

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** September 14, 2024

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

**Location:** Sturms, 7325 W Commander Ct, Spirit Lake, ID 83869

## **Call to Order: Paul Sturm 10:05 AM**

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

**By Zoom:** Ron Largent, Carol Capra

**Absent:** Galen Beem, Brad Pendleton, Justin Morrison

**Guest:** Tod Kiblen

## **Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

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

## **Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the June 1, 2024 and August 13, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Jerry Peterson. Linda Pendleton seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Kurt Peterson will post the minutes and annual meeting presentation to the website.

## **Current Treasures Report**

Jerry Peterson provided a balance sheet and profit and loss report for the treasurer's report. \$2,127.37 is in checking and \$31,598.61 is in savings for a total of \$33,725.98 in the bank. Dues income is \$9,001.15 with \$2.11 earned in interest. Other income including donations to the general fund has resulted in an additional income of \$4,321.66.

The largest expenses have been the newsletters at \$1,357.34 and \$1,029.50 for the Brickle Creek check reissuance to Chris Hardy. There will be an upcoming cost for repair of a new sinkhole. Currently the total expenses are \$6,727.49 with a net income of \$6,597.43.

Currently there are approximately 470 property owners on the lake, with 206 paid members in 2024, 226 in 2023, and 272 in 2022.

Six new members joined at the annual meeting.

Only one person has donated for the erosion/wake category so far. All other additional contributions have been to the general fund.

Jerry Peterson will look into a savings account to earn 4%-5% interest.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jane Clark. Ed Niblock seconded. There was no more discussion. Motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Review Annual Meeting**

Paul Sturm kept the annual meeting the same as past annual meetings for ease. It was noted that there were many repetitive reports from previous years.

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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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Dan Beha suggested doing a panel for next year's annual meeting using social media and the website for questions and using a panel at the annual meeting to answer these questions.

## 2. Progress Reports on Strategic Plan Items

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

Jerry Peterson noted that water quality monitoring has been and will continue to be monitored monthly. The secchi (water visibility) dropped to 5 meters in August, down from 7 meters in July.

It was noted to see if the day of the week (more/less boat activity) and temperature have any correlation to the visibility.

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

No new updates at this time.

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

See new business.

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

This has been completed thanks to Karen Cowans persistence and determination.

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

Dustin Thiers noted that he has removed 3-4 docks and has a few logs left to remove (all private pay). Dustin doesn't think there is enough debris at this point to warrant a major cleanup effort.

Communication points for dock removal and cleanup can be a newsletter item to consider.

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

See new business.

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

No new news. This objective stems from the fact that there is not enough flow through the bridge causing sediment buildup at the public launch and into the lake. A study is needed to look into alternatives.

## 3. Committee Reports

- **Membership Activities**

See new business.

- **Website/Social Media Committee**

The website is doing good. Texting is going well. \$78.38 for text messages so far is very reasonable pricing for getting communication out.

- **Wake-boats/Erosion**

See new business.

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## 4. Sink-hole repair- Jerry Peterson

Jerry Peterson noted that there is a new sink-hole a few hundred feet away from last years sink-hole. The Department of Lands has been notified. An emergency permit application has been submitted and a regular permit application to cover both emergency permits will follow. A regular permit typically covers two years. The Department of Lands wants to see that the repairs are working.

Jerry has talked with a concrete guy who noted that concrete is not an effective repair to try to fix the holes at one time. Pumping the concrete down the pipe will work, but pumping up the pipe in elevation wouldn't be feasible. At this point it is best to fix the sink-holes as they happen and are found.

## 5. City Water Level monitoring system – Jerry Peterson

The monitoring system will be mounted to the east headwall of the weir structure. A stilling well will be installed to measure the water elevation. The goal is that the data collected will be measuring the amount of water Spirit Lake is discharging into the aquafer. Jerry will reach out to Kevin the engineer to see about adding the data to the website.

