- **Margie Wilke**

2026 Annual Business Meeting

- **Minutes** from 2025 Annual Meeting
- **Motion to approve**



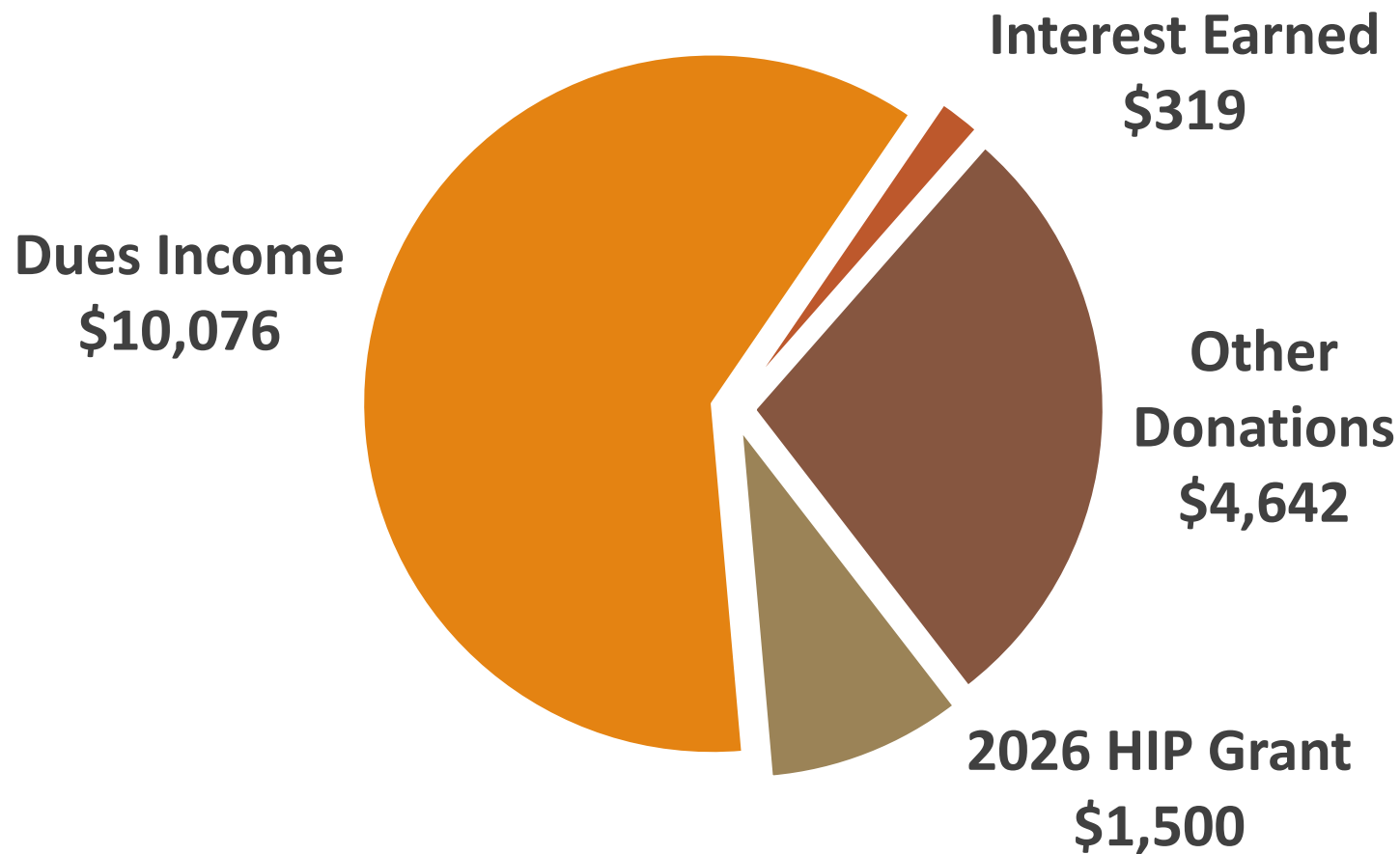
2026 Treasurers' Report

Jerry Peterson



