

Spirit Lake Property Owners Association



**FRIENDS OF SPIRIT LAKE
ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 10, 2024**

**Spirit Lake Property Owners Association
August, 10, 2024**

In Memory - Karen Cowan



General Membership Meeting 2024

Protect – Preserve – Improve



2024 General Membership Meeting

Special Reports

- **Selkirk Conservation Alliance**
- **City of Spirit Lake**
- **Sheriff's Office, Marine Patrol**
- **Department of Fish and Game**
- **Inland Empire Paper Company**
- **Invasive Species**

SLPOA Business Meeting

- **Minutes from 2023 SLPOA Annual Meeting**
- **Treasurer Report**
- **Progress Report for 2024**
- **Strategic Plan Action Items**
- **Elections of Board Directors**



PRESENTERS

Selkirk Conservation Alliance – Amy Anderson

City of Spirit Lake - Mayor Jeremy Cowperthwaite

Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol – Unconfirmed

Department of Fish and Game – Unavailable Today

Inland Empire Paper Company - Paul Buckland

Invasive Species – Doug Freeland



2024 Annual Business Meeting

Current Board of Directors & Advisory Board

Board of Directors

Officers:

- **Paul Sturm, President**
- **Kurt Peterson, Vice President**
- **Jane Clark, Secretary**
- **Linda Pendleton, Co-treasurer**
- **Jerry Peterson, Co-treasurer**

Directors:

- Brad Pendleton, Director**
- **Dustin Thiers, Director**
- **Don Finney, Director**
- **Ron Largent, Director**

Directors Continued:

- Dan Beha, Director**
- Ed Niblock, Director**
- Justin Morrison, Director**
- Margie Wilke, Director**
- Galen Beem, Director**

Board of Advisors

- Carol Capra**
- Doug Freeland**
- Randy Hurst**
- Dan Sullivan**

2024 Annual Business Meeting

- **Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting**
- **Motion to approve**