## 6. Newsletter October

- a. Notice of 2025 dues requested in January 2025, invoice will be mailed.
- b. Recap Annual meeting, board director elections – Short article directing readers to the website for minutes and power point presentation.
- c. Board officer elections/new member appointment
- d. Lake quality data, no HABs this year
- e. Other content from directors – lake cleanup (maybe for spring when fresh in minds), water level monitoring system update

## New Business:

### 1. Officer Elections – Officers to be elected annual after the Annual Meeting

- a. President – Paul Sturm
- b. Vice President – Dan Beha
- c. Secretary – Jane Clark
- d. Treasurer – Jerry Peterson & Linda Pendleton

Jerry Peterson made a motion to elect officers as presented above. Ed Niblock seconded. Motion carried.

### 2. Brickel Creek restoration (bridge damage)

Jerry discussed the erosion at the new bridge due to cattle. Chris Hardey is proposing to stabilize the fill slope of the bridge with wood log barriers, terraced with straw waddles and seeded and planted. This bridge was built in 2023 due to the collapse of the previous bridge. \$3,000 and volunteers are needed. Chris is proposing work to take place the first week in October (although it may be later in October). Dan Beha made a motion to approve the Board spend \$3,000 as this is in direct alignment with the SLPOA mission. Jerry Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion took place about a comprehensive plan for Brickel Creek to determine what all should be done potentially in phases. Jerry will talk with Chris about this plan.

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It was noted that the land owner of the land leases the land out to for the grazing of the cattle and maybe the land owner should contribute in some manner for this erosion repair. Jerry will reach out to the land owner.

### 3. “Little” Lakes Alliance

A meeting is scheduled in 1.5 weeks. Jerry Peterson is in touch with Todd at DEQ.

### 4. Membership Activities

#### a. Membership drive

Big push to get cellphones for text messages. Need first and last name and cell phone number. Jerry Peterson will put together a list of who we do and don't have cell numbers for.

#### b. Poker Run

The goal is to build community. The idea is folks go to 4-5 large docks between say 11am to 2pm, visit over food/drinks and get a card, and end at Sedlmayers. Signup to do the poker run on the website and Facebook. A silent auction can also be part of the fun. Look at holding the poker run 1-2 weeks before the annual meeting.

#### c. Fundraising-Business advertising

Dan has shared that he is hearing a lot of pushback from businesses to manage the frequency of advertising on Facebook. He proposed adding an Advertising Membership which would include an advertisement on the website and two advertisements a month on Facebook. This would membership would be \$100. A non-advertising membership would be \$40 with no advertising.

Dan made a motion to create a \$100 yearly membership for an advertising member allowing two Facebook advertisements a month and one website advertising post per year rotating on the website. Ed Niblock seconded. Motion carried.

### 5. Website/Social Media Committee

#### a. Member collaboration

Dan Beha shared ways to give back to the community such as picking up trash, marking trails, etc.

#### b. Facebook groups

Discussion on creating subgroups within Facebook such as a kayaking group, an ORV group, a hiking group, and a biking group. The concept is to build community with extracurricular activities in/around the lake. A link can be put on the website to these Facebook groups.

### 6. Large Wakes/Erosion committee

#### a. New flyers

As a committee, a double sided flyer has been designed. The front of the flyer consists of the boat launch signage and the back has an image of the effects of the large wakes and wakeboats. It was recommended to add a QR code to the website. A quote from Walts Printing (who prints and sends the SLPOA newsletters) said 300-500 double sided copies in color would be \$200. Paul Sturm made a motion to move forward with the flyers using the most economical option up to \$250. Dan Beha seconded. Motion carried.

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**7. Conversation with nominated board director, Tod Kiblen**

Tod grew up in Moscow and his parents met in Spirit Lake. His family has been in the Spirit Lake area since 1915 and has had a lake place since the 1930's. He retired 10-12 years ago and spends 40%-50% of his time in Spirit Lake. His wife is from the Lewiston area and he has many grandkids. He thinks of himself as a people person. He feels it is time to help for the good of the lake and would like to give his time back to the lake.

**Executive Session: Board Director appointment discussion**

Tod has good communication, a long business background and a passion for the lake. Dan Beha made a motion to consider Tod Kiblen for a Board director position. Margie Wilke seconded the motion. No opposed. Motion carried.

**8. Reconvene Business Meeting: Board Director appointment**

Tod Kiblen was told he is now a Board director.

**9. Director announcements/comments for the good of the order – Items for next board meeting**

None.

**10. Next meeting date: January 18, 2025 at 10am. Location TBD.**

The meeting ended at 12:32 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jane Clark.