

**SLPOA Mission:** *To develop the capacity within our community to provide a sustainable lake habitat that will allow all people who live, work and play within its environment an optimal North Idaho experience.*

## Dam Project Progress Report – *Jerry Peterson & Karen Cowan, SLPOA Board Directors*



The Spirit Lake dam replacement project is moving ahead, albeit more slowly than desired. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been finalized between SLPOA, the City of Spirit Lake, and property owner, Dave Simon. This MOU is a requirement of Department of Lands in order to accept permit applications for the

weir project. **Karen Cowan** and **Jerry Peterson** met with City of Spirit Lake officials in early September, 2022. All permits with Department of Lands, water rights and other permits are completed and in the hands of the City. The City of Spirit Lake will be the responsible party for the weir and as such must submit the permit applications.

Other fantastic news is that SLPOA members and friends have contributed generously. Most recently two more members pledged \$10,000 each to another matching fundraising challenge. Meeting this challenge will put the Dam Fund over the \$200,000 mark that we believe is sufficient to fully fund the project to completion. With everyone getting on board we can reach our goal of replacing the dam within the next year.



The picture at the right, taken this fall by **Kurt Peterson**, SLPOA Board Director, shows some of the obvious deterioration of the existing dam. In addition, the installation of the weir will eliminate the need to manually remove boards. It will take the guesswork out of regulating water flow and lake levels during high water spring runoff.

## Annual Meeting Report – *Paul Sturm, Board Director*

The SLPOA Annual Meeting was held At Timberlake High School on August 13, 2022. Approximately 150 people attended. There were a variety of reports from individuals with specific and important information about Spirit Lake. They included **Kristin Lowell** for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Officer **Bryce Compton** for Department of Fish and Game, **Paul Buckland** for Inland Empire Paper Company, Chief **Debbie Carpenter** for City of Spirit Lake Fire and Rescue, Corporal **James Windrem** for the Spirit Lake Police Department, and our own SLPOA board directors/Advisors **Karen Cowan**, **Doug Freeland** and **Jerry Peterson**. The report section of the meeting was followed with our annual general membership business meeting during which the treasurers report and minutes from the 2021 board meeting were approved. Four directors appointed during the past year were elected by the members including **Tony Brawner**, **Don Finney**, **Ron Largent** and **Kurt Peterson**. **Max Shiva** was nominated from the floor for a director position and approved by the membership. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.

## Board Appoints New Directors

At its September 10, 2022, board meeting the board appointed two new directors, **Jane Clark** and **Max Shiva**.

Jane is a civil engineer with Spokane County, has worked on Newman Lake aeration project, bridge studies regarding replacement or repair projects. She has been responsible for flood plain studies, has been a bridge inspector and recently promoted to Environmental & Water Protection for Spokane County. Jane is a member of the SLPOA. Her family has been on Spirit for years, originally in Lake Haven and now have property across the lake from Silver Beach.

Max recently joined SLPOA. He is a housing and land development contractor. He has work with the Corps of Engineers on bridge construction projects and currently develops 25-30 homes a year. Max recently purchased five acres near the mouth of Brickle Creek with a plan to develop a home for his family. He is a partner in the new ownership and development of Silver Beach Resort. Max says that he looks forward to serving as a board director with a special interest in helping with fund raising.

## Board Elects 2023 Officers

In September, the board of directors elected to retain the current officers: **Karen Cowan**, President; **Paul Sturm**, Vice President; **Linda Pendleton**, co-secretary/treasurer and **Jerry Peterson**, co-secretary/treasurer

## Board Highlights Sid Wurzburg — *Jerry Peterson, SLPOA Board Director*

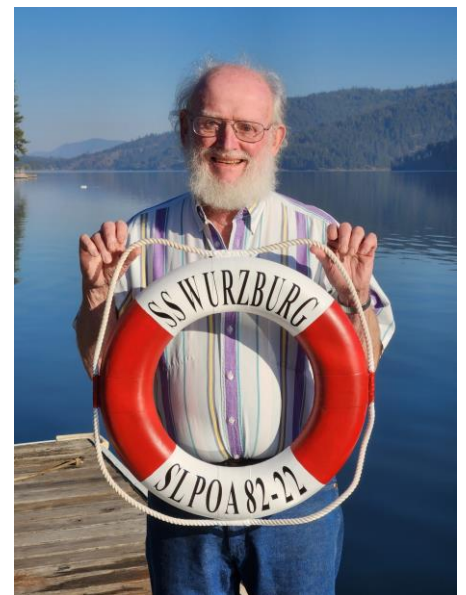
Long time SLPOA board director, **Sid Wurzburg**, has stepped down from the board and into an advisory position. Sid has been a mentor, inspiration and initiator of many of the accomplishments made by SLPOA over the years. His shoes will be impossible to fill. The rest of us will have to work hard to extend his legacy.

Sid purchased a small 2-bedroom cabin with a detached A-frame in Bronze Bay in 1976, then tore it down in 1998 and replaced it with a 2-story home. Then in 2000 he and his wife, Leslie, declared Spirit Lake as their permanent residence and never looked back. Leslie says "it was the best decision we ever made!"

Sid joined the SLPOA board in 1982, which puts him at 40 years working to support the environmental concerns of Spirit Lake. As a home owner pulling domestic water out of the lake, the appeal to join the board was to give him a voice to help preserve the quality of the lake. Sid has always had a strong interest and investment in the future of the lake, primarily the water quality and overdevelopment of the area.

During his time on the board, among many other contributions, he has been president one or more times, was instrumental in funding the Brickle Creek drainage study, the Water Quality study of Spirit Lake and single handedly established our 501c3 non-profit status. He has been our go to legal counsel. Sid will be continuing on the advisory board, taking water level measurements and posting them on the web site.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Sid Wurzburg and the support of his wife Leslie for all of their efforts and hard work! At the Annual Meeting, Jerry Peterson gave Sid a gift of an inscribed life preserver (see picture to the right) as a token of our appreciation.



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\$20,000 MATCHING DONATION CAMPAIGN  
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>>> IT'S A TEAM EFFORT <<<**



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**TWO OF OUR SLPOA MEMBERS HAVE PLEDGE \$10,000 EACH  
TOWARD A NEW MATCHING FUND CAMPAIGN**

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ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP**

**Donate online at [www.friendsofspiritlake.com](http://www.friendsofspiritlake.com)  
Or by mail at PO Box 363, Spirit Lake, ID 83869**

For other forms of contribution (stocks, bonds, etc.) contact Jerry Peterson at (208) 623-4050  
SLPOA is a 501c3 and your contributions may be tax deductible

**THE "FINAL STRETCH" WILL PUT US OVER THE FINISH LINE**

**The Weir Fund has over \$160,000 in the bank  
The goal is to raise at least \$200,000 to cover all contingencies**

**With the \$20K matching donation there is the opportunity to raise \$40,000 and  
PULL US OVER THAT LINE**

**We are so grateful for the enthusiasm, generosity, and participation  
that has brought the finish line so much closer**

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