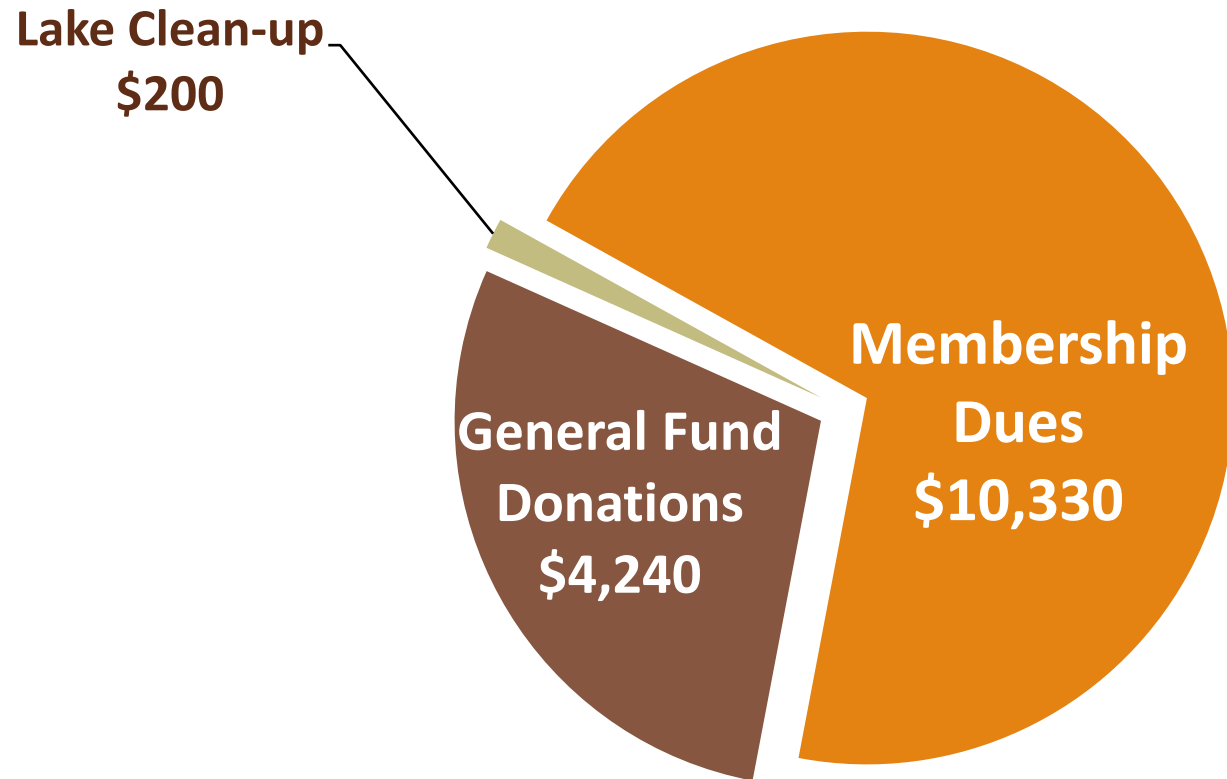
2024 Treasurers' Report

Jerry Peterson and Linda Pendleton



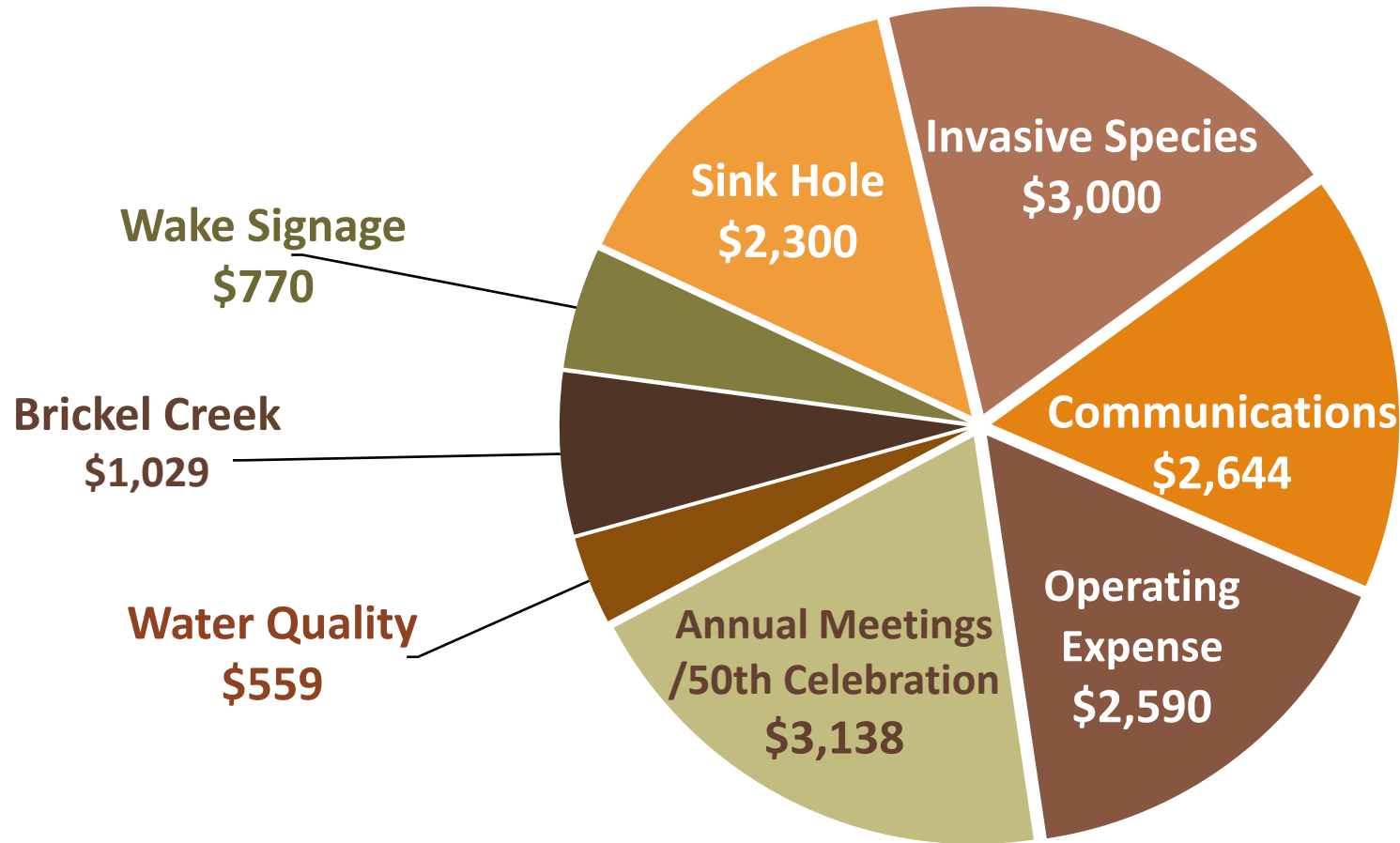
Aug 2023 – July 2024 Income

\$14,700



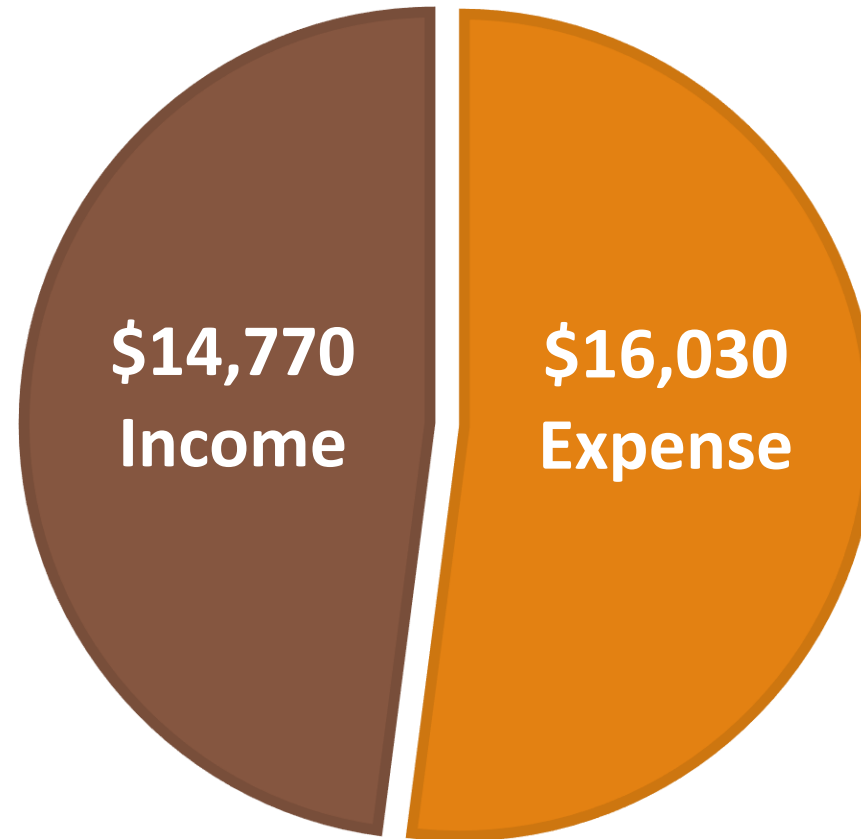
Aug 2023 – July 2024 Expense

\$16,030

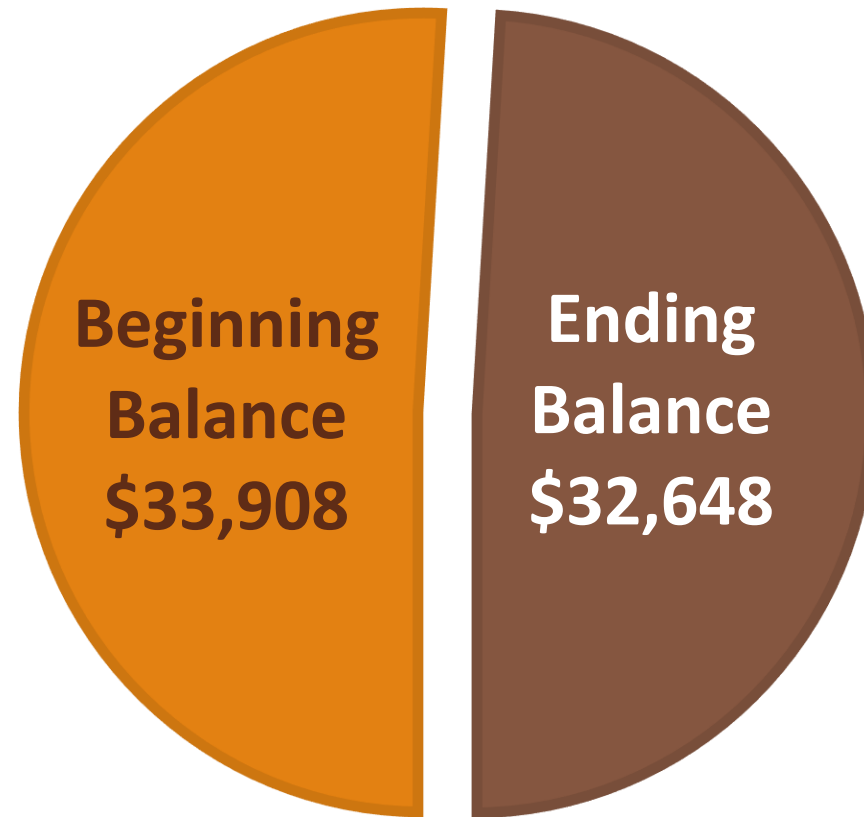


Income / Expense

(-\$1,260)



General Fund Balance 7/31/2024



2024 Treasurers' Report

Jerry Peterson and Linda Pendleton

Motion to approve



2024 Progress Reports

2024 and Beyond Projects

- **Initiation of the new weir—it's working**
- **Collecting lake quality data**
- **Monitoring and mitigating invasive species – contractor, Doug Freeland**
- **Successful plug of sink hole**
- **Plans to repair new sink hole**
- **Committee working to improve SLPOA communications**

2024 Progress Reports (continued)

2024 and Beyond Projects (continued)

- **Committee investigating large boat wakes, signage, Facebook, flyers, research**
- **Collaborating with other lake associations**
- **Notified members about application and plans to divert and dredge sandbar at Brickel Creek**
- **Monitoring the restoration work on Brickel Creek**

2024 Membership Update

❖ **470 + property owners/potential members.**

❖ **2022: 272 paid members**

❖ **2023: 226 paid members**

❖ **2024: 206 paid members**

Membership dues have been constant

For more than a decade

Major Expenses

- **Lake clean-up cost nearly tripled**
- **Approx 425 newsletters sent to everyone on our list**
- **Cost of each newsletter, depending on size is approx. \$600-\$800**
- **2022: 3 newsletters and 2 weir fundraising fliers**
- **2023: 3 newsletters**
- **2024: 1 newsletter + meeting notice/info**
- **Expenses like water sampling has more than doubled in the last 3 years**