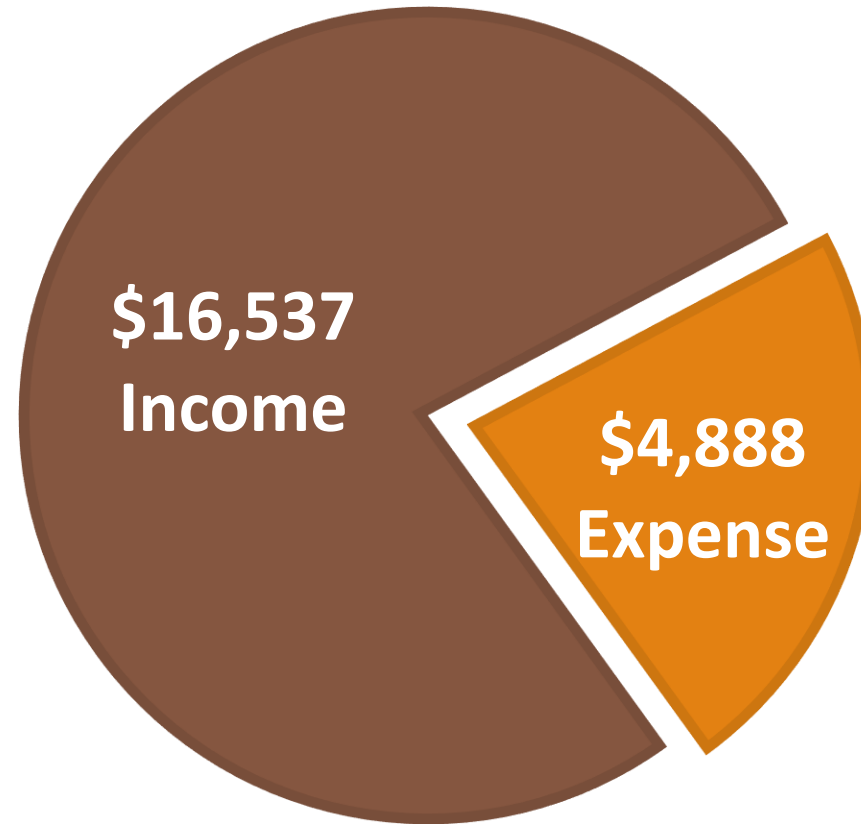
2026 Income

\$16,537

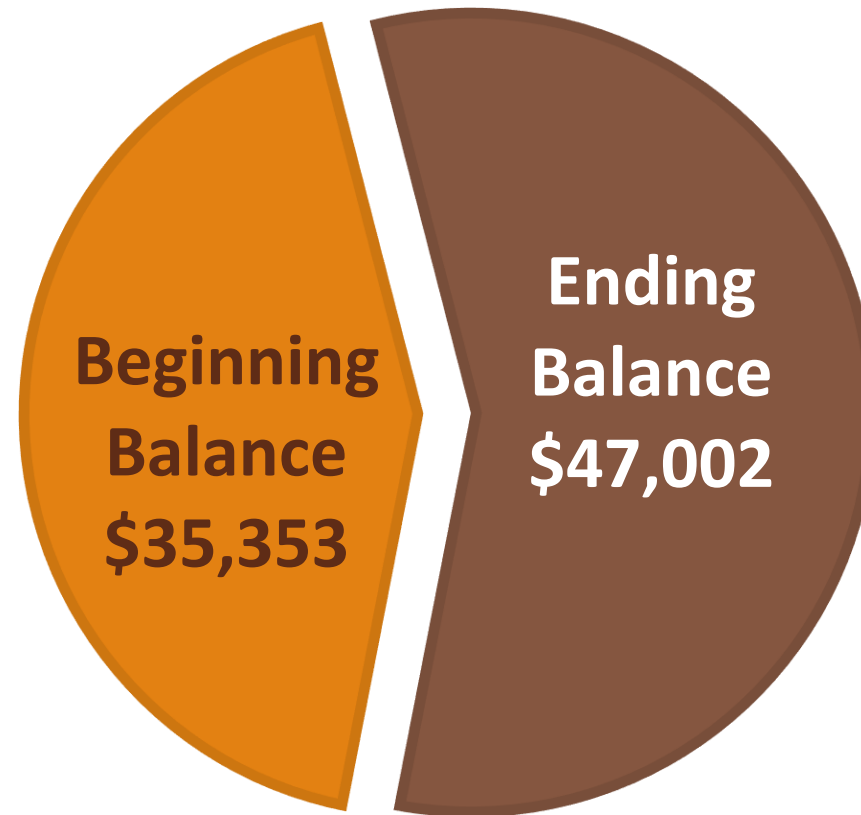


Income / Expense

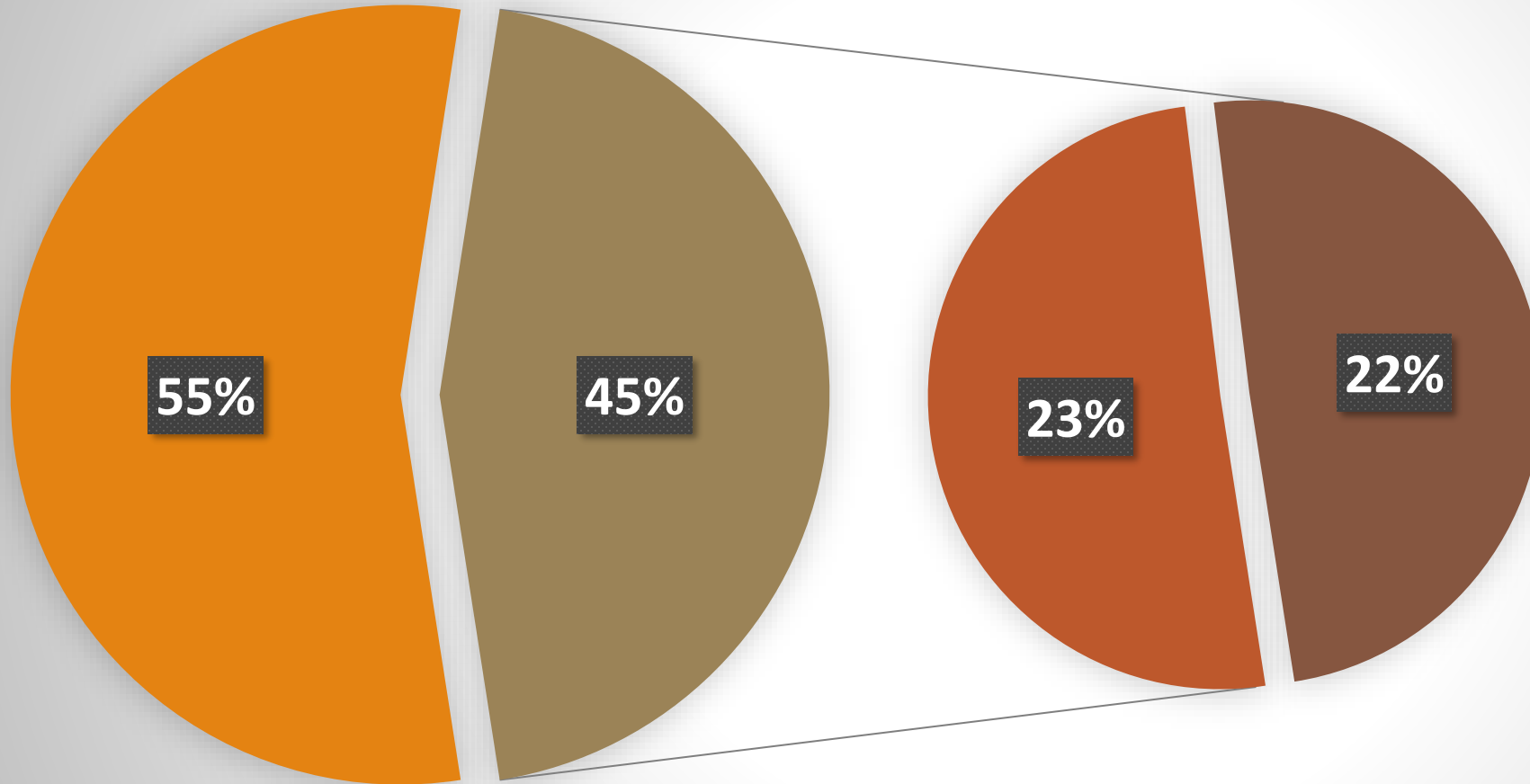
+\$11,649



General Fund Balance 8/1/2026



Membership List (426)



