



SLPOA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 10, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Timberlake High School, 5973 W HWY 54, Spirit Lake, ID 83869

Call to Order: Paul Sturm 10:05 AM

Board Members Present: Paul Sturm (President), Kurt Peterson (Vice-President), Jerry Peterson (Co-Treasurer), Linda Pendleton (Co-Treasurer), Jane Clark (Secretary), Brad Pendleton, Margie Wilke, Don Finney, Justin Morrison, Ron Largent, Dan Beha, Galen Beem

Advisory Board Members Present: Carol Capra, Doug Freeland, Randy Hurst, Sid Wurzburg

Absent: Ed Niblock, Dustin Thiers

LOCAL LAKE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Selkirk Conservation Alliance – Amy Anderson

Covers the south Selkirk Mountain range. Amy Anderson is the only paid employee on the Selkirk Conservation Alliance (SCA). Water and education focused. The SCA advocacy area is 2755 square miles. Scientific research program includes a Priest Basin stream water quality program started in 2019 with collection of temperature and dissolved oxygen at monitoring sites. Water quality data is collected on 17 streams with data reported to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and local tribes. More information can be found on the SCA website: <https://scawild.org>
Amy's presentation will be posted to the website.

Sheriffs Office & Marine Patrol – Sargent Ryan Miller

Great year on water and land. 3rd year on water with no vessel deaths or major incidents. Scams are rampant- be vigilant and have conversations with family to not send money to people you don't know or give access to accounts on computer. A boater education card is available by taking a 6-8 hour class. It is not mandated in Idaho but is accepted in other states. The marine patrol doesn't let people know when they are on the lake. Call when you see things suspicious. Please send questions and pictures to e-mail at rmiller@kcus.gov
Reiterated that the County Commissioners make the boating ordinances.

Spirit Lake Mayor – Jeremy Copperthwaite

Additional sewer lines are in design with 160 acres to be built into the system. Comprehensive plan is wrapping up. Moving forward with a traffic study. There have been a lot of complaints/concerns with law enforcement response times around the lake. It is Kootenai County jurisdiction at the bridge and boat launch including the rec center. Fireside Park is in the City of Spirit Lake.

Inland Empire Paper Company – Paul Buckland

Paul is a Forest Resources Manager for IEP. Robin, Evan and Scott also joined Paul. IEP owns 120,000 acres total, 60,000 acres between Twin Lakes and Spirit Lake. Approximately 15 million board feet/year are harvested with approximately 400,000 trees/year planted. It is currently a poor to moderate lumber market with less being harvested during poor markets. Not hauling down Brickle Creek right now, but a small job is planned for this fall/winter.
In the 4th year of a paired watershed study to look at the effectiveness of stream buffers during logging within 6 watersheds.

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IEP is still pursuing a conservation easement which will keep 41,000 acres as forest and not able to be developed. This easement is a long and complicated process and the earliest it may be executed is spring 2025. The first phase would be Brickle Creek properties.

A woods tour is scheduled departing from the Twin Lakes boat launch in September. A sign-up sheet is on the side table.

Invasive Species – Doug Freeland

In the 1990's there was 8,000-10,000 pounds of milfoil in the lake. It was treated with chemicals in 1998/1999 with hand removal techniques used since then. Much less has been found over the last several years. Currently there has been some milfoil located and removed to the south of the sandbar near Brickle Creek. If you see any, let Doug (208-755-0800) or the SLPOA know through the website. Curley leaf pondweed is an invasive plant- Spirit Lake doesn't have it and we don't want it. Chinese mystery snails – these are located all over the United States. They eat algae which helps the lake look cleaner, but they have massive die-off's and can stink. Remove them from the lake if possible. North American River Otter- native otters with 12-15 spotted around the lake. The river otters keep the snail population down and eat geese and sunfish. They can be aggressive if provoked. Zebra and Quagga mussels – most potentially damaging to the lake. We don't want them!

SLPOA BUSINESS MEETING

The business portion of the meeting began at 11:15am. Paul introduced the Board Members.

Approve 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the August 12, 2023 meeting minutes as presented was made by Tom O'Laughlin. Justin Morrison seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Current Treasures Report

Jerry Peterson provided a balance sheet and profit and loss report for the treasurer's report. From August 2023 to July 2024 an income of \$14,700 was collected with consisted of \$200 for lake cleanup, \$10,330 in dues and \$4,240 in general fund income. Expenses of \$16,030. Income/expense=-\$1,260
General fund balance as of 7/31/2024 = \$32,648
Tom O'Laughlin moved to approve the Treasures Report, Tim Calberg seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Update

470+ property owners/members.

2022: 272 paid

2023: 226 paid

2024: 206 paid

We need to expand our membership. Please talk to your neighbors!

Weir Project

The weir is working! \$215,673 raised through donations. \$222,500 was the final weir cost. The City of Spirit Lake assisted with \$7,000 in engineering fees!

Sink Holes

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One sink hole was repaired in 2023 at a cost of \$2,300. Another one has been identified just south of the repaired sink hole. These are in the vicinity of the main public launch and appear to be 16" wooden wire wound pipes that are rotting, buried 5'-6' deep causing water to drain through them. Please be vigilant and contact the SLPOA if you see one.

