BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Strategic Plan - https://friendsofspiritlake.com/images/sitepics/Strategic_Plan_v2_Sept2022.pdf
Goal One: Improve safe recreational opportunities for the community of Spirit Lake and the surrounding areas
Goal Two: Mitigate environmental impact: improve water clarity and flow and prevent and manage potential flooding

Date: July 25, 2026 – Meeting time: 10:00 – Noon
Location: Spirit Lake Museum, 6th and Jefferson and Zoom

Board Members: Galen Beem, Jane Clark, Dan Beha, Rob Brewster, Don Finney, Tod Kiblen, Tim King, Ron Largent, Justin Morrison, Ed Niblock, Dustin Thiers, Kurt Peterson, Jerry Peterson, Paul Sturm, Margie Wilke

Advisors: Carol Capra, Doug Freeland, Randy Hurst, Brad Pendleton, Linda Pendleton, Wyatt Brown

Attending: Galen Beem, Jane Clark, Dan Beha, Tod Kiblen, Tim King, Ed Niblock, Dustin Thiers, Jerry Peterson, Paul Sturm, Margie Wilke, Rob Brewster, Carol Capra
Absent Excused: Ron Largent, Kurt Peterson, Don Finney

Call to Order: Paul Sturm 10:04am

Amend and Approve Board Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda was made by Jerry Peterson. Dan Beha seconded. There was no more discussion. Motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2026

A motion to approve the June 27 meeting minutes as written was made by Jerry Peterson. Dan Beha seconded. There was no more discussion. Motion carried.

Treasures Report

Jerry Peterson provided a balance sheet and income statement for the treasurer’s report. $47,003.01 in the bank. $10,076.29 of dues income has been collected with $4,642.41 of other income which is donations over and above the $40 dues amount has also been collected. $318.56 of interest has been earned and a 2026 HIP Grant has been awarded for Brickel Creek planting. Expenses have totaled $4,887.73 with a net income of $11,649.53.

A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Galen Beem. Ed Niblock seconded. There was no more discussion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. **Committee Reports**
   a. Annual Meeting –
   Paul Sturm went through the slides and format for the annual meeting. It is undetermined if US Fish and Wildlife will attend the annual meeting. A brief update of the status of the Brickel Creek restoration. Consider adding a slide on the chemistry of the lake over the last 5-10 years. In regard to milfoil, planning to show the milfoil video featuring Doug Freeland. Planning to share the results of the recent survey. Over 75% of the respondents indicated they would like to be involved in a roundtable. It was determined to hold roundtable workshops next spring/early summer with a text/media signup at a later date. The results of the survey will be posted on the website.

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Ideas for the 50/50 raffle ticket sales included 1 ticket/$5, 3 tickets/$15, 5 tickets for $20, keeping it at intervals of $5.
Follow up with guest speakers on getting their slides and videos so presentations can be ready with/without internet just in case it is not available.
Set up between 8-9am the morning of the meeting. Jane Clark, Margie Wilke and Jerry Peterson will bring computers and help with check-in. During check-in ask if interested in workshop roundtables and obtain/confirm contact information. Send text and e-mail blast now and day before for meeting reminders. A comment box was discussed, but it was said that over the past several years, minimal if any comments were received from the boxes. A QR code at the end of the meeting or a post-meeting survey was suggested to focus on solutions. “We hear your problems, let’s hear your solutions” was a potential wording phrase.

b. Wake Boats/Erosion
   i. Missing buoy – A no wake buoy went missing in the millpond over the July 4th weekend. Looking for information to get it returned back to the lake.
   ii. North Idaho Small Waterways Coalition
      i. Ron’s report and referendum from Large Wakes Subcommittee – Ron Largent wrote up a summary from the large wakes subcommittee meeting. This was shared and discussed during the meeting. Enforcement appears limited due to insufficient evidence for prosecution.
      ii. Conversation and recommendations from Executive Director Parks and Waterways was shared during the meeting which suggested focusing on sensible solutions rather than extreme measures like banning all wake boats and highlighted the importance of environmental impact over safety concerns due to the lack of sheriff support. Rob Brewster suggested creating a system to track shoreline and property damage which will be a valuable way to document impacts of these wakes over time.
      iii. A July 30 meeting is scheduled with the small waterways coalition at the University of Idaho CDA location. Looking to invite wake surfers/wake boarders to attend.

c. Brickel Creek & Lake Studies
      i. Update on BC BDAs outlook – BDAs take years to do the intended purpose- it is not a quick fix to restore the wetland and create a meandering stream.
      ii. Message going forward – Any work on Brickel Creek will need to be well communicated and blessed by the property owner.

d. Next newsletter to be sent out in October (after officer elections).

e. A Water Quality Monitoring update will be shared at the annual meeting.

f. Membership/Fundraising – It was discussed to do a digital membership campaign for those interested in the lake and who want to be members. Discussion included ideas to rebrand from “Spirit Lake Property Owners” to “Friends of Spirit Lake” to be more inclusive of anyone who would like to join. Legal advice may be needed.

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g. Lake cleanup 2027 – Dustin Thiers discussed limited the lake cleanup to a non-dock cleanup with potentially a dock cleanup at a different date with a reduced rate. It was mentioned that there were new cleanup/dump companies in the area that might be interested in partnering as part of a marketing strategy, potentially even logging companies.

2. Joint Meeting with SLCC – It was a productive meeting to understand what each group did.

New Business:

1. Member Survey and/or Member Issues Workshop – This will be touched on in the annual meeting.
2. New bridge proposal – Jerry Peterson mentioned that he talked with the Lakes Highway District. The bridge replacement is a future project and is not high on the list.
3. SLPOA Board Calendar – It was discussed that having Board meeting dates set in advance would be beneficial for planning purposes. Paul Sturm will send out the dates to the group.
4. For the good of the order

Next meeting date: September 19, 2026

Adjourn Business Meeting

Paul Sturm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Beha seconded. The meeting ended at 11:48 PM.