Accounting Expense Categories

5102 - APLOS Accounting Expense

5201 - Dam Fund Expense

5202 - Office Supplies

5203 - General Meeting Expenses

5204 - News Letter Expense

5205 - Web Site Expense

5206 - Invasive Species Expense

5207 - Insurance Expense

5208 - Lake Cleanup

5209 - ZOOM/Communication Expense

5210 - Brickel Creek Project Expense

5212 - Dues Invoice Mailing Expense

5213 - 50th Celebration Expense

5214 - Water Quality Monitoring Expense

5215 - Sinkhole Repair Expense

5216 - Lake Signage

5217 - Text Communication Expense

5299 - Other Misc Expense

2024 Membership Update

We need your help! Membership  **Costs** 

Options:

- ❖ **Expand Membership**
- ❖ **Alternative sources of revenue**
- ❖ **Be a membership ambassador with your neighbors**
- ❖ **Specific project fundraising (lake cleanup)**
- ❖ **Raise dues**
- ❖ **Establish a Watershed Conservation District (small tax)**
- ❖ **Cut back on projects and communication expenses**

Progress Reports for 2024 Strategic Plan Action Items

**Goal 2: Objective 2.1 Weir
Project**

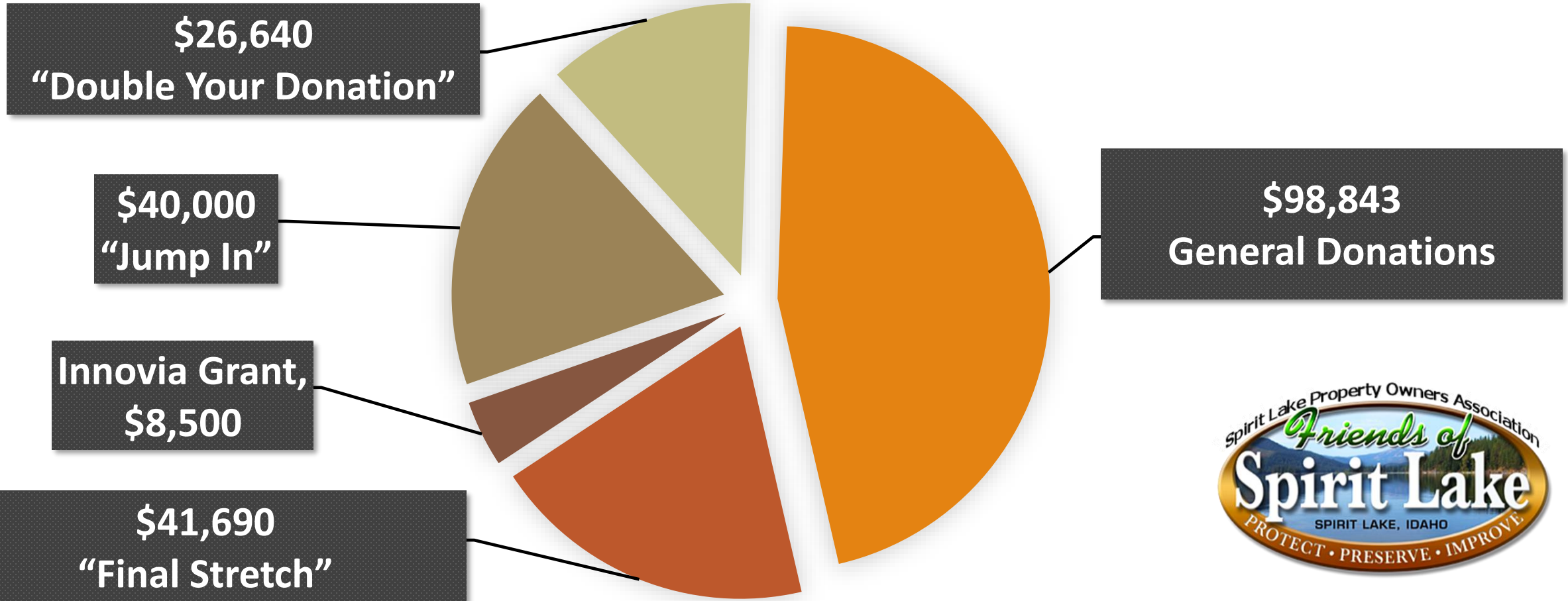
Tested by Nature

April 2024



Weir Funding (2019-2023)