Water Quality Monitoring

2023 had higher oxygen levels in the mid water column probably caused by lower temperatures in the same region. There were slightly better oxygen levels this year at the lowest levels. Visibility was 6 meters for June & July in 2023. This went from 5 meters to 7 meters this year which is very good clarity. 6 meters is considered good for Spirit Lake.

Brickle Creek

No activity in 2023/2024.

Communication

Big push to improve communication in 2024. Dan Beha introduced himself and shared that the SLPOA is hoping to communicate more effectively and decrease costs of communication by using texts and getting more property owners to join the SLPOA.

Boat Wakes/Erosion

Ron Largent spoke on the subcommittee that has been formed to look at the effects of boat wakes. Education is a big component. The surf boat waves damage docks and cause erosion, can transfer invasive species since the bladders don't fully empty, and the prop wash to create the surf wakes can extend 20'-30' downward. It is a 300' county regulation of excessive wakes. New signage has been installed at 3 boat launches. The plan is to continue to research and educate with signs and brochures.

Board of Directors Nominations & Elections

Five directors were appointed by the Board in 2024 and must be approved by the members and three directors were termed-out and nominated by the Board for reelection. These positions are:

Dan Beha
Margie Wilke
Justin Morrison
Ed Niblock
Gallen Beem
Paul Sturm
Linda Pendleton
Jerry Peterson

Motion was made by Don Barlow, seconded by Sid Wurzburg that we vote to have these 8 members become members on the SLPOA Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous with no objections.

One Board member position is open. If interested reach out to any of the Board members and you will be invited to observe, interview and be interviewed by the Board of directors at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08pm.

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Minutes submitted by Jane Clark.