- Current Members
- Non-Current Members
- Never a Member



2026 Treasurers' Report

Jerry Peterson

Motion to approve



PROGRESS REPORT

Examples of What SLPOA Does

- **Seven years and ongoing Brickel Creek Restoration**
- **Survey and Study of Brickel Creek Restoration**
- **Lake Quality Monitoring**
- **Milfoil and other invasives management**
- **Member survey in 2024 and 2026**
- **Communications (Newsletter, Email, Text, Social Media)**
- **Large Wakes—education, coordination with other lakes, communication with regulation agencies**





**TOPOGRAPHICAL
SURVEY
SPRING 2026**



**SEVEN YEARS AND
ONGOING**



**BRICKEL
CREEK
RESTORATION**



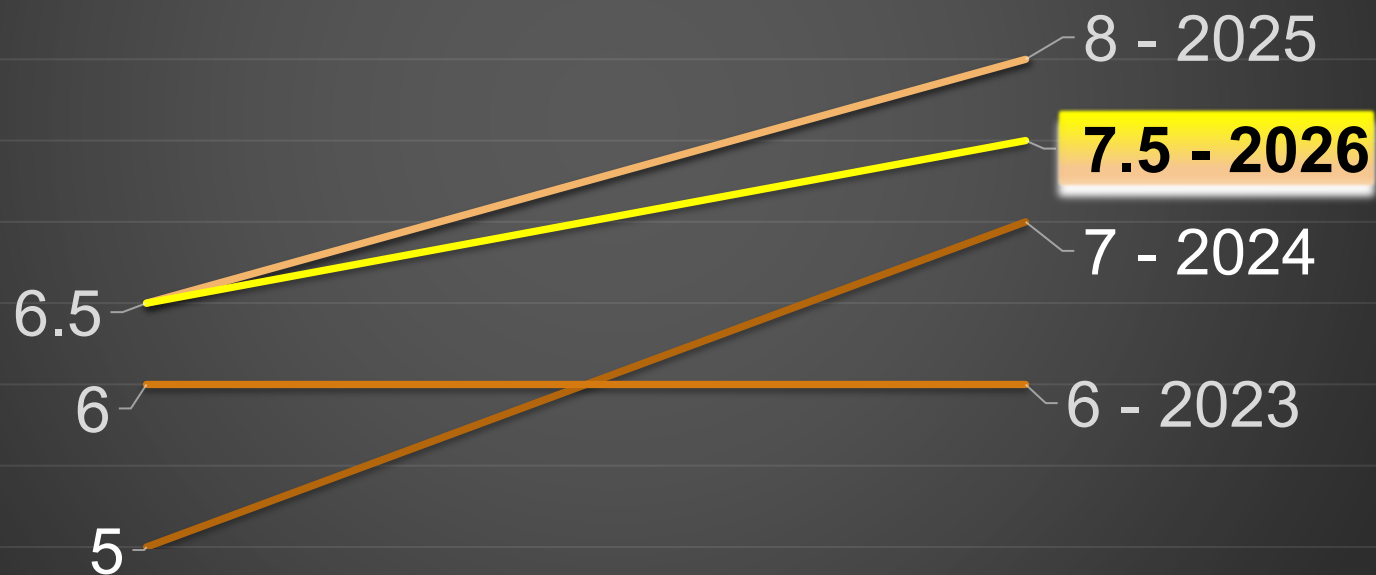
Water Quality Monitoring

- Water Clarity
 - Chemistry
 - Water Level
 - Temperature

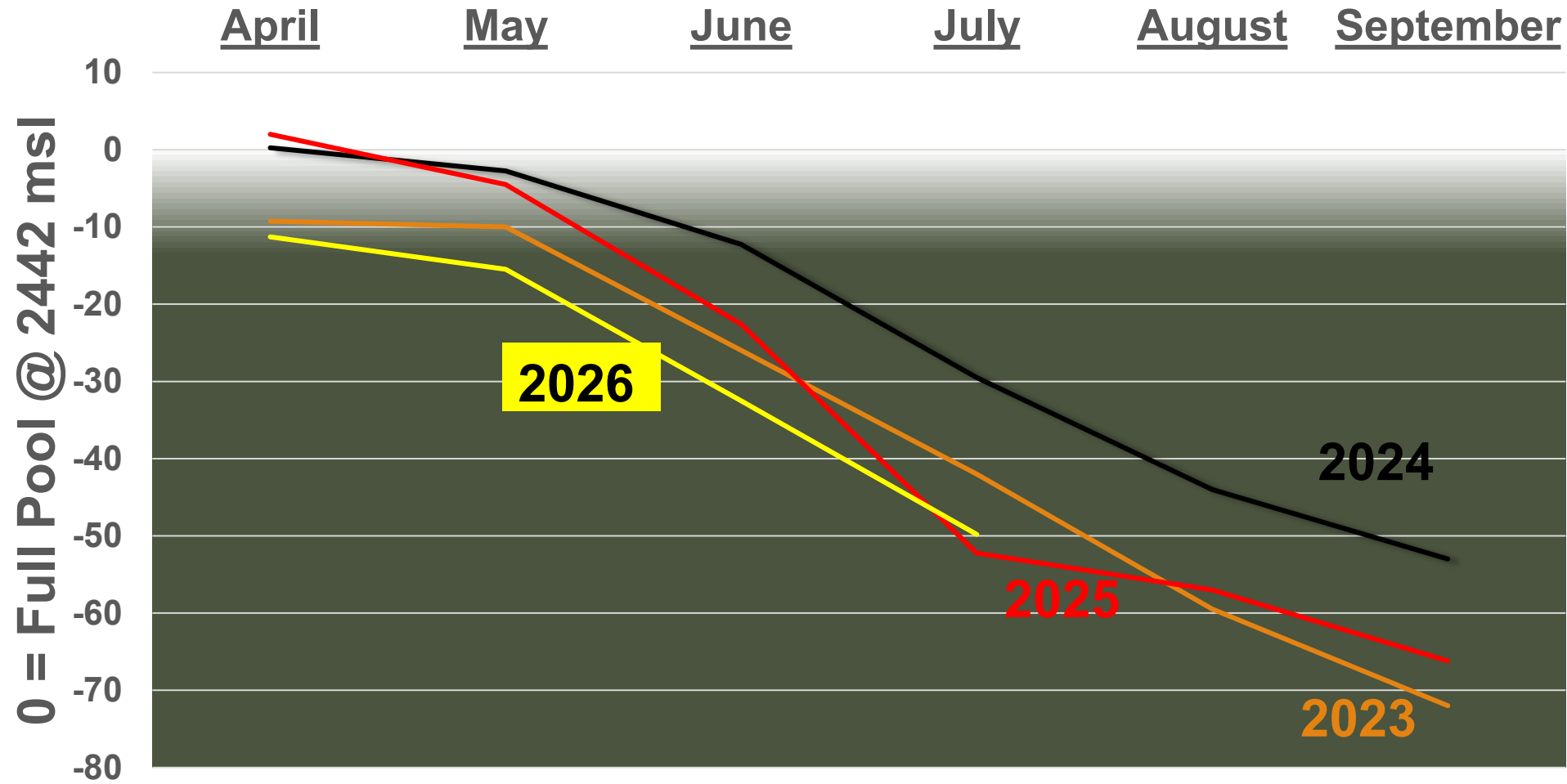


Water Clarity

Visibility (m)
June/July



Water Level Trend



EDUCATION AND INFORMATION



<https://friendsofspiritlake.com/>

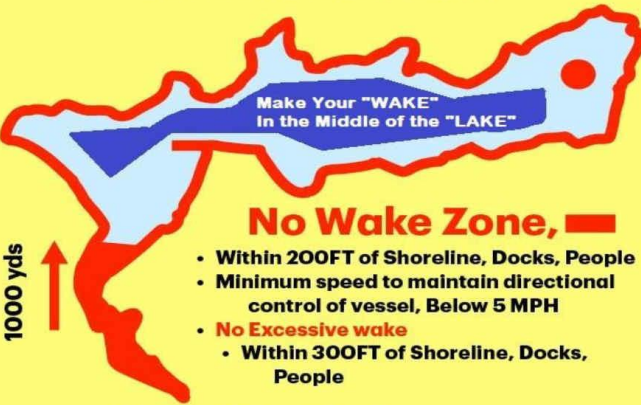


Spirit Lake Report

Periodic Update on Spirit Lake by the SPIRIT LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION July 2026 Vol.12

SLPOA Mission: To develop the capacity within our community to provide a sustainable lake habitat that will allow all people who live, work and play within its environment an optimal North Idaho experience.

Welcome To Spirit Lake ID
Kootenai County Boating Regulations
Kootenai County Code Title 6 Chapter 2



Make Your "WAKE" In the Middle of the "LAKE"

No Wake Zone, ■

- Within 200FT of Shoreline, Docks, People
- Minimum speed to maintain directional control of vessel, Below 5 MPH
- **No Excessive wake**
 - Within 300FT of Shoreline, Docks, People

Speed Restrictions,

- Within 100FT of another vessel Max 15 MPH
- Night Max 25 MPH
- Max Speed 50 MPH

Un-marked hazards exist
(floating logs, shallow water, etc).

Operate Responsibly! Respect others, their property and the environment.

Water skiing doesn't destroy pristine lakes, but...

