



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**Meeting Date: April 13, 2024**

**Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Location: Spirit Lake Community Center, 32564 N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spirit Lake, ID 83869**

**Call to Order: Paul Sturm 10:04 AM**

**Attendance: Jerry Peterson, Dustin Thiel, Ron Largent, Kurt Peterson, Linda Pendleton, Brad Pendleton, Margie Wilke, Dan Beha**

**By Zoom: Justin Morrison, Ed Niblock, Carol Capra**

**Absent: Don Finney**

**Guest: Galen Beem**

**Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

**Jerry Peterson moved to approve. Linda Pendleton seconded.** No discussion. Motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2023**

Motion to approve the January 6, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Jerry Peterson. Linda Pendleton seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

**Current Treasures Report**

Jerry Peterson provided balance sheet and profit and loss report for the treasurer's report. \$6,770.63 is in checking and \$29,807.33 is in savings for a total of \$36,577.96. Dues income is \$7,552.70, \$0.83 has been earned in interest. Other income including donations to the general fund has resulted in an additional income of \$3,631.66.

Expenses include \$129.49 in PayPal fees, \$20,200 for the final dam fund payment, \$27.20 in stamps, \$50 for the rental of the Community Center for the last board meeting, \$1,029.50 for the Brickle Creek check reissuance to Chris Hardy, and \$499.59 for mailing and printing of the newsletter.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jerry Peterson. Margie Wilke seconded. There was no more discussion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**1. Progress Reports on Strategic Plan Items**

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

Jerry Peterson noted that water quality monitoring will start in late April/early May. The lake level is being tracked. Dan Beha reported that the water appears clear.

- **Goal 3: Objective 3.2: Invasive plant and animal species**

Dan Beha will coordinate with Doug Freeland. No update at this time.

- **Goal 3: Objective 3.1: Action Step 3.1.1: Brickle Creek**

Jerry Peterson has talked to Chris Hardy. Chris is working to get permits for more plantings this spring and fall and would like to organize a trash cleanup near the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge. A text, Facebook message, and e-mail should be sent out when ready for volunteers.

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Chris Hardy is a Hydrologist and the SLPOA has purchased plants from him in the past.

- **Goal 2: Objective: 2.1: Weir project**

Paul Sturm and Jerry Peterson met with the City of Spirit Lake on December 30, 2023. Bills were still coming into the City at the last board meeting. The SLPOA reimbursed the City for the total dam donations and the City covered the remainder. The City appears to be happy. The weir is working well so far and is currently 2” over the weir.

- **Goal 1: Objective: 1.1: Lake cleanup**

Dustin Thiel noted that three sections of docks are floating around the lake. Jerry Peterson shared that Hayden Lake has drone footage of the entire lake. Chris Hardy has a drone contact. **Dennis Resinhowe** on the lake might be a good drone contact and Dan Beha will reach out to him. Galen Beem asked what the end goal of this would be- find owners of docks as docks are costly to dispose of as cleaning up docks during lake cleanup is expensive and environmentally difficult to get rid of. Dustin Thiel will take pictures of unclaimed floating docks and will post on Facebook and website.

- **Goal 3: Objective 3.3: Shore erosion/property damage/wake boats**

Ron Largent and Paul Sturm are part of the subcommittee and will discuss this further.

- **Goal 2: Objective 2.4: Causeway study**

No new news.

## 2. Committee Reports

- **Increasing Membership – Dan Beha**

Margie Wilke and Dan Beha created a google chat group. Planning Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to do a door knocking to bring awareness of the SLPOA. Would like to get more businesses involved and highlight them. Discuss at next meeting what the impact of having businesses join is. Does the board want to continue to highlight them? Jerry Peterson shared that we have gotten a phone number for every piece of land on the lake and imported them into the property owner list and eliminated duplicates. Jerry has looked into a texting plan for \$15-\$20/month. Would like to share a text link to the newsletter and blurb on membership on what the SLPOA does. Jerry Peterson made a motion to sign up for texting \$20-\$35/month. Dan Beha seconded. Motion carried.

- **Website/Social Media Committee**

Ed Niblock is working as the lead on the Facebook site. It was brought up on the Facebook group that the dam appeared to be leaking when the water spilled over. This was clarified on Facebook. Facebook membership is going up. Boating rules will be posted.

- **Next Newsletter in July**

The newsletter went to the printer yesterday. The July newsletter will announce the annual meeting. It is a goal to keep it to 4 pages for budget purposes. It is approximately a \$200 difference of printing costs between a 4 page versus 6 page newsletter.



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Kurt Peterson shared that everyone got a newsletter. 428 newsletters were mailed. 10-11 people signed up for e-mail only newsletters. 223 paid members to-date. 87 previously paid members, but not current. 138 have never paid or joined.

- **Wake-boats/Erosion**

A committee has been established with several community members and has met monthly. The group is looking at Hayden Lake with buoys 200' out which formed a watershed taxing authority to pay for the buoys. A reporting phone number was put on the Hayden Lake website to pinpoint issues. Hayden Lake has had good results with this.

It was discussed to put a reporting number on the SLPOA website to report the incident, pictures, and reporting contact. The SLPOA board can decide if it should be posted. Sample dummy reports are posted online. It is not the SLPOAs intent to ban wakeboard boats, but to educate with signage at the boat launches. Galen Beem shared that there is no proper info where the public can see it, not enough buoys, and buoys are spaced too far apart. Jerry Peterson will share some sign ideas. Brad Pendleton came up with a sign template and has priced out some 34"x30" signs for \$300 + tax for 2 signs and has verbal permission to put up signs at the two public boat launches. Jerry Peterson made a motion to order and put up two signs. Kurt Peterson seconded.

### 3. **Dredging at Brickle Creek**

No new information is available. Jerry Peterson spoke with Mike Amer and no dredging permit has been issued and it would not be issued without showing how the dredging provides a major improvement to the lake.

### 4. **City Water Level monitoring system – Jerry Peterson**

No response to e-mail sent to find out more on the grant for this system. No new action.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. **Annual Meeting Planning**

A draft meeting task list was shared by Paul Sturm. The annual meeting date is August 10<sup>th</sup> and Paul will confirm with the school. Consider having a virtual option in addition to recording the meeting and posting it on the website.

#### 2. **Vice-President appointment/election**

Paul Sturm shared his thoughts on why a vice-president was needed and recommended Kurt Peterson. Kurt was agreeable. Linda Pendleton made a motion to appoint Kurt Peterson as vice-president. Approved by the board. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

#### 3. **Director contact information**

Paul Sturm has corrections for contact information and will share.

#### 4. **Director contact information**

Ron Largent commented that the next meeting should include revenue generation. Kurt Peterson shared a better setup is needed for future zoom meetings for audio and video setup to help include all members and engagement.

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5. Interview Prospective Board Director

Galen Beem shared information about himself. He is a retired Army veteran and year-round Spirit Lake resident. His wife works with Veteran Affairs. He lives close to the public launch and is a go-getter and action oriented.

Paul made a motion to appoint Galen Beem to the board. Brad Pendleton seconded. Unanimous board approval.

6. Next meeting date is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 9:30am

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dan Beha. Linda Pendleton seconded. Motion carried.**

**Time: 12:11pm**

**Minutes submitted by Jane Clark and Linda Pendleton.**