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**



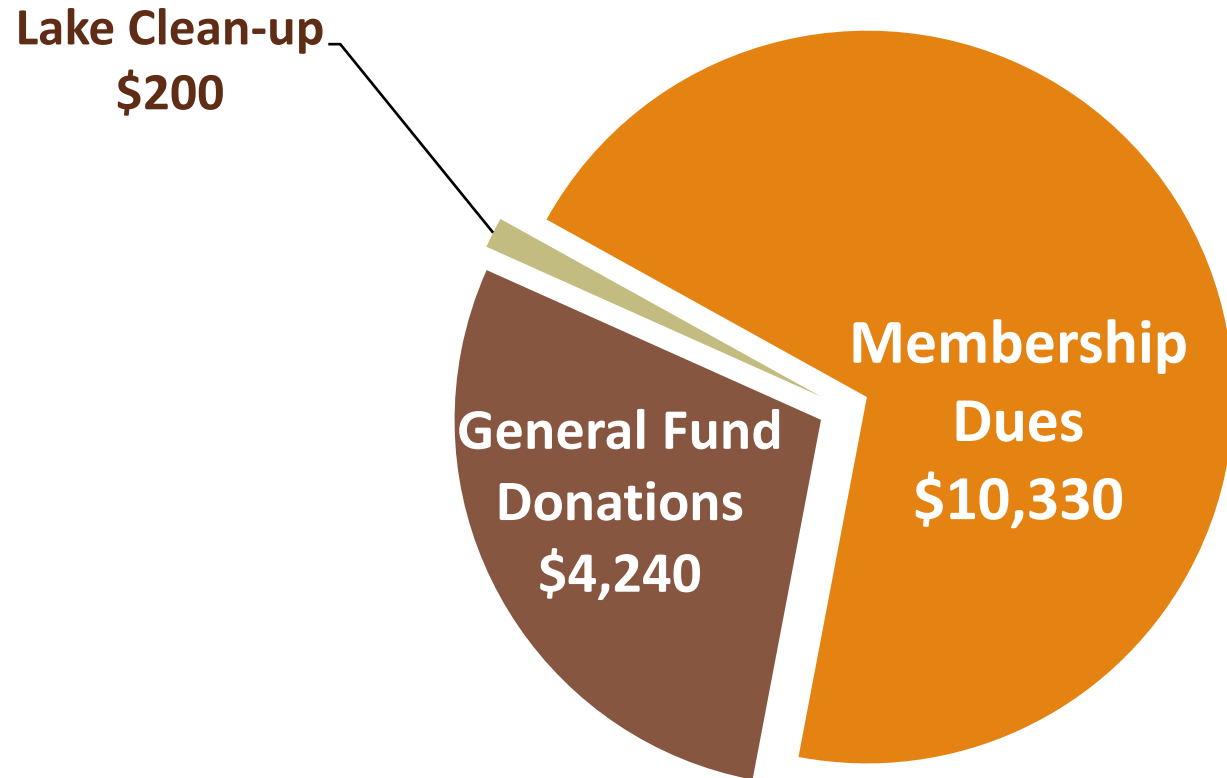
2024 Treasurers' Report

Jerry Peterson and Linda Pendleton



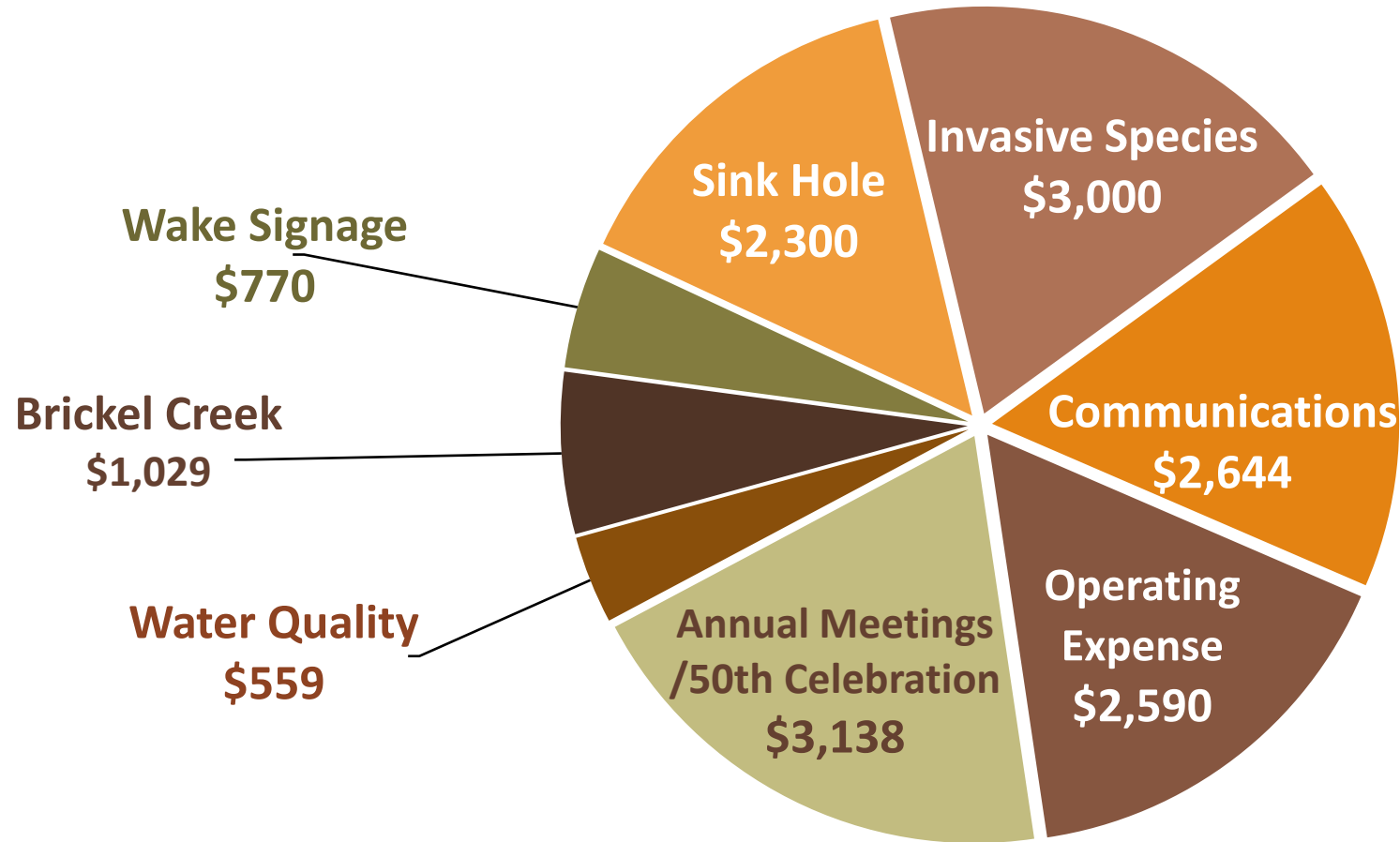