\$215,673



Final Weir Cost

\$222,500



Weir

August 4, 2024



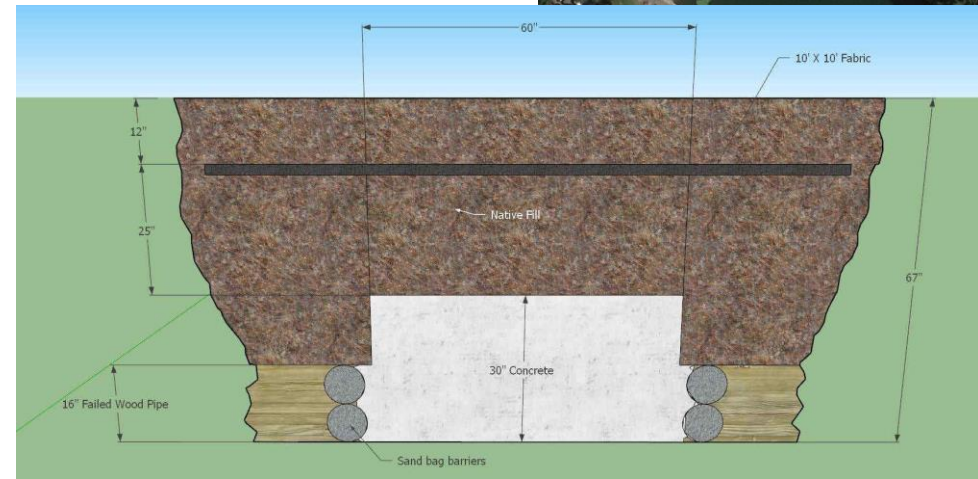
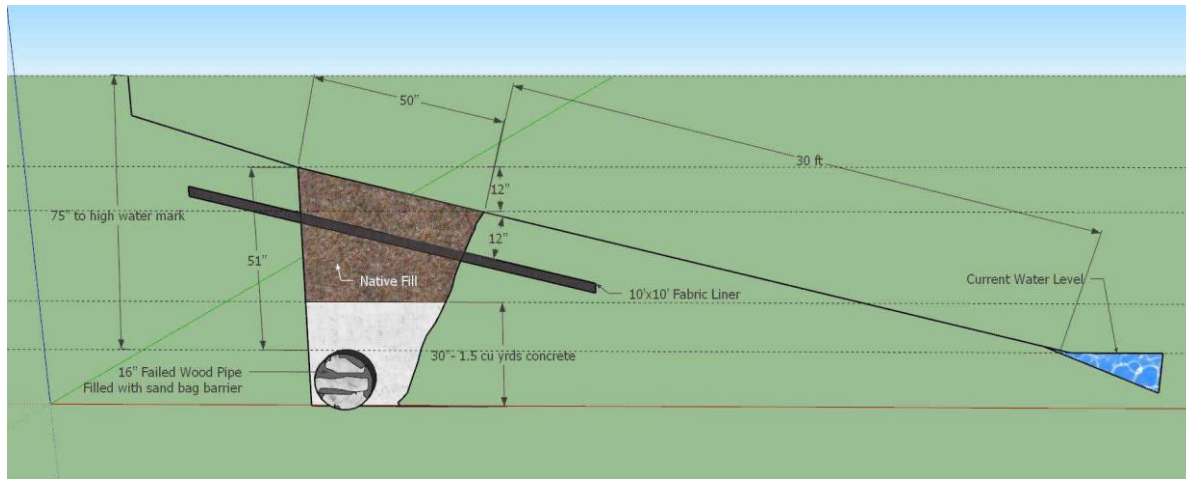
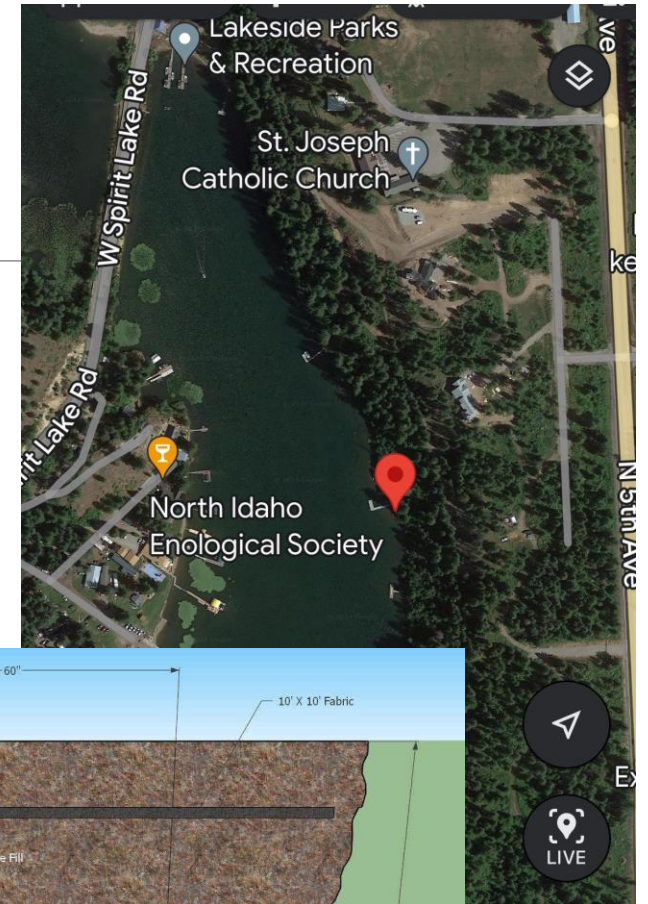
Progress Report for 2023 Strategic Plan Action Items (Cont.)

