

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Date: January 18, 2025 – Meeting time: 9:30 – Noon

Location: Dan Beha's and Zoom

Attending: Paul Sturm, Dan Beha, Linda Pendleton, Jerry Peterson, Margie Wilke, Brad Pendleton, Justin Morrison, Jane Clark, Dustin Thiers, Ed Niblock, Don Finney, Kurt Peterson, Ron Largent, Galen Beem, Tod Kiblen, Carol Capra

Absent Excused: Justin Morrison, Jane Clark

Call to Order: Paul Sturm at 9:30 AM

Assign notes taker: Galen Beem took notes

Introduction of guests: None

Approve Board Meeting Agenda – Approved

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Minutes September 14, 2024 – Approved with changes

Treasures Report – Jerry Peterson, Approved

Checking: \$8365.27

Savings: \$26,639.58

02/01/2024 – 01-/16/2025

Income: Dues \$10, 953

Income Earned: \$2.70

Other Income (donations): \$3849.43

Net Income: \$3502.83

Old Business:

1. Review Survey Results – observations, implications (2025 priorities)
2. Paul prepared and distributed a summary of results. The board discussed the survey results. All results are posted on the website and members were notified via text, email and Facebook. Key takeaways included 1: an emphasis on lake quality and conservation, 2) results regarding dues amount were mixed. It was suggested that we ask the members to vote on a motion to raise the dues to \$50 at the Annual Meeting, 3) comments were regarded as useful; however, some are beyond the authority or scope of the association to take action. Results were used throughout the meeting to inform the direction of board decisions.
3. Progress Reports – see committee reports and new business
 - Goal 2: Objective: 2.3 lake quality monitoring – Jerry Peterson, Margie Wilke, Jane Clark
 - a. Jerry reported that the lake samples have been submitted to DEQ for analysis and results
 - Goal 3: Objective 3.2 invasive plant and animal species – Assign board liaison
 - a. No report
 - Goal 3: Objective 3.1 Action Step 3.1.1 Brickel Creek
 - a. Margie has done some research and will report under new business
 - Goal 2: Objective: 2.1 weir project – Completed
 - Goal 1: Objective: 1.1 lake cleanup – Kurt Peterson/Ron Largent/Dustin Thiel
 - a. No report
 - Goal 3: Objective 3.3 Shore erosion/property damage/wake boats
 - a. Ron and Jerry will report under old business
 - Goal 2: Objective: 2.4 Causeway study
 - a. No report

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4. Committee Reports

- a. Business memberships, Poker run, Facebook groups – Dan Beha reported that small businesses found that the \$100 membership fee was too high for most to participate in order to post advertising. He will continue to work with the businesses to try to find an acceptable way to promote businesses while managing advertising especially on Facebook. Dan decided to cancel plans for a poker run event due to feedback from the member survey. He also reported that there is a good amount of Facebook activity on the group sites especially the kayaking page. There are three groups: hiking, side-by-side and kayaking. It was suggested that a biking group be added.
- b. Facebook (managing advertising) – Ed Niblock Reported that he has taken down the Between Two Buns postings on Facebook because they were over-using our site to the distraction of our messaging. Dan will contact them in the spring and see if he can work out an acceptable level of posting on our page.
- c. Website – Kurt Peterson reported that our web administrator has been helpful and responsive. Needed updates include: adding new board members with pictures, 2) suggestion to add brief bio of each board member 3) post the corrected September 2024 minutes.
- d. Wake-boats and erosion (flyers/distribution) – Ron Largent and Jerry Peterson reported that flyers will be printed this spring to place on windshields. Jerry will build boxes to place the flyers at the SLPOA signs. Margie will develop a QR code to place on the flyers before printing. Brad volunteered to hand flyers to boaters on busy weekend days during the summer months. Margie volunteered to monitor the posted QR code to make sure it is not corrupted. Margie also agreed to monitor discarded flyers at the boat launch.

5. Newsletter April – Paul Sturm asked board members to submit content for the newsletter. No need to write the article if you simply provide information/bullet points, etc., he will write the narrative for the newsletter.