Aug 2023 – July 2024 Income

\$14,700



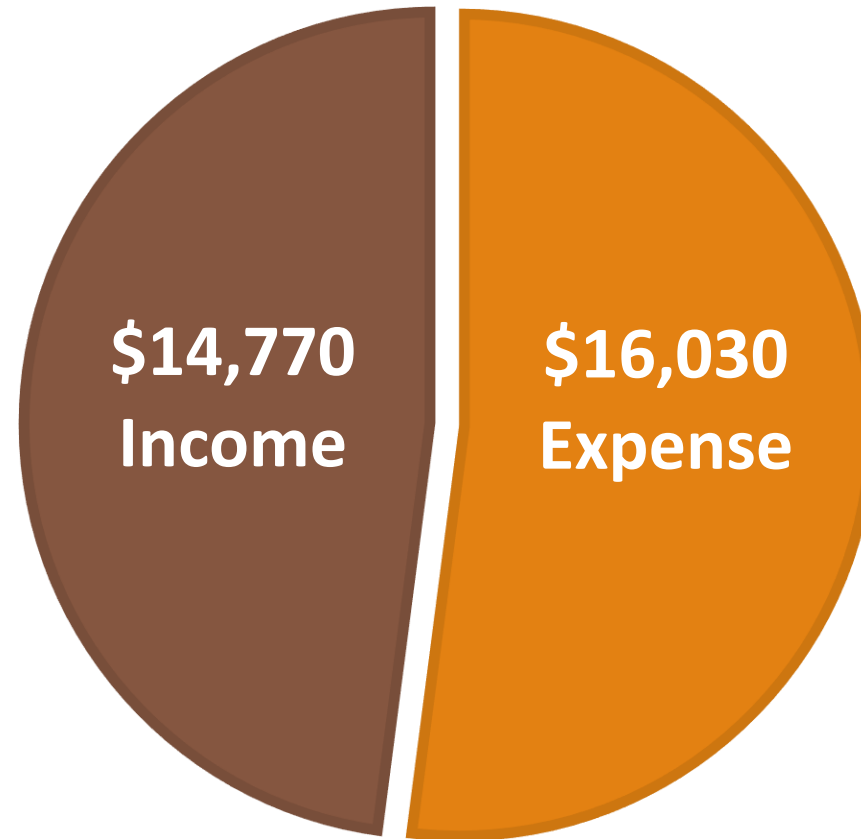
Aug 2023 – July 2024 Expense

\$16,030

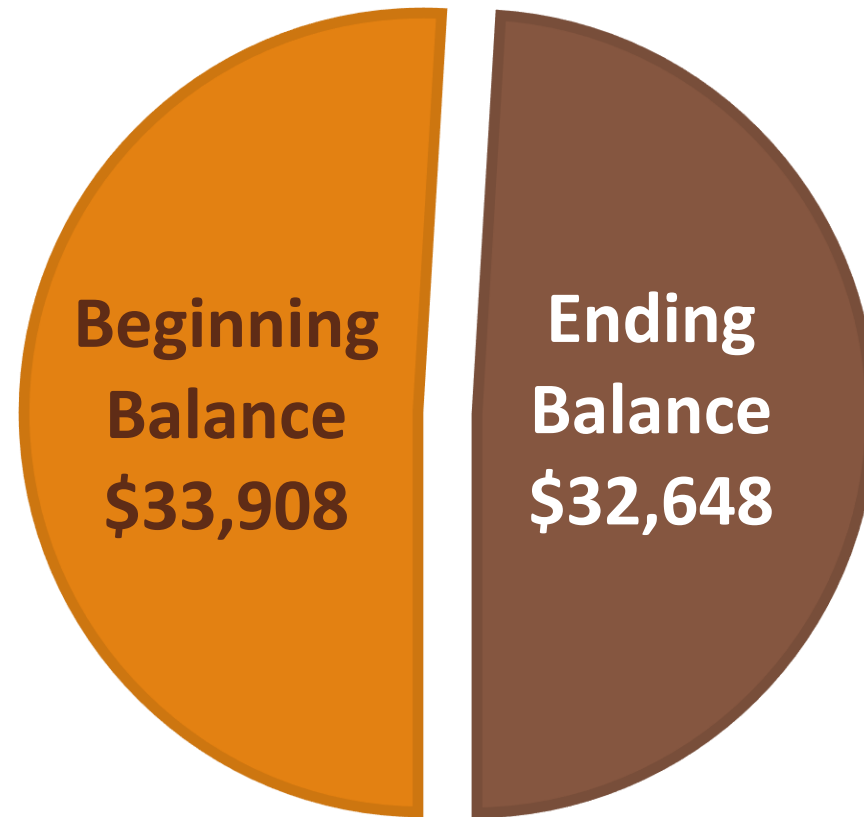


Income / Expense