WAKESURFING? That's a whole new story!



The bow comes up and the stern goes down to increase the wake, so it's hard to see ahead.

3 to 4 foot high wakes are created so people can wakesurf, without a rope, like surfing in the ocean.

Algae blooms are fueled by nutrients freed from disturbed sediment. Some can kill fish and pets, and make people sick.

Fishermen have been knocked over, pontoons drenched, and small craft capsized by the massive wakes.

If fishermen, pleasure boaters, paddlers, and others can't enjoy our lakes, then tourism, property values and business income will plummet.

Loon nests are just inches above water in calm areas. Big wakes can destroy eggs.

As the wake enters shallow water, plants are damaged, sediment is churned, and fish eggs can be destroyed.

When the big wake crashes on shore it can cause erosion and damage docks and moored boats.

Ballast tanks don't drain completely and can bring invasives from other lakes.

Invasive plants spread easily in damaged areas.

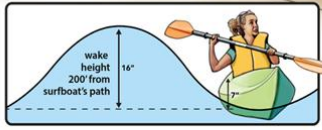
Spiny waterfleas can upset the entire ecosystem, resulting in fewer game fish and murky water.

Loons, otter and many fish can't see prey in murky water.

Sediment is stirred up and plants are damaged 20 feet deep by the powerful motor and deep downward angled propeller.

Little fish live among the plants. Fewer plants means fewer little fish for big game fish to eat.

Is the boating industry's 200 feet from shore rule enough?



16" = Height of wake 200' from wakesurf boat's path (per industry)
7" = Typical kayak freeboard
10" = Typical canoe freeboard
12" = Typical small fishing boat freeboard
9" = Height of waves, 25 mph wind, 30 minutes, 1 mile wide lake

How do they make those huge wakes?

- Add ballast water, up to 5000 pounds (600 gallons)
- Operate at speeds that bring the bow up and stern down
- Use wake enhancing fins
- The wake is 6 to 12 times more powerful than ski boat wakes!

