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Spirit Lake Report

Periodic Update on Spirit Lake by the **SPIRIT LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION** October 2023 Vol. 9

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.*

Happy 50th Anniversary SLPOA!

Founded in 1973

SLPOA hosted a celebration and BBQ at Sedlmayer's on the Lake following the Annual Meeting on August 12, 2023.

Approximately 150 people attended over the two hours or more. Members reported that the event was an enjoyable opportunity to reconnect, make new acquaintances, and forge connections with City residents, officials and employees.

Sedlmayers was amazing, providing great food under a beautiful new tent structure overlooking the lake.

SLPOA 2023/24 Officers Elected – SLPOA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors elected their 2023/2024 officers at the September 9, 2023 board meeting that was held at the Spirit Lake Senior Community Center. 2023=2024 officers include: Karen Cowan President; Paul Sturm Vice President; Jerry Peterson and Linda Pendleton Co-treasurers, Jane Clark Secretary.

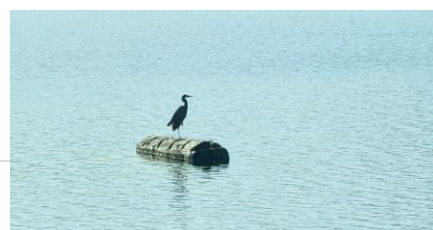
Board Director Positions – SLPOA Board of Directors

SLPOA members elected the following board directors at the August Annual Meeting:

- Position #5 Brad Pendleton
- Position #6 Jane Clark
- Position #7 Dustin Thiers

Four SLPOA members self-nominated to be board directors after the Annual Meeting. The board directors interviewed each of them at the September 9, 2023 board meeting and appointed each to director positions. They will serve until the next general meeting in 2024 at which time they will stand for election by the association members. The appointed board directors include:

- Dan Beha, Position #12
- Justin Morrison, Position #13
- Ed Niblock, Position #14
- Margie Wilke, Position #15



Annual Meeting Review – SLPOA Board of Directors

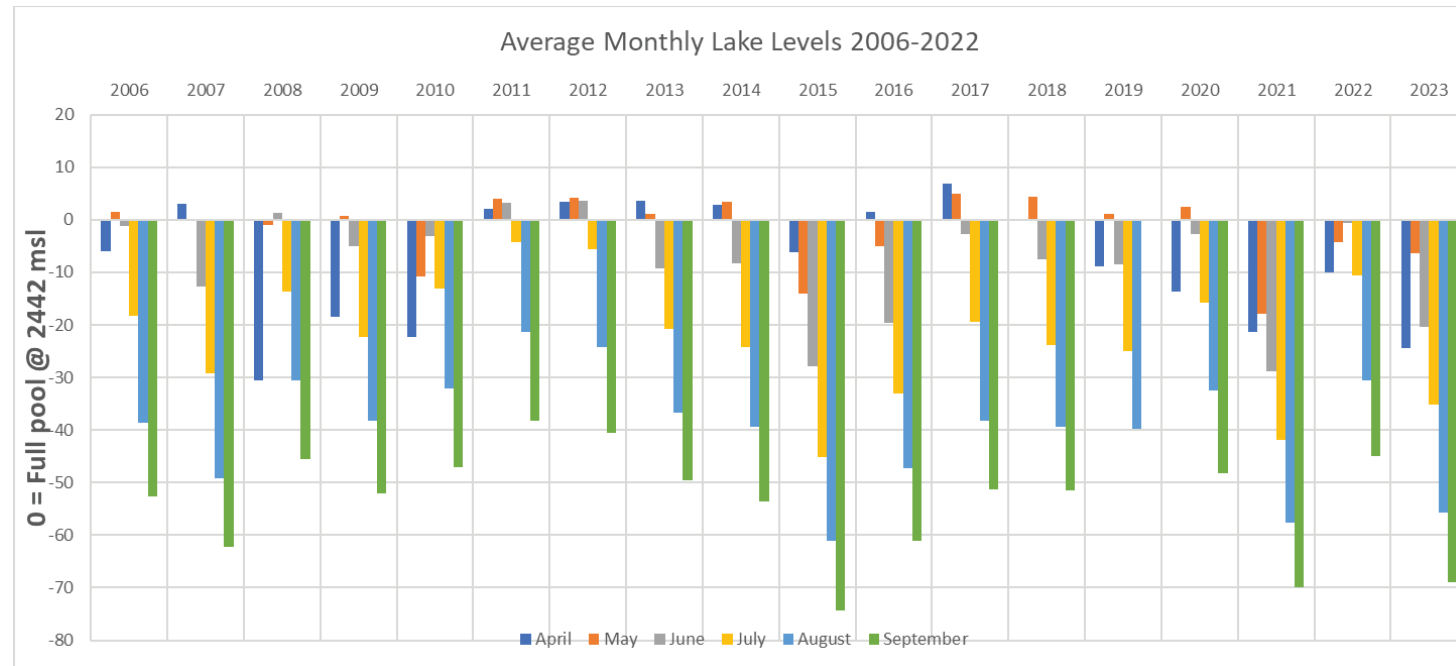
The Annual Meeting of SLPOA members was held this year on August 12, 2023 at Timberlake High School in Spirit Lake Idaho. More than 100 people attended. The meeting began with a brief welcome from President, Karen Cowan followed with presentations by Mayor Jeremy Cowperthwaite, City of Spirit Lake; Chief Michael Morlan, Spirit Lake Police Department, Sergeant Miller, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol; Paul Buckland and Robin Kirby Inland Empire Paper Company; Chief Debbie Carpenter, Spirit Lake Fire Department; and Doug Freeland, Ace Diving Invasive Species Management.