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| a. Board Report (January board meeting and survey; 2025 priorities) | d. Business/City spotlight |
| b. Lake Data: lake level, precipitation, snow pack | e. New Board Member Tod Kiblen (picture, update website) |
| c. Conservation spotlight – Ash on the beach | f. Other items |

New Business:

1. Spirit Lake Community Coalition – There was discussion about the potential to work with this group to the benefit of both. Galen agreed to attend with Paul as backup when he is out of town.
2. North Idaho “Little Lakes” Coalition – Paul Sturm and Jerry Peterson reported that DEQ is facilitating discussions with small lake representatives in North Idaho with the intention of forming this coalition. It could be useful to SLPOA in sharing ideas/resources among similar lakes and potentially amplify our voice in advocating for issues facing small lakes. This idea was discussed among the members of the Wake Boat Erosion committee over the past year.
3. Future Brickel Creek restoration projects – Margie Willke reported that she has made contacts with a forester who made suggestions about mitigating the erosion of Brickel Creek. It was discussed that any action will have to be planned, likely with the help of a hydrologist, coordinated with the property owner and permits obtained through the Dept. of Lands. Margie will continue to attempt to make contact with local groups that have accomplished similar work. This could be an advantage of participating with a small lakes coalition should it be formed. Margie shared some maps she found of the head of the lake and Brickel Creek showing how the path of the creek was straightened and moved to the north. It is presumed the purpose of modifying the creek was to increase the flow of water into the lake during a time in the lake 1980s and 1990s during draught and millpond leakage lowered the lake level dramatically. It also served to reduce flooding of the meadows around Brickel Creek in order to graze cattle.

The board reviewed SLPOA projects over the past decade that include repairing areas where cattle have damaged riparian areas along the creek shore, creating small water diversions to slow the flow, and reducing erosion and provided fish spawning habitat. Along with the property owner, SLPOA have developed low impact access for cattle to obtain water without further entering the creek and damaging the riparian shoreline of the creek. Considerable work is needed in order to reduce the further canyoning of the creek and preserving the existing wetlands. The wetlands filter nutrients from entering the lake that can cause hazardous algae blooms. In addition, the wetlands retain water that is released during the late dry part of the summer, helping keep the water level

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more stable. There is a great deal of work needed to restore the natural functioning of the wetlands and stream flow to mitigate impacts on the lake such as sediment buildup that has been most noted at the mouth of Brickel Creek.

4. Annual Meeting 2025 Planning
 - a. It was suggested that we proceed with changes to the Annual meeting. Jerry Dan and Paul along with any other board member who would be willing will draft a plan. The idea is to eliminate the 5-minute reports and replace with panel discussion addressing topics and questions identified by the SLPOA members. A theme (related to lake conservation) needs to be established, panel members contacted and confirmed, and topics for the panel gathered from SLPOA members. Directors will be asked to assist with these tasks.
 - b. Jennifer Ekstrom of Idaho Conservation League has been contacted (no reply yet). Bob Steed of DEQ has confirmed his participation.
 - c. It was suggested that we develop a fun and fundraising activity. It was suggested that we consider having a 50-50 (or similar) raffle between 9:00 and 10:00 AM and then award the winner(s) at the end of the meeting (incentive to remain for the whole meeting). A committee of Diane Rinck, Stephanie Beha and Nadine Sturm was suggested to plan the raffle.
 - d. Paul had contacted Lakeland School District and has a preliminary reservation for Timberlake High School on August 9, 2025 for the Annual Meeting
5. Director announcements/comments for the good of the order – Items for next board meeting
 - a. Bios for board directors in website
 - b. Update board director contact information
 - c. Thank you, Dan and Stephanie, for hosting the meeting at your home
 - d. Thank you, Galen, for taking notes
 - e. Thank you, Dan, for running the technology
6. Next meeting date: April 26, 2025 9:30 AM to Noon, location TBD perhaps Sedlemyers or Margie has offered to host at her place.
7. Adjourn Business Meeting Approximately 12:10 PM