

SLPOA Annual Meeting Saturday, August 12, 2023
Held at Spirit Lake High School

Those present: Karen Cowan, President, Paul Sturm, Vice-President, Co-Treasurer, Linda Pendleton, Brad Pendleton, Sid Wurzburg, Tony Brawner, Don Finney, Ron Largent, Appointed Members Justin/ & Jane. Advisory board members Carol Capra, Doug Freeland & Randy Hurst. Jerry Peterson, Treasurer & Kurt Peterson were unavailable to attend with approval from the board.

President Karen Cowan opened the meeting.

LOCAL LAKE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Local Water Quality & Invasive Species –Jerry Peterson, Sid Wurzburg & Doug Freeland

Knapweed is thriving with the wet spring and warm summer. Best way to control is to pull, bag and dispose of at the land fill. Some milfoil was found in front of Sedlmayer's Resort and removed.

Chinese Mystery Snails – Brought into the area in the 1880's from China; the first appeared in the last few years in Spirit Lake. Not a problem yet but Doug Freeland asked that we collect and dispose of them in the garbage. Can be useful in your garden and fish tanks.

Doug Freeland reported that he has found Eurasian Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) South of Brickle Creek but none up into Brickle Creek.

Doug reported that we have a population of otters in Spirit Lake and he will contact Fish & Game to determine their numbers, etc.

Sink hole that might be an old water pipe about 6" below high water that measured 3' x 3' last year but has increased and allows 7-10 cubic feet of water minute when at high water

Idaho Department of Fish & Game – Carlos Camacho

Carlos unable to attend so the patrolman from Fish & Game gave us a phone number to call to report fishing violations, poaching, etc.

The HOT LINE: is 1-800-632-5999

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality – Kristin Lowell

Grateful for the SLPOA for keeping such a watchful eye on the environment and reporting any problems or concerns that arise such as algae bloom, milfoil, aquatic harmful species. Human and/or animal illness concerns need to be addressed with your physician and/or veterinarian. Pay attention to health advisory notices on the television, internet or newspaper. Local lab is available for water samples – DEQ Office phone number is 208-769-1422.

Inland Empire Paper Company – Paul Buckland & Robin Kirby

This is the 4th year of a 5 year water shed study along with the University of Idaho. They are logging south side in the Brickle Creek area of Spirit Lake. Not selling any of that land but doing a conservation easement, which will permanently keep 41,000 undeveloped acres (including Mt Spokane, Twin & Spirit Lake).

Forest Service Legacy Program website:

Hwy 41 south of Spirit Lake project, not selling property as rumored. The slash piles are being ground up and used for energy at the paper plant north of Spirit Lake.

Yes, we do replant with multiple species and rely on natural harvesting. After harvesting they replant within six – eighteen months; takes 5-6 years to see the impact of the replanting.

Will be doing a woods tour Friday, September 8th 10AM-2PM, from the Twin Lake boat launch. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby and Paul Buckland will contact you with details. 509-924-1911

Spirit Lake Mayor – Jeremy Copperthwaite

Spirit Lake Fire Department - Chief Debbie Carpenter

Fire danger: Chief Debbie reported that all three schools are set up for housing residents if an evacuation was necessary, we are currently in Stage 2 level. 520 homes are currently in a ready evacuation level. She reminded the group that there is no outside burning, including burn barrels, fire pits, etc.

Spirit Lake Police Department – Officer Moreland & Officer Evan

Have only Officer Moreland, at this time.

Applications for the force are available and they have 6 applicants.

Kootenai County Sheriff & Idaho State Patrol available for coverage.

Spirit Lake Marine Patrol

Sargent Ryan Miller shared that they are also shorthanded as they needed 14 deputies but only three qualified. Not only do they handle Marine Patrol but also recreational safety, back country rescues, for 18 lakes & 43 miles of river.

Questions were addressed regarding wake boats:

Must operate 300' from shore, on Spirit Lake it is a no wake zone 200' from shore or another boat or dock with a maximum wake of 4". Was suggested that we form an advisory board to be representatives with the Marine Patrol. **Marine Patrol email:** rmiller@kcus.gov

Dick McLandress made the motion that we make a sub committee to identify wake damage and send a letter to the county commissioners regarding those concerns, Barbara Daugherty seconded & motion passed unanimously. Need people to serve on this committee hopefully from our lake and surrounding lakes, sign up sheet will be on the Spirit Lake Website.

Causeway Study – This is an ongoing project and concern.

SLPOA BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes from 2022 SLPOA Annual Meeting: Motion was made that we approve the minutes as presented, seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report as follows:

Visual report was given and the actual written report will be filed with the minutes.

Weir Project and Membership Update

The MOU has been signed by the City of Spirit Lake, property owner Dave Simons & Spirit Lake Property Owners Association.

Now the permit process can proceed with Dept. of Lands, Army Corp of Engineers and Idaho Department of Engineers.

We did receive from Innovia Foundation a Grant of \$8500.00

Bids were received from three different companies and it was decided to go with Southwest Construction (Dave Simons) in the amount of \$171,000.00. Excavation has started on the project with a serpentine weir in place. SLPOA will continue to monitor lake levels.

Board of Directors Update, Nominations & Elections:

The entire board was introduced and each appointed board member give a little background on themselves and what they bring to our organization.

The current appointed members are:

Tony Brawner, Kurt Peterson, Ron Largent, Don Finney

Motion was made by Sid Wurzburg, seconded by Brad Pendleton that we vote to have these four members become members on the SLPOA Board of Directors. A voice vote was unanimous with no abstentions or objections. We would like to have two more members added to our board please make suggestions so we can contact them.

A report was given regarding the continuing Brickle Creek Project, that and the Strategic Plan will be on the website.

This is our 50th year as a property owners association and in celebration we are sponsoring a barbecue at Sedlmyer's this afternoon. See you at the celebration!

Meeting adjourned at 12:06pm

Special thanks to Leslie Wurzburg, Nadine Sturm, Dawn Carpenter,

Diane Rinck, Carol Capra, Edith Robles for all the help with set up, signing in members, collecting dues, etc.