Report dangerous boating incidents at <https://friendsofspiritlake.com/spirit-lake-idaho/lake-incident-reports>

Milfoil Mitigation

WE APPRECIATE
DOUG FREELAND
FOR HIS
COMMITMENT AND
EFFORT TO KEEP
MILFOIL AND OTHER
INVASIVES IN CHECK

Thank you
Peak Media,
Jim Bolser and Robin Briley
(SLPOA Members) for producing this video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVm8ahZICE8>

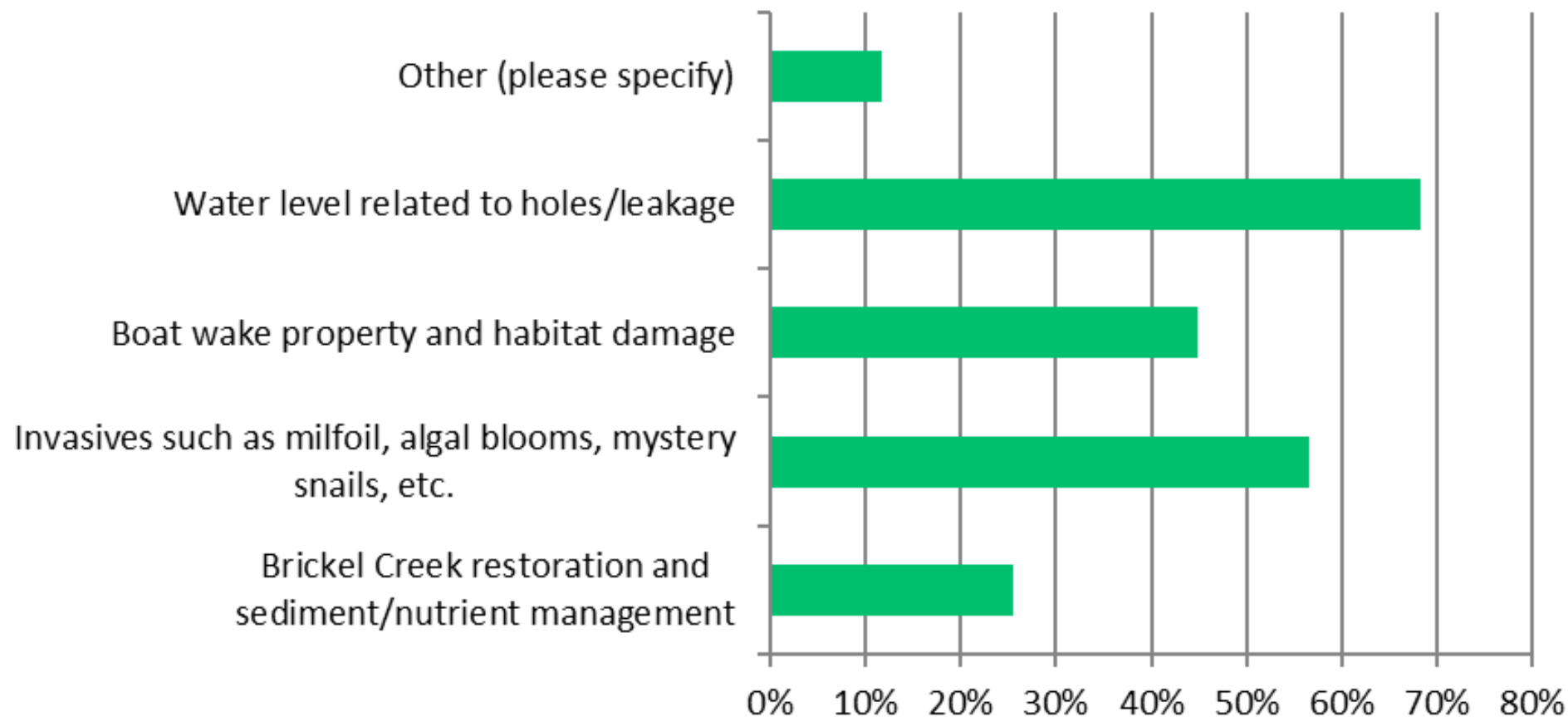


SLPOA MEMBER SURVEY

