

eSLPO Board Meeting

September 10, 2022

Attending: President Karen Cowan, Vice President Paul Sturm, Treasurer Jerry Peterson, Secretary Linda Pendleton, Tony Brawner, Don Finney, Kurt Peterson, Brad Pendleton, Ron Largent & Advisory Member Carol Capra. Visitors Jane Clark & Max Shiva.

President Karen had us introduce ourselves to the group and give a thumb nail sketch of ourselves in part for the benefit of the visitors.

Minutes were accepted as emailed from our last meeting.

Treasurers Report by Jerry Peterson:

Assets:

Checking Account	-\$2,415.07	
WePay Account	1,094.58	
PayPal Account	8,395.22	
Total for Checking		\$7,074.73
Savings Account		194,959.00
Total Assets		\$202,033.95

Equity:

General Fund Balance		39,791.36
Dam Fund Balance		162,242.59
Total Equity		\$202,033.95

For our information Jerry shared 162 members have not paid dues, we have 468 members on our list and only 222 email addresses!

Paul Sturm moved that we accept the Treasurers report, Brad Pendleton seconded, passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Website

- a. Jerry Peterson & Kurt Peterson looked at the website and shared information regarding updates.
- b. Need to remove information regarding T-shirts as we have none at this time to sell or give away.
- c. Sid Wurzburg requested to be on the advisory board.
- d. Information is need regarding the dam project so we can keep our members up to date as well as any information regarding other projects.

2. Double Your Money (\$20,000)

- a. Jerry Peterson reported that two more property owners are each pledging up to \$10,000 matching funds for this next donation drive.
- b. Need to have information regarding this campaign on the website and via email. Questions came up regarding exemptions and need to let members know that they need to check with their financial advisor regarding eligibility. Also let members know that common stock can be donated.
- c. Face Book – Max Shiva suggested that we have a face book account, decided to add that to the next meeting agenda.

3. Update on Dam/Weir Project Process

Karen Cowan & Jerry Peterson met with City of Spirit Lake last week. All permits with Department of Lands, Water Rights and other necessary permits are now in the hands of the City. Karen will double check with the city to make certain that all are in order. The City of Spirit Lake will be the responsible party for the weir. Dave Simon has indicated that he may wanted to donate the property with road rights and release of liability. He will be contacted once all the permits are filed.

4. Newsletter Plan/July

Settled on putting publishing a newsletter four times a year, October is set for the next mailing.

5. Annual Meeting

- a. Next year have speakers sitting in one general section to help make things run in a timely fashion.
- b. Suggested that we have the speakers arrive later, after the business meeting. With a later arrival hopefully, they would be able to stay after for question and we wouldn't be imposing on their time. Have someone check them in so we can direct them to an area to sit plus know who was able to attend as a speaker.

6. Suggestion box results:

- a. Questions regarding plans for Silver Beach
- b. At 71 ½ years old you can donate your IRA (talk to your financial advisor)
- c. Concerns regarding the increase of camping on the sand bar by the little island especially environmental impact, human & animal waste
- d. Questions regarding algae bloom in certain areas of the lake and the use of fertilizers
- e. Cattle grazing – concerns regarding contamination through the marsh and Brickle Creek area
- f. Someone brought up that other associations have educational booklets with doe's and don'ts from an environmental standpoint
- g. Market place on website was brought up and we didn't think we should get into that project.

7. Lake levels and water quality – Jerry Peterson

8. Finalize Strategic Plan action items for 2023

Paul Sturm moved to approve the strategic plan as revised by the board on July 9, 2022, in order to develop a budget for 2023, Jerry Peterson seconded, motion approved unanimously.

A discussion to set action priorities for 2023 was led by President Karen Cowan.

Goal One: Improve safe recreational opportunities for the community of Spirit Lake and the surrounding areas

Objective 1.1 Lake Cleanup

- a. Ron Largent and Tony Brawner offered to put together a proposal that will include cost to owners, answer questions such as can trees in the water be removed? Try to do a cleanup in the spring of 2023 and no later than 2024. That was put in the form of a motion by Jerry Peterson and seconded by Kirk Peterson, motion carried.
- b. Try to get all lake organizations together to discuss and settle issues. Kootenai County Alliance might be a route to follow. Jerry Peterson motioned, Kurt Peterson seconded, approved unanimously.

Goal Two: Mitigate environmental impact on the waterway; improve water clarity and flow; and prevent and manage potential flooding.

Objective 2.1 Weir project/dam replacement

- a. It was moved by Tony Brawner to continue with fundraise and finish the weir project. Brad Pendleton seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Objective 2.3 Action steps

- a. SLPOA will no longer be going through DEQ, SLPOA will take samples as usual six times a year (June -October). Jerry Peterson suggested that we continue to self-fund the water sampling. Jerry made that as a motion, Paul Sturm seconded, passed.

Objective 2.4 Causeway study

- a. Background: Shortly after the causeway was put in it stopped the flow of silt that apparently started some of the leakage although Idaho Highways Department are in denial that this is the cause. There is a need to have a study done to put information together to develop a plan; cost will be substantial just for the study, perhaps upwards of \$20,000 or more.
- b. It was discussed that a study would require significant investment of dollars and effort neither of which the board is sufficiently prepared for 2023. Jerry Peterson made the motion that we begin a causeway exploratory study, contacting an engineering group regarding cost for such a study and potentially to replace the causeway with an open structure. Paul Sturm seconded, passed unanimously

Goal Three: Take steps to protect natural lake flora and fauna.

Objective 3.1 Brickle Creek

- a. Chris Hardy needs to be asked to put together a long range plan. Motion was made by Jerry Peterson to continue the Brickle Creek Restoration and fish habitat improvement program. Don Finney Seconded the motion, passed favorably.

Objective 3.2 Invasive plant and animal species interventions

- c. We need to ask Doug Freeland for written reports on his findings e.g. milfoil, snails, other invasive weeds, etc. Would the county or state pay for collection of snails? Need to set a budget for Doug Freeland's work.

Objective 3.3 Lake Shore Erosion (wake boats)

- a. As a board do we want to research on what other lake associations are doing; efforts to change laws regarding excessive wakes, noise levels, etc. It was agreed that more study is needed to develop a plan.

- b. There is a need to describe actual and specific impacts on erosion, habitat, current rules, work of other lake associations, current boating rules and regulations, agencies that have authority. Motion made to study this issue in 2023 made by Jerry Peterson, seconded by Paul Sturm, motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

1. Work Session set to review bylaws and articles of incorporation for Saturday, October 22nd. 9:30-1PM
2. Tony Brawner suggested the possibility of a family trust to sponsor mailers, etc. Max Shiva suggested phone contacts to update emails, etc. Need to add that to the next meeting agenda.

Interviewing of prospective board of directors:

- a. Jane Clark – Civil Engineer with Spokane County, worked on Newman Lake project, bridge studies regarding replacement or repair projects. Flood plain studies, was a bridge inspector 2017. Promoted to Environmental & water protection. Current member of the SLPOA, family has been on Spirit for years, use to live in Lake Haven and now across the lake from Silver Beach.
- b. Max Shiva – Works with the Corps of Engineers, develops 25-30 homes a year. Has 5 acres at Brickle Creek. Would love to serve on the board and help with fund raising, etc. Also a current member of SLPOA

12:15 pm went into Executive session – After discussion, Paul Sturm moved that we accept both candidates Jerry Peterson seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned at 12:30 PM Thank you everyone for taking time for this meeting on such a beautiful fall day.