(-\$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**

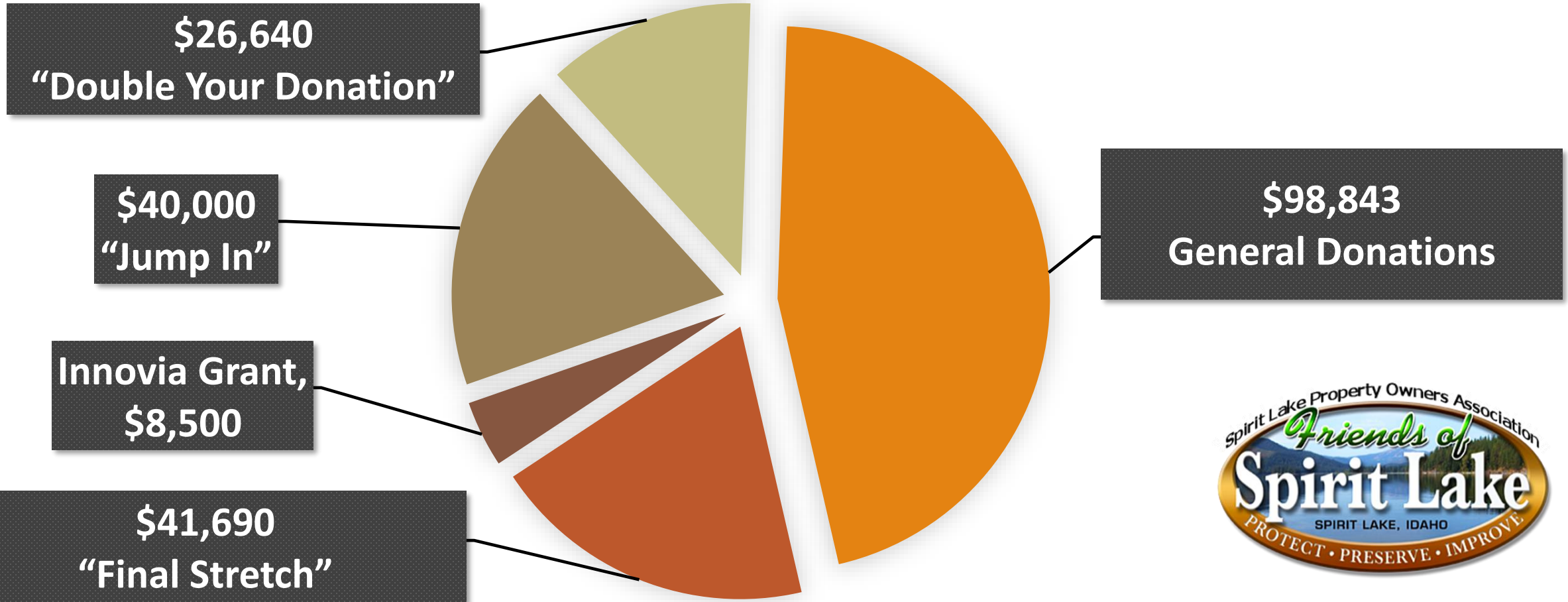
Tested by Nature

April 2024



Weir Funding (2019-2023)

\$215,673



Final Weir Cost

\$222,500



Weir