Karen Cowan and Paul Sturm conducted the SLPOA business meeting following the presentations. Minutes of the 2022 Annual Business Meeting were distributed and approved. Paul Sturm presented the Annual Treasurer's report prepared by Jerry Peterson that was approved by the members. Karen Cowan gave a report on the progress made toward the Board of Directors goals for 2023 including:

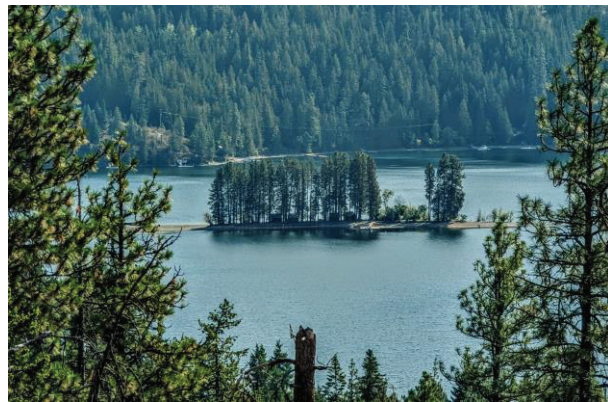
- Lake Clean-up – periodic event to remove dangerous debris from the lake
- Weir Project funding and construction progress – see progress pictures in this newsletter
- Invasive Species monitoring and management – milfoil removal, monitoring invasive animal and plant species
- Brickle Creek restoration projects- reduce erosion and silt deposits into the lake
- Erosion and property damage due to increased watercraft activity – committee forming to study
- Causeway Study (bridge at the boat launch) impeding water flow into the millpond, manage lake water leakage
- Increasing paid membership – Your membership fee supports continued lake conservation projects
- Communications (newsletters, website, email) Coming - New Spirit Lake Property Owners Association Facebook

Paul Sturm reviewed election bylaws and conducted board of director elections. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM (minutes posted on the website)

Lake Level Data – Jerry Peterson, SLPOA Board Director/Treasurer



Committee on Shoreline Erosion – SLPOA Board of Directors



Boating on Spirit Lake is exciting and fun at times and calm and relaxing at others. The dilemma is finding a balance that makes the lake experience enjoyable for all. If each of us show respect for the lake environment and property it is possible for everyone to find enjoyment.

This balance is becoming more difficult to achieve since the watercraft traffic on the lake has and continues to increase. The board of directors is seeking volunteers for a committee to explore and document the anecdotal reports of shoreline erosion and property damage that may be due to larger boats and generally increased watercraft traffic on the lake. The committee will seek to understand the scope of problems that exist, collaborate with other lake associations and governmental

agencies, explore potential solutions and make recommendations for actions that the board of directors and the association might take. If you have an interest in this topic and are willing to invest some time and energy in it please contact us on the website at www.friendsofspiritlake.com or email at spiritlakepoa@gmail.com.

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Weir Construction Nearly Complete – SLPOA Board of Directors



Memberships Needed – SLPOA Board of Directors

Together SLPOA can celebrate important accomplishments. Especially, we appreciate all the generous member donations that made the Weir Project come to completion. However, regular operations and new projects need your ongoing membership support. Thank you to those who consistently renew.

If you would like to continue receiving these Newsletters & Updates and see ongoing environmental conservation projects on Spirit Lake, please help us by renewing your Membership - Only \$40 per year

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