**Goal 2: Objective: 2.3 Lake quality monitoring
Ongoing**

Monthly Water Sampling

Water Level

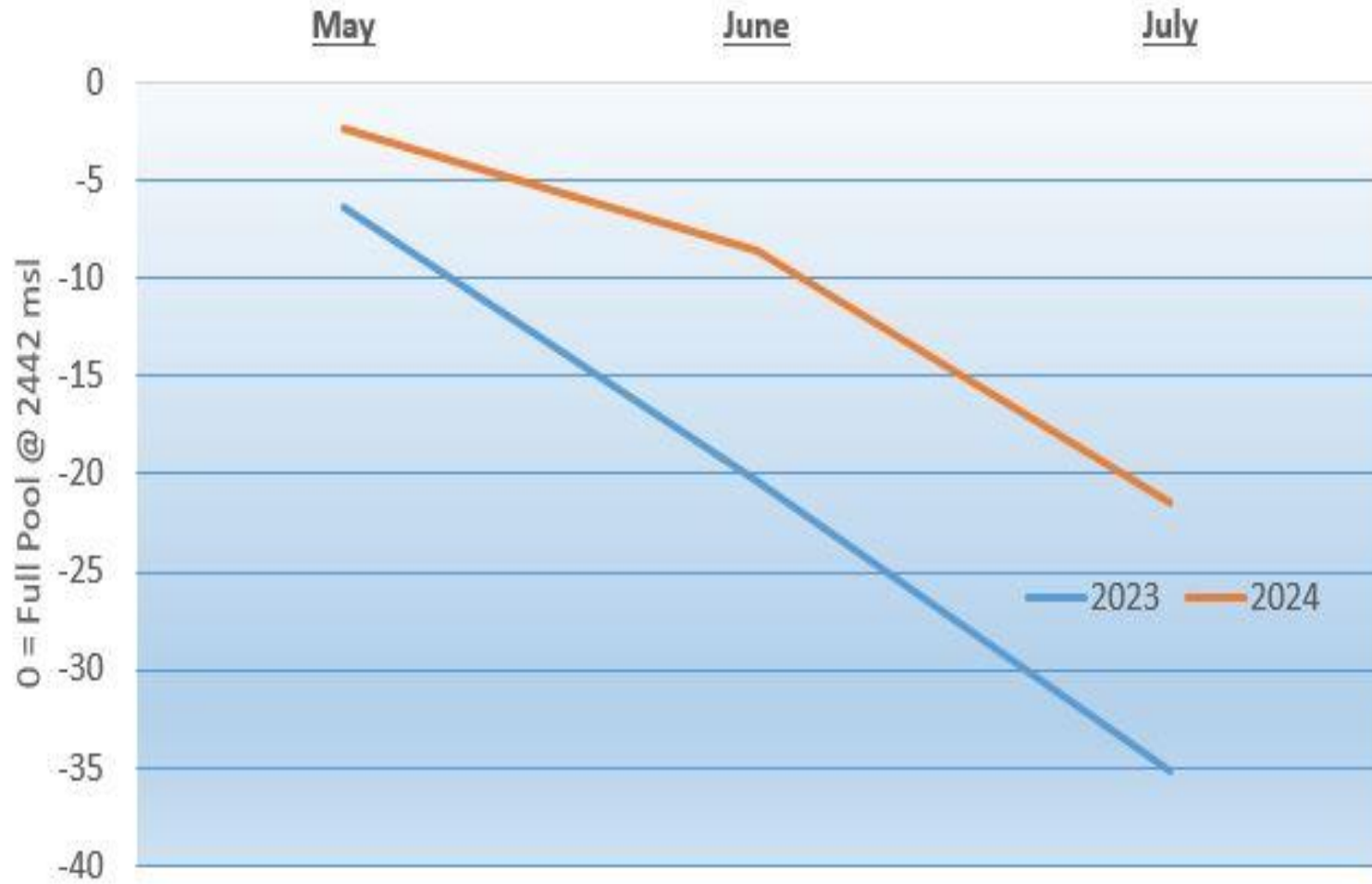
Sink Hole Repair and New Discovery



Sink Hole Repaired

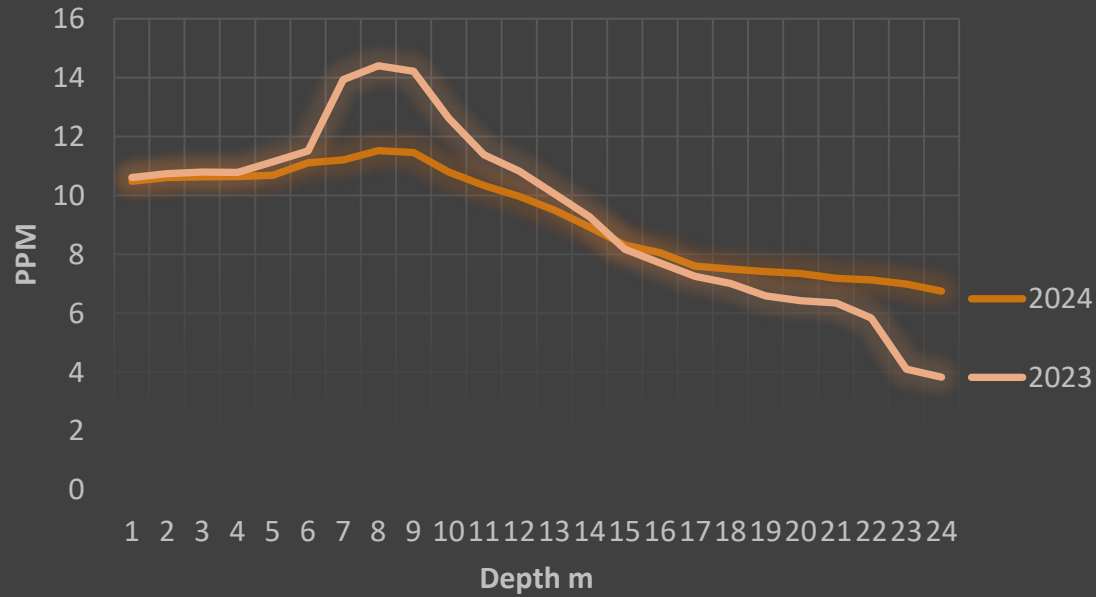


2023 v.s. 2024 Water Level Trend

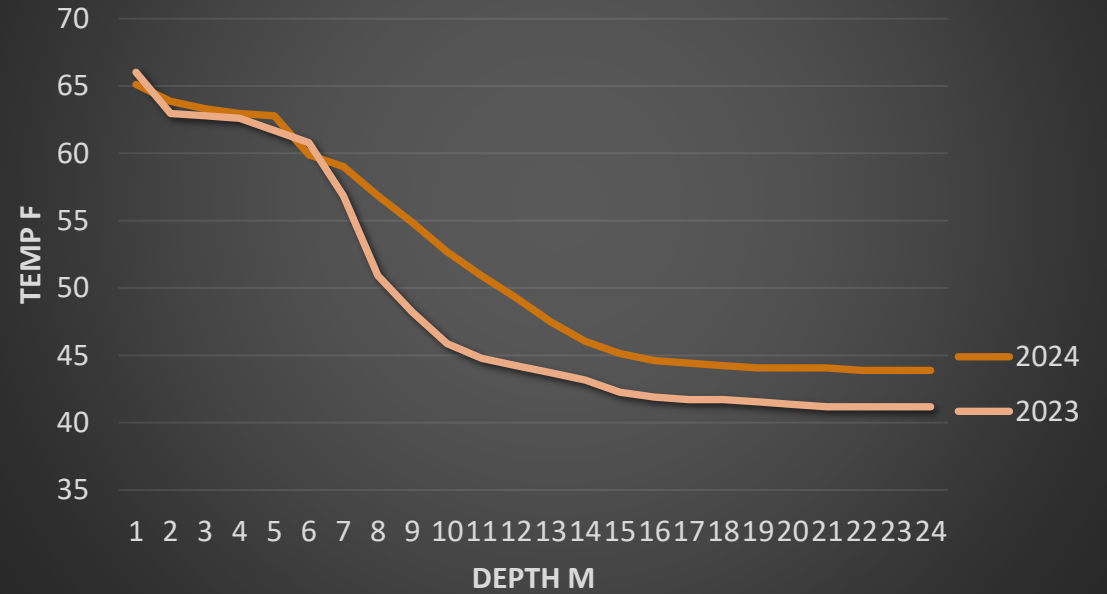


Water Monitoring 2023 vs 2024

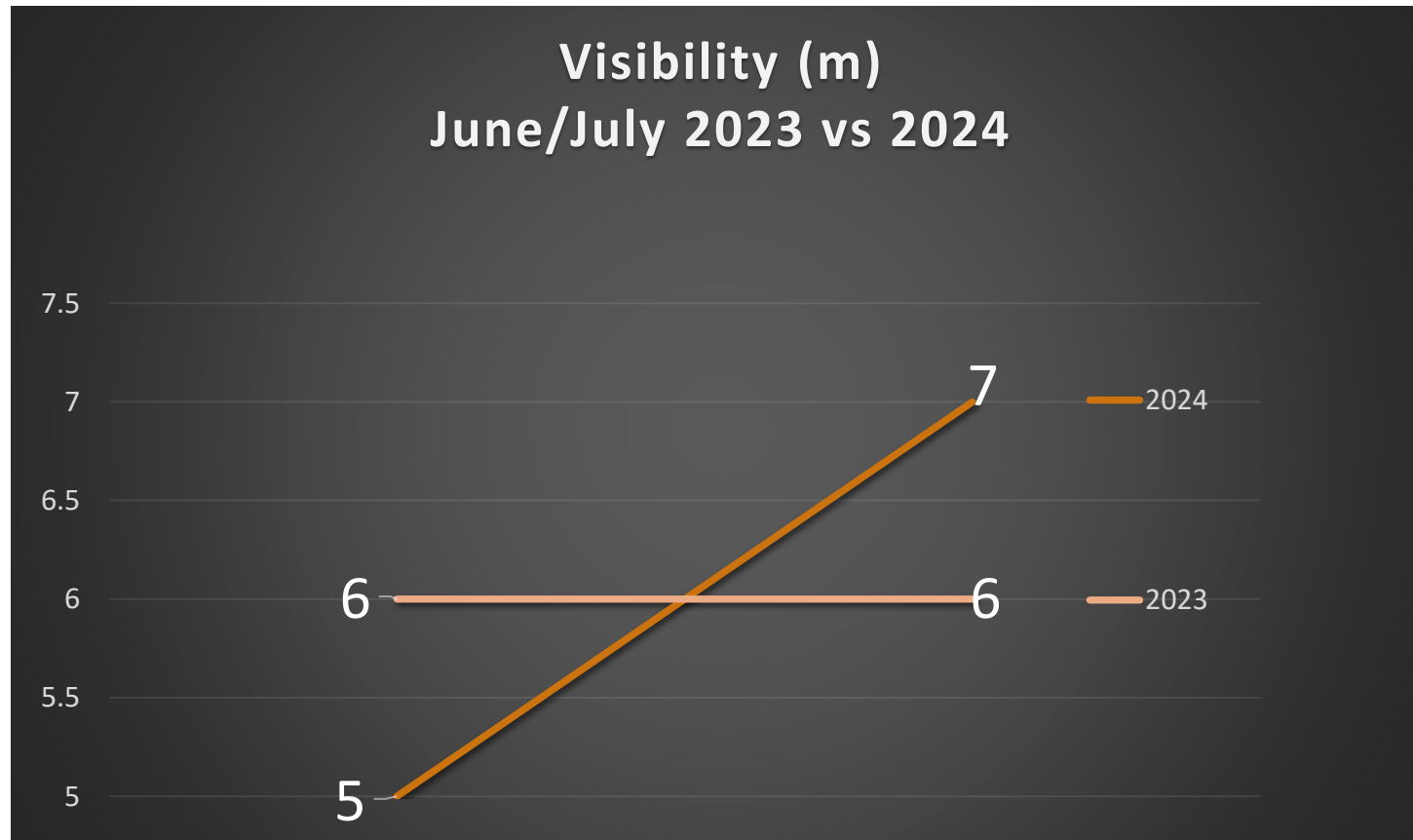
Disolved Oxygen



Temperature



Water Clarity



Progress Report for 2024 Strategic Plan Action Items (Cont.)

Goal 3: Objective: 3.2 Invasive Plant and Animal Species

Ongoing

Contractor, Doug Freeland, removal of Eurasia

Watermilfoil summer/fall of 2024

Mystery Snails

Otters (non-invasive)

Goal 3: Objective: 3.1 Brickel Creek Restoration

No activity in 2023

Ongoing

Progress Report for 2024 Strategic Plan Action Items (Cont.)

Goal 2: Objective: 2.4 Causeway Study
No activity in 2023

Administrative: Increasing membership and board members
Improving communications

Dan Beha is leading a committee to:

- 1. improve communications with members including two-way communications**
- 2. Increase membership**
- 3. Reduce communication costs (newsletter printing and mailing)**

Progress Report for 2023 Strategic Plan Action Items (Cont.)

Goal 3: Objective: 3.3
Explore methods to minimize bank erosion
Ongoing