August 4, 2024



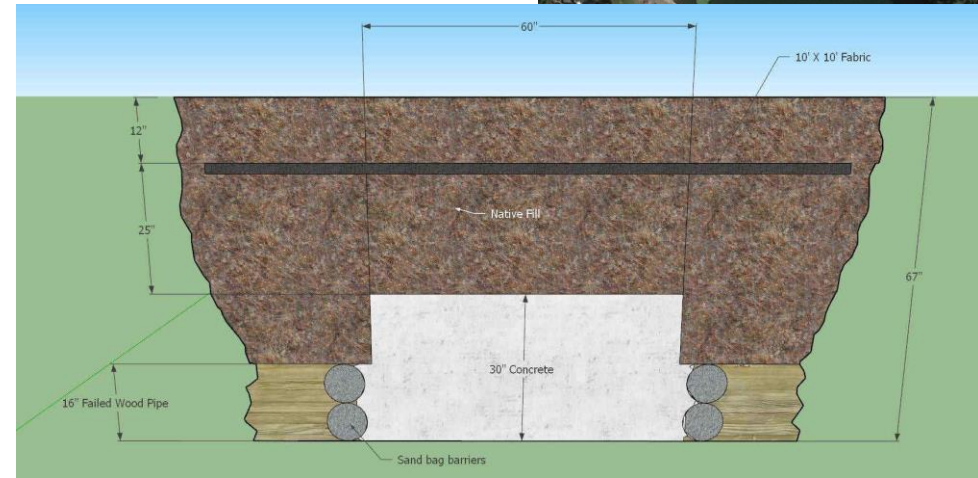
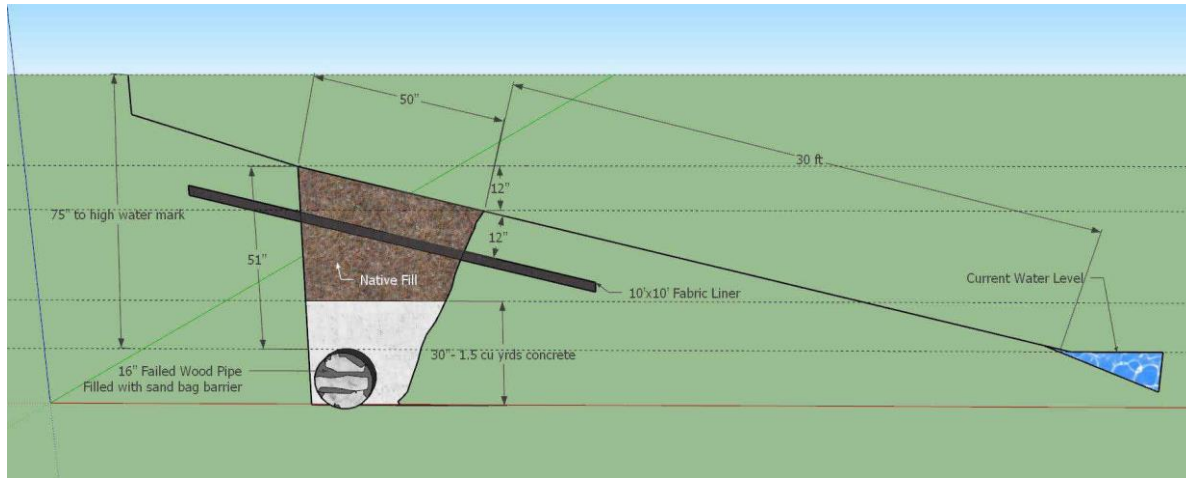
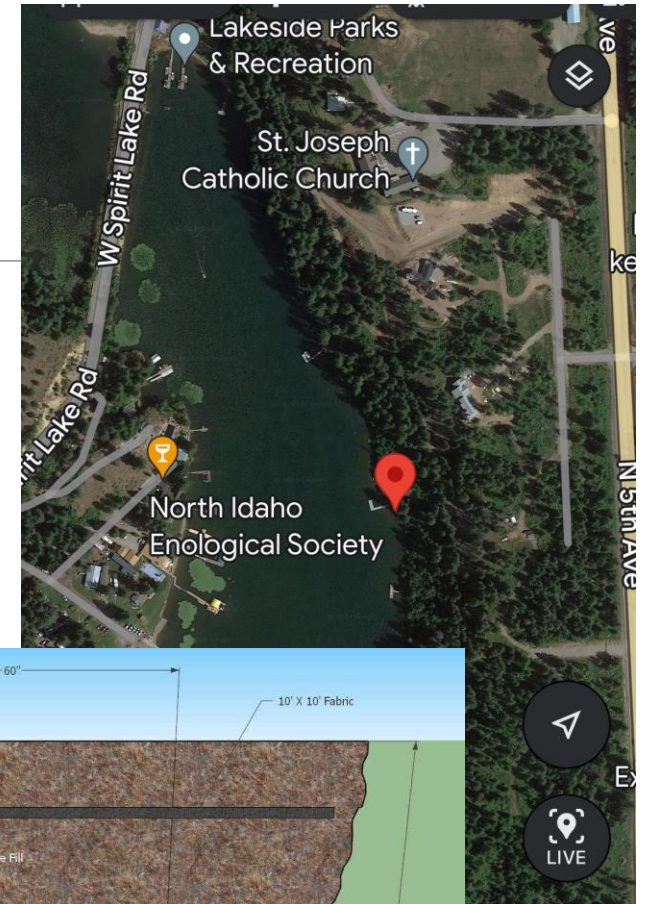
Progress Report for 2023 Strategic Plan Action Items (Cont.)