MAY/JUNE 2026

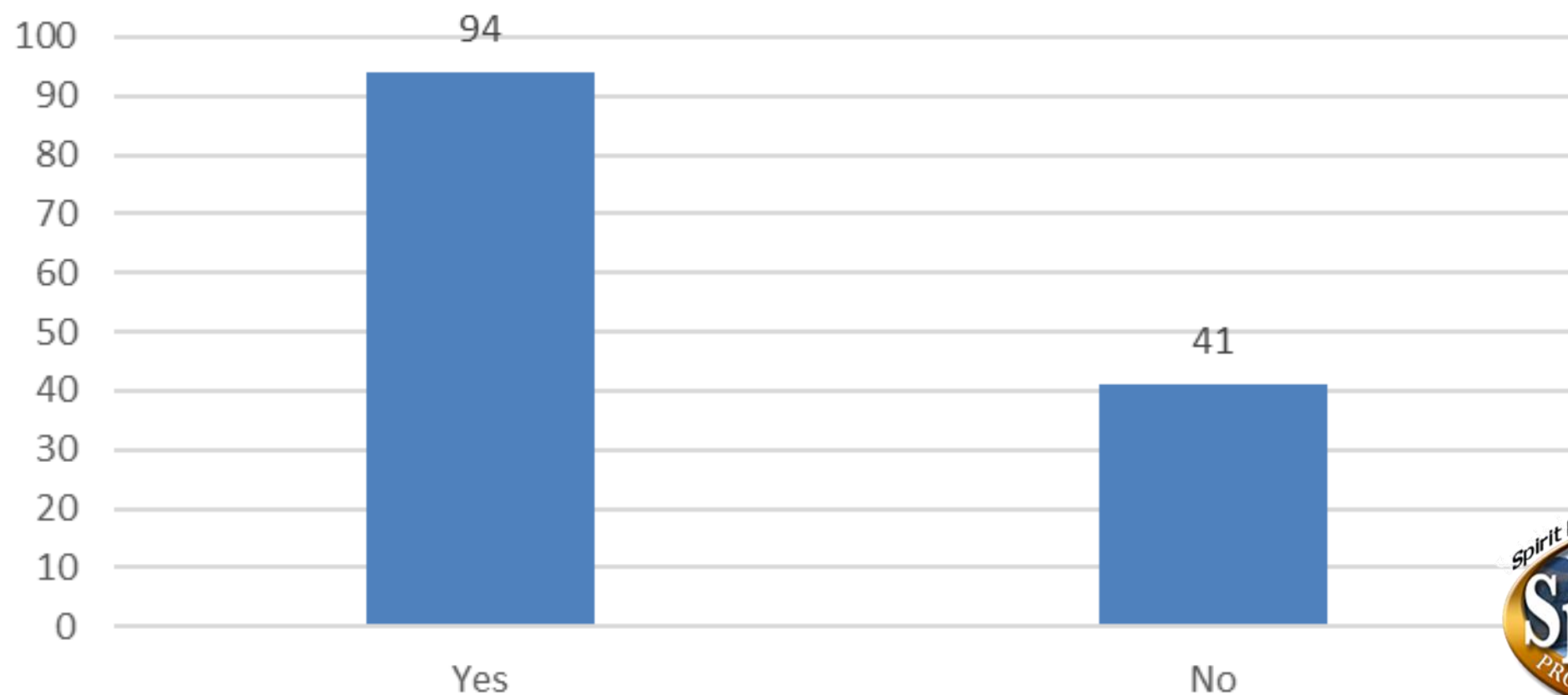


Q1 What concerns you most about Spirit Lake?



Q2

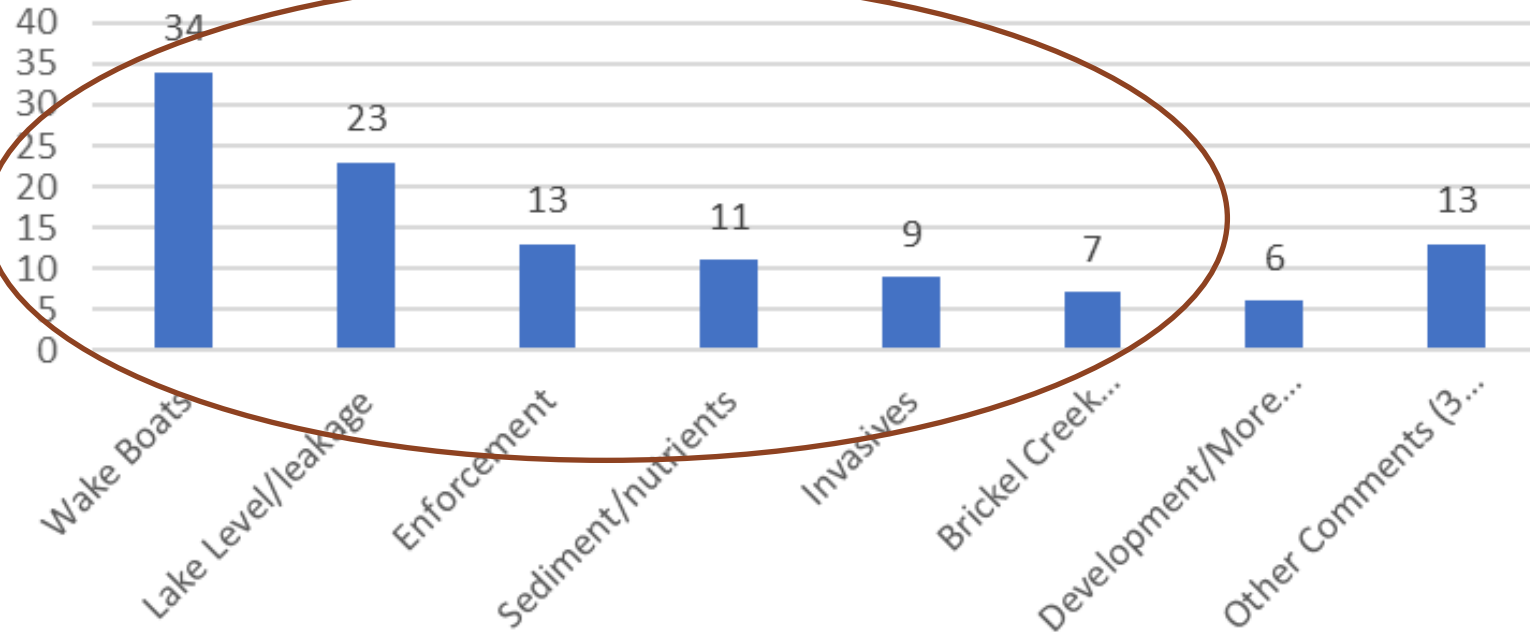
WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A
WORKSHOP (SEPARATE FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING) TO
EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO LAKE CONCERNS?



Q3

Member Survey 2026

If you could change only one thing on the lake, what would that be?