Ron Largent and Jerry Peterson are leading a committee of members to investigate and develop strategies

Purpose & Goals of the Committee Next Slide

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



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.



Large Wakes Committee Purpose

The purpose of this committee is to:

Research, develop and implement strategies that will prevent damage to the lake shore, lake structures (docks), and aquatic habitat as a result of vessels that create large and excessive wakes and lake bottom propeller wash.

Large Wakes Committee Goals

- 1. Support and leverage scientific research and knowledge that will lead to reasoned rules, regulations, education and enforcement to prevent damage to the lake shore, lake structures (docks), and aquatic habitat.**
- 2. Develop and implement educational strategies to encourage behaviors among watercraft operators that result in maximum safety, minimal environmental impacts, and reduction in property damage.**
- 3. Advocate for political actions that will result in reasonable regulations and enforcement that will reinforce educational strategies intended to encourage safe and low impact boating behaviors.**
- 4. Establish a Watershed District for Spirit Lake**

Director Positions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
#1 Dan Beha*	X		
#2 Paul Sturm**	X		
#3 Linda Pendleton**	X		
#4 Jerry Peterson**	X		
#5 Margie Wilke*	X		
#6 Brad Pendleton		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 Gallen Beem*			X
#15 Open			X

Elections SLPOA Director Positions and Terms as of August 2023

*** and ** up for election by the members**



* Board Appointed Directors (need to be voted by the members)

** Board Director Positions Termed-out (Nominated for reelection)

Director Elections (continued)

- **Five directors* were appointed by the board in 2024 and must be approved by the members – Dan Beha, Justin Morrison, Ed Niblock, Margie Wilke and Galen Beem**
- **Three directors** are termed-out and are nominated by the board for reelection**
- **Request a motion to *elect/**re-elect the following:**

*** Dan Beha # 1**

*** Margie Wilke # 5**

*** Justin Morrison # 7**

*** Ed Niblock # 10**

*** Galen Beem**

**** Paul Sturm #2**

**** Linda Pendleton #3**

**** Jerry Peterson #4**



Director Elections (continued)

- **Position #15 is open**
- **If you are interested in serving SLPOA on the board please contact a board member after this meeting or at any future date**
- **You will be invited to attend a board meeting to observe, interview and be interviewed by the board of directors**



Meeting Adjourned

Thank you for attending!

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

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