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

Monthly Water Sampling

Water Level

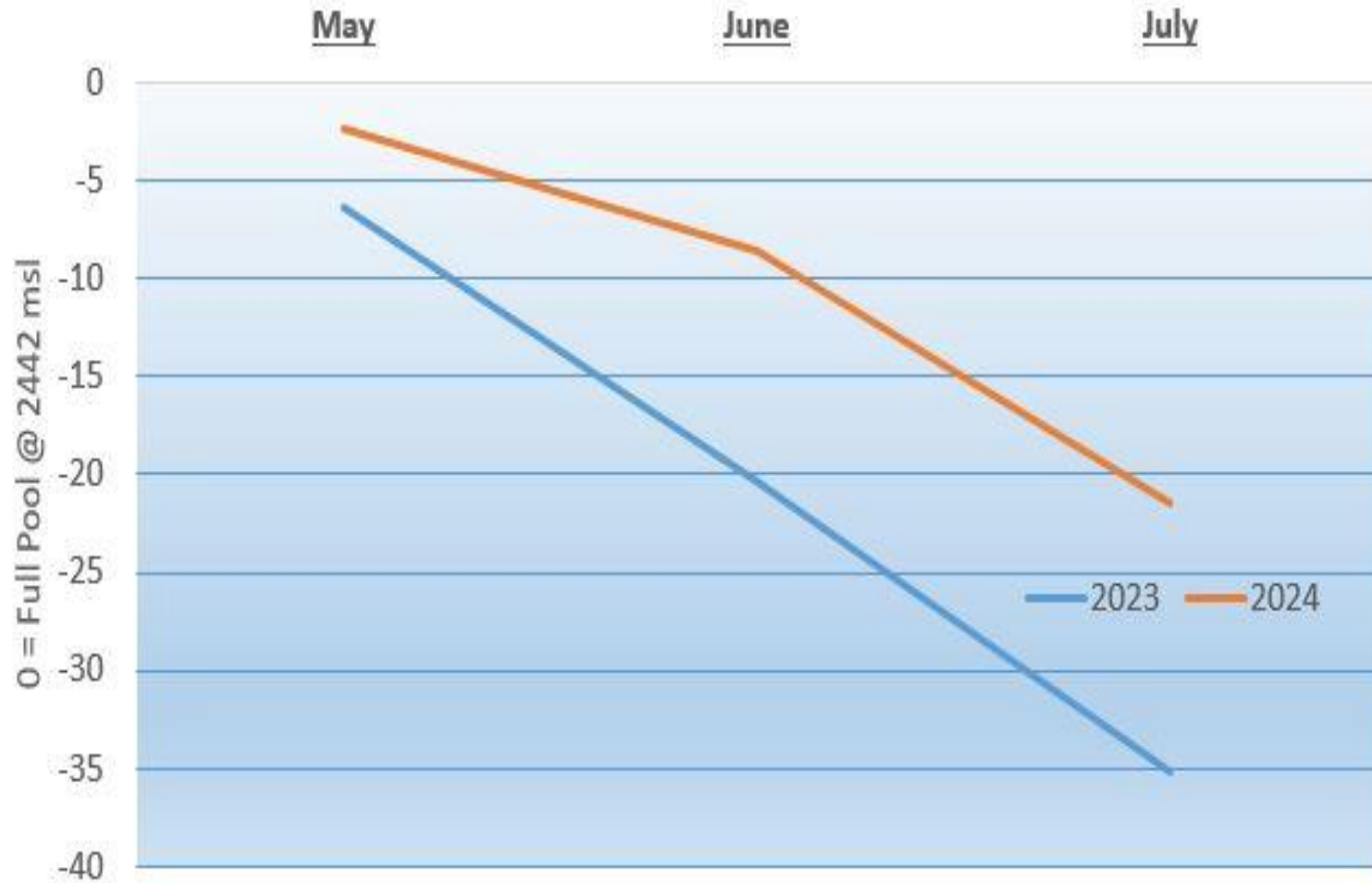
Sink Hole Repair and New Discovery



Sink Hole Repaired

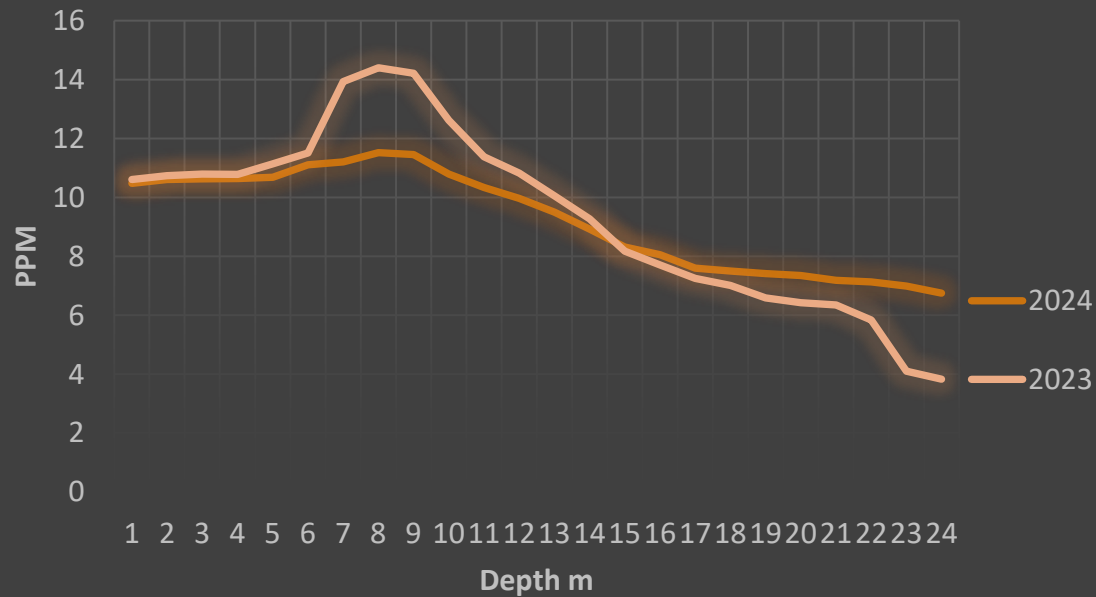


2023 v.s. 2024 Water Level Trend

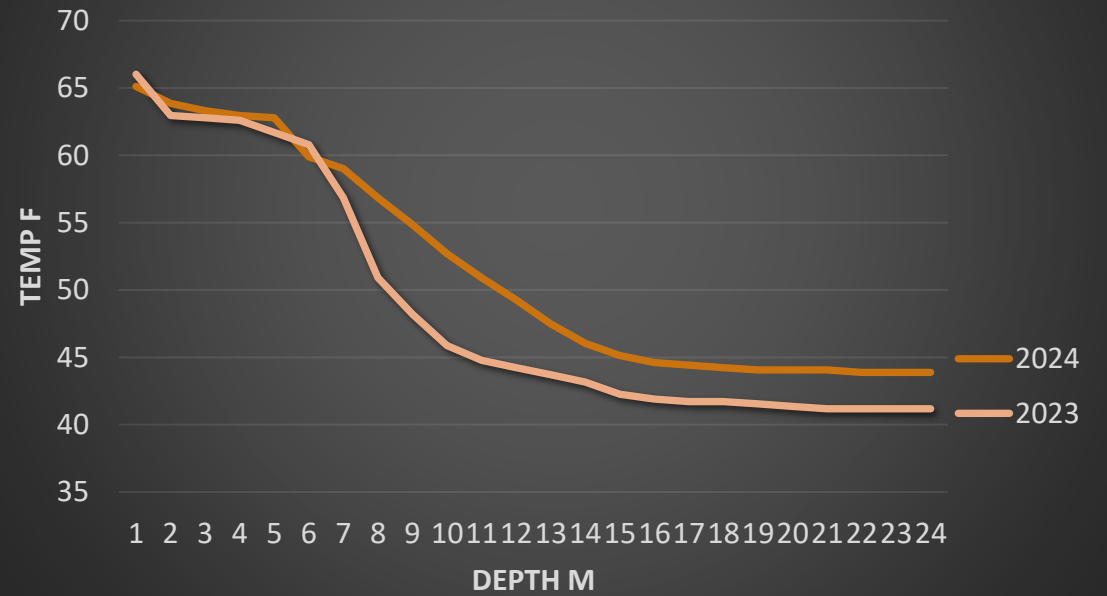