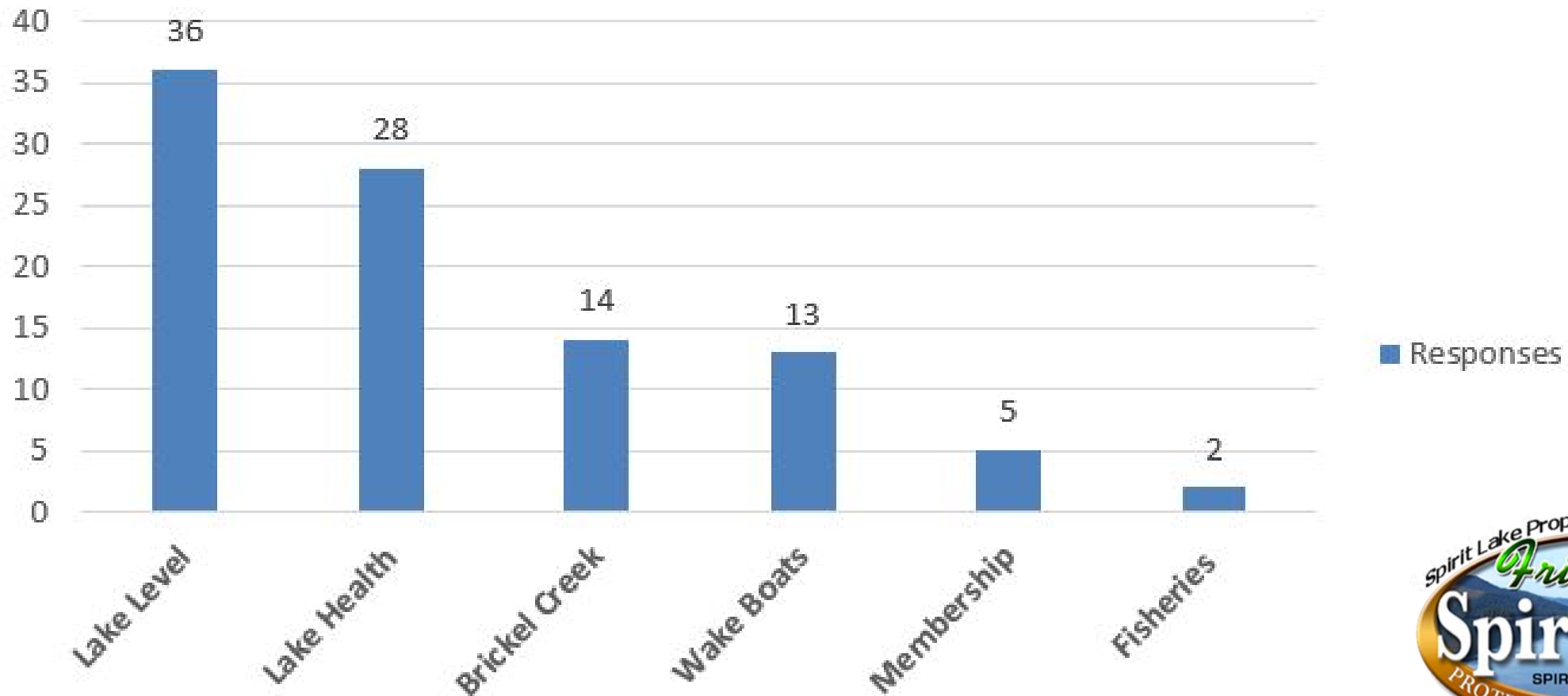


OTHER COMMENTS:
keep as is, education,
causeway bridge,
litter/pollution,
access, jet skis, cell
service, lake cleanup,
geese, limit out-of-
state, remote control
boats

