



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 1, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Sedlmayer's Restaurant, 7712 W Spirit Lake Rd, Spirit Lake, ID 83869

Call to Order: Paul Sturm 9:36 AM

Attendance: Paul Sturm, Jerry Peterson, Dustin Thiers, Ed Niblock, Kurt Peterson, Linda Pendleton, Brad Pendleton, Margie Wilke, Jane Clark, Don Finney

By Zoom: Justin Morrison, Ron Largent, Dan Beha, Carol Capra

Absent: Galen Beem

Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Justin Morrison moved to approve. Margie Wilke seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 13, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Linda Pendleton. Margie Wilke 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. \$4,343.00 is in checking and \$30,207.59 is in savings for a total of \$34,550.59. Dues income is \$8,076.08, \$1.09 has been earned in interest. Other income including donations to the general fund has resulted in an additional income of \$3,691.66.

Expenses include \$135.59 in PayPal fees, \$20,200 for the final dam fund payment, \$27.20 in stamps, \$100 for general meeting expenses which includes rental of facilities, \$818.18 for the April newsletter, \$966 for insurance, \$1,029.50 for the Brickle Creek check reissuance to Chris Hardy, \$499.59 for mailing and printing of the dues invoice, and \$770.73 for signage placed at the boat launches. A net income of -\$12,777.96.

Dues increased \$583 since the April 13th meeting. Currently have 2/3 to 3/4 of the dues collected compared to last year. It is unlikely that the -\$12,000 will be made up this year as most of that is the remainder amount for the dam expense.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Brad Pendleton. Kurt Peterson 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 has not started but Brad Pendleton is providing lake level and water temperature from his dock. The water temperature is currently 58 degrees F.

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

No update at this time.

SLPOA Vision Statement: Develop capacities within our community to provide a sustainable habitat, allowing all people who live, work and play within its environment an optimal Spirit Lake experience.

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- **Goal 3: Objective 3.1: Action Step 3.1.1: Brickel Creek**
No new news to report at this time.
- **Goal 2: Objective: 2.1: Weir project**
No new news from City on the water level monitoring system.
- **Goal 1: Objective: 1.1: Lake cleanup**
No lake cleanup scheduled this year.
- **Goal 3: Objective 3.3: Shore erosion/property damage/wake boats**
Jerry Peterson had a meeting with DEQ regarding blue algae and more intensive monitoring for small lakes. A list of boats that register with Spirit Lake as the primary lake can be shared. A coalition of small lakes for HABS and wake/shoreline erosion will be discussed further.
- **Goal 2: Objective 2.4: Causeway study**
No new news.

2. Committee Reports

- **Increasing Membership – Dan Beha**
Over 300 text messages sent out with only 6 phone numbers opting out so far. Of those 6, 2 didn't have property on the lake and 1 has never joined the SLPOA. Cost was 3 cents/text message and 6 cents per mms. Watch for increase in subscribers to the website and Facebook, increase in dues being paid, and people opting out.

Next text message blast will be Thursday before July 4th. Planning a door/dock knocking campaign then as well.
- **Website/Social Media Committee**
Ed Niblock noted that 1 new person joined Facebook after the text message was sent out. Facebook spammers are down and being reported- keep reporting spammers. Ed will put a note on Facebook to sign up for text blasts via the website.
- **Next Newsletter in July**
Paul Sturm would like to send out the next newsletter around July 15th. A few ideas for the newsletter include:
 - An image of the new boat launch signage.
 - An article about improvements and channels of communication (ie- texting, Facebook, etc).
 - An article on Department of Water Quality plans with HABS
 - An article on milfoil and snails- what to look for, who to contact, and what to do with them when found.
Dan Beha will contact Doug Freeland about milfoil and snails and provide info for an article.
- **Wake-boats/Erosion**
A committee has been established with several community members and has met monthly. Jerry Peterson noted that another meeting is coming up on June 18 with the focus on education. The group will be looking to identify shallow areas of the lake where wake boats can stir up the lake bottom. A good topo map has been shared with Jerry Peterson and Ron Largent. It was noted to use the term 'Prop wash' to not pinpoint wake boats specifically.



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Justin Morrison shared an idea of putting together the top 5 erosion issues and keeping the info short and simple. Paul Sturm will email out the 4 goals and some ideas of action plans that have been discussed to the Board. Jerry shared that the costs are expensive and one idea is to look into a watershed taxing district to help with costs associated to fund buoys, etc. Margie Wilke shared that she is trained in grant writing.

3. Sink-hole repair- Jerry Peterson

Need to have someone check it out to see how it is working. Continue to keep a lookout and may need to fix as they come up. Keep up the communication on this.

4. Dredging at Brickle Creek – Jerry Peterson

No new news.

5. City Water Level monitoring system – Jerry Peterson

No new news.

New Business:

1. Annual Meeting Planning

A draft meeting task list was shared by Paul Sturm. The annual meeting date is August 10th and Timberlake High School is confirmed. A few highlights:

- For simplicity keep the prepackaged granola bars.
- Send a save the date email/text/Facebook blurb 1 week before.
- Amy Anderson with the Selkirk Conservation Alliance is confirmed for 15 minutes.

2. Director announcements/comments for good of the order

The Marine deputies appreciated the signs at the boat launches. Consider hanging a relator ox on the sign posts at the launches with an education flyer that is created.

3. Next meeting date will be in August/September. No official meeting is scheduled before the annual meeting on August 10th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Paul Sturm. Jerry Peterson seconded. Motion carried. Time: 11:08 AM

Minutes submitted by Jane Clark.