Water Monitoring 2023 vs 2024

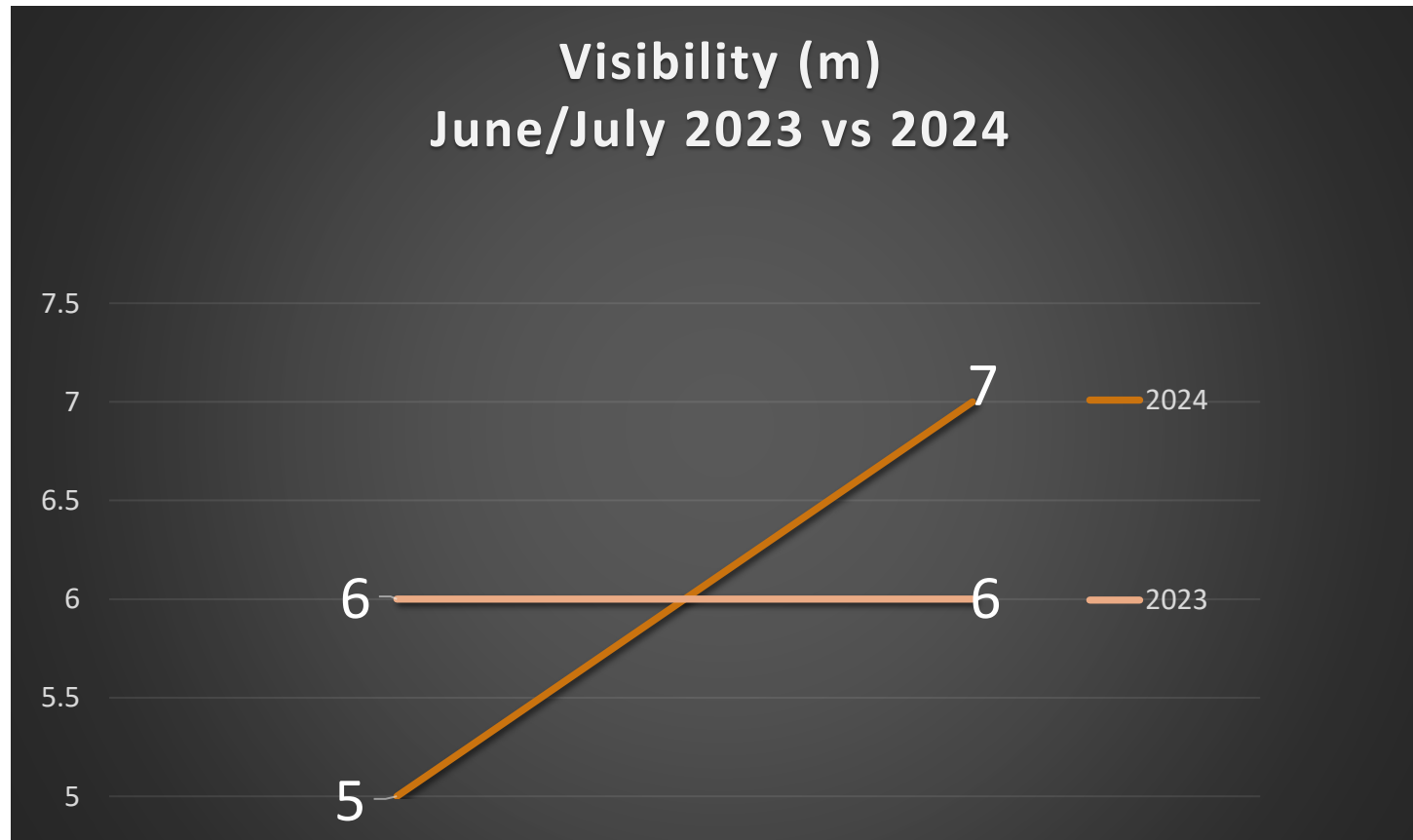
Disolved Oxygen



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)**

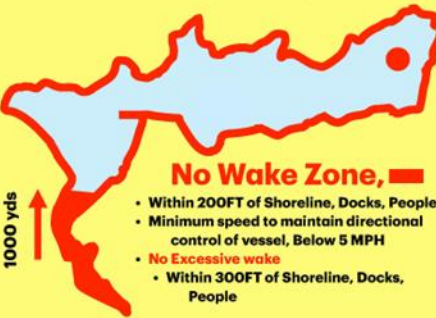
Progress Report for 2023 Strategic Plan Action Items (Cont.)

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!**