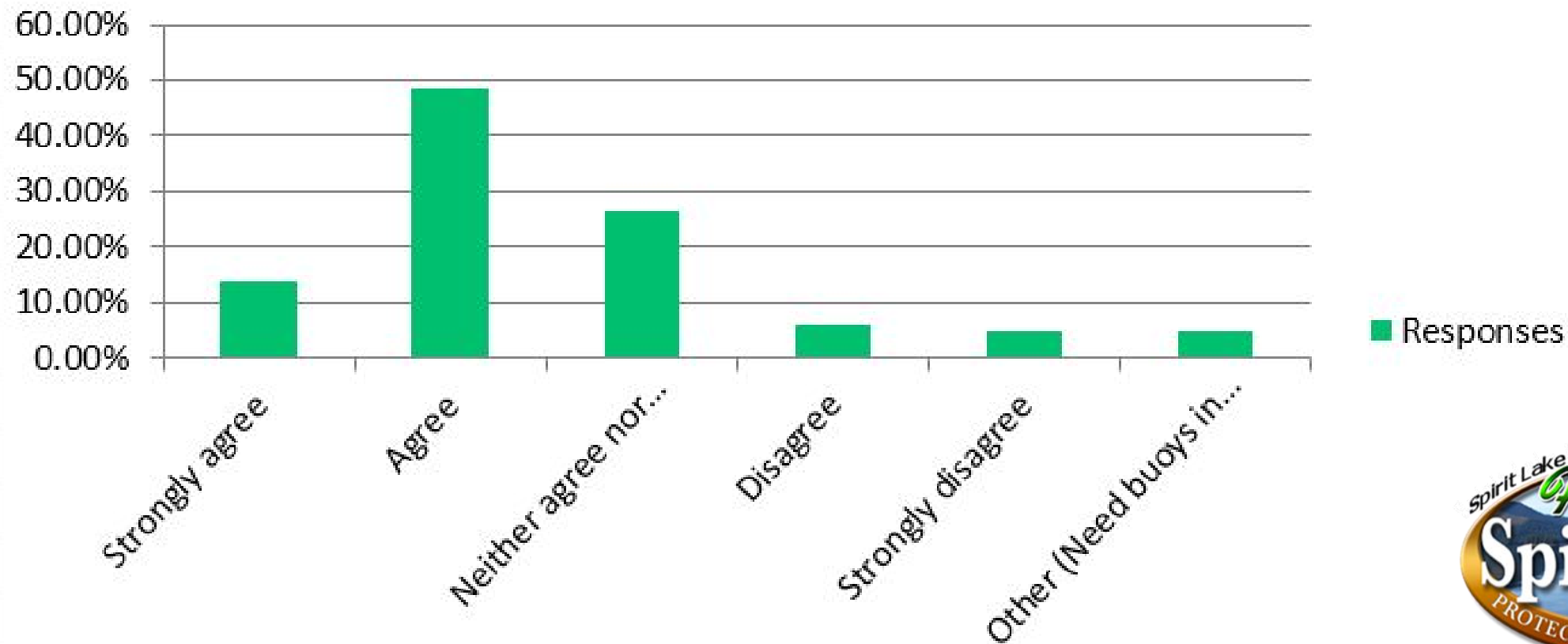


Q4

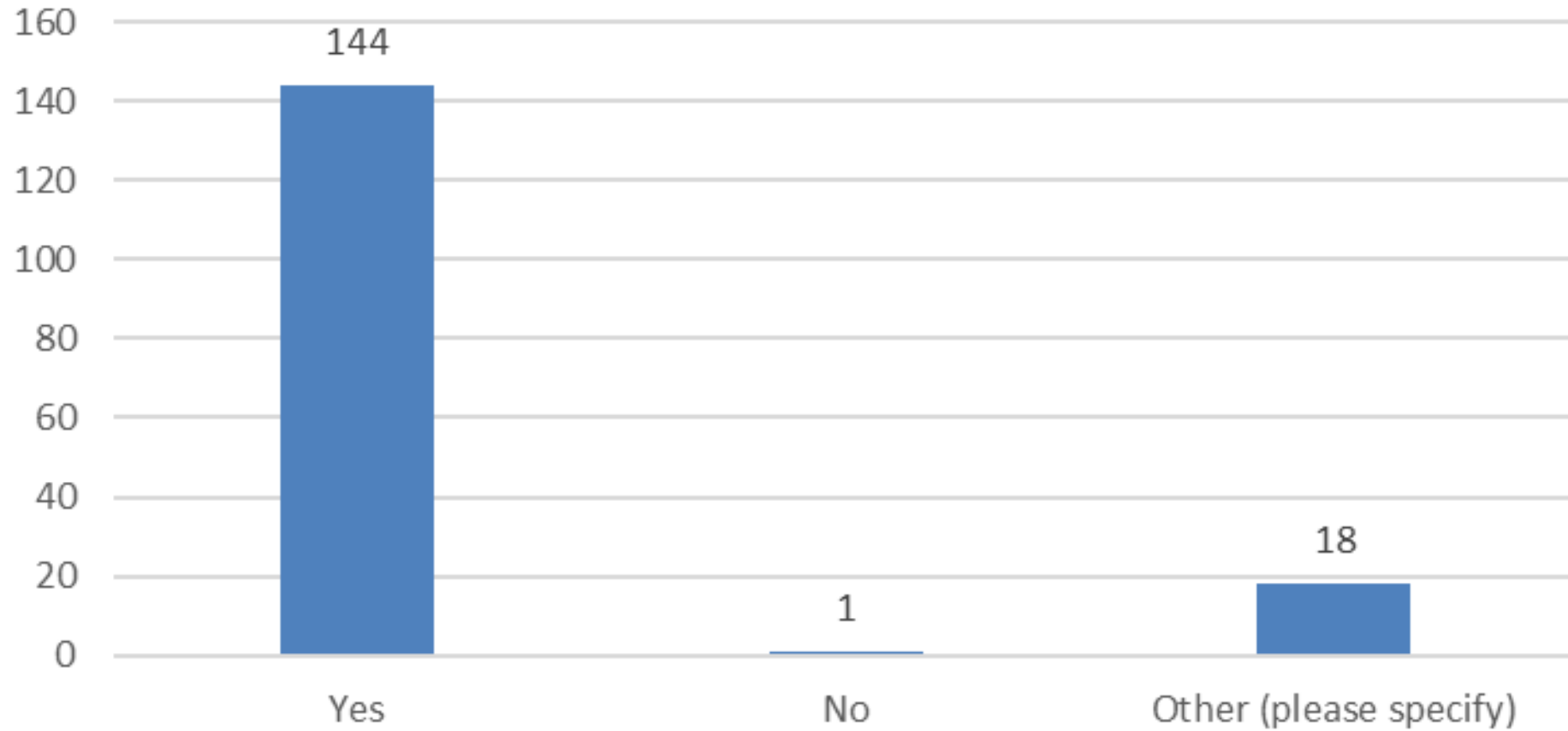
What would you most like SLPOA to focus on in the coming year?



Q5 Three additional buoys have been added near the Maine boat launch. The number of no-wake buoys is adequate.



Q6 IS THE SLPOA "LAKE REPORT" NEWSLETTER OF VALUE TO YOU



Strategic Goals



Goal One: Improve safe recreational opportunities for the community of Spirit Lake and the surrounding areas

Goal Two: Mitigate environmental impact on the waterway: improve water clarity and flow and prevent and manage potential flooding

Goal Three: Take steps to protect natural lake flora and fauna

Strategic
Plan >



Examples of Collaboration

- Universities
- Government Agencies
- Tribal Experts
- North Idaho Small Waterways Coalition
- Other Lake Associations
- Inland Empire Paper Company
- City of Spirit Lake
- Spirit Lake Community Coalition
- Spirit Lake Historical Society
- Contractors



Emergency Planning

- **Kootenai Emergency Alert System**
- **Subscribe & Provide Your Location and Contact Info**
- **Choose what alerts you want to receive**

<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736727064/login>



- **For more Information:**
Check out the July 2026 SLPOA Newsletter
At www.friendsofspiritlake.com



Election

2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2026 Board Director Positions and Terms Today

Director Positions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
#1 Dan Beha		X	
#2 Paul Sturm		X	
#3 Tim King*		X	
#4 Jerry Peterson		X	
#5 Margie Wilke		X	
#6 Rob Brewster*			X
#7 Justin Morrison			X
#8 Jane Clark			X
#9 Dustin Thiers			X
#10 Ed Niblock			X
#11 Don Finney	X		
#12 Kurt Peterson	X		
#13 Ron Largent	X		
#14 Galen Beem	X		
#15 Tod Kiblen	X		

X Terms Expiring



Director Elections (continued)

Positions #3 and #6 were appointed by the Board During 2026

Year 3 Director Terms expire at the end of 2026

Call for Motion:

**To Elect Positions #3 and #6 Through #10 For
Three-Year Terms**

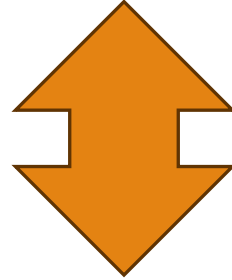




50/50 Raffle



Half to the Winner



**THANK YOU TICKET
SELLER VOLUNTEERS!**

Half to Brickel Creek/Wetland Restoration

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

Meeting Adjourned

**Thank you for attending and for
your support!**

**It is the board's pleasure to serve
our members!**

**Enjoy the Lake and the rest of
your summer!**

