



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Date: June 26, 2025 – Meeting time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: ZOOM or Spirit Lake Museum, 6th and Jefferson

Attending: Dustin Thiers, Jerry Peterson, Ron Largent, Margie Wilke, Ed Niblock, Justin Morrison, Carol Capra, Paul Sturm

Absent Excused: Linda Pendleton, Brad Pendleton, Dan Beha, Kurt Peterson, Galen Beem, Jane Clark, Tod Kiblen

Absent Unexcused: Don Finney

In the **absence of a quorum**, the directors attending proceeded with the meeting. No actions taken can stand without a subsequent vote of a quorum of directors.

Call to Order: 6:32 PM

Introduction of guests: None

Approve Board Meeting Agenda: Accepted

Board Meeting Agenda

1. **Minutes** May 3, 2025
2. **Treasures Report** – Jerry Peterson presented the treasurer’s report. Balances: \$1844.28 Checking, \$35,640.92 Savings, Income YTD \$11,875.63, YTD Expenses \$4054.87, Net Income \$7320.91

Old Business:

3. **Strategic Plan Progress Reports – see committee reports and new business**
 - Goal 2: Objective: 2.3 lake quality monitoring – Jerry Peterson, Margie Wilke, Jane Clark
 - Goal 3: Objective 3.2 invasive plant and animal species – Dustin Thiers
 - Goal 3: Objective 3.1 Action Step 3.1.1 Brickel Creek Update in Committee Reports
 - Goal 2: Objective: 2.1 weir project – Completed
 - Goal 1: Objective: 1.1 lake cleanup – Kurt Peterson/Ron Largent/Dustin Thiers
 - Goal 3: Objective 3.3 Shore erosion/property damage/wake boats
 - Goal 2: Objective: 2.4 Causeway study
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Communications
 - b. Marketing/Membership – Justin reminded us that he is willing to develop an information video announcing the annual meeting. Before the meeting ended he had created an outline for the video. The plan is to post on Facebook and the website
 - c. Brickel Creek – progress updates and site visit on June 30, 9:00 AM – IEPC gate at end of West Spirit Lake Road – discussion: Ron Largent contacted Idaho Water Resource Institute and learned that they have access to historic satellite images that indicate Brickel Creek sediment is most likely being deposited at the mouth into the lake and settling there. There is no indication that the sediment is migrating down-lake since there is no visual evidence that sediment is settling in the upper lake bays. Discussion about Galen’s business photographing and rendering topographic maps. The notion of having him map the Brickel Creek area was enthusiastically received.
 - d. Wake/Erosion – flyer distribution progress – Margie has been placing flyers on vehicles in the boat launch parking lot. She said that only one person was difficult, possibly inebriated. Ron reported that some flyers have been picked up at the maiden rock launch and that he will monitor that site.
 - e. Lake Quality Monitoring – Jerry provided historic lake level data for the newsletter. He told us the level is coming down faster than normal this year. Water clarity is good.
5. Sink-holes – no new sitings reported. Dustin reported that he has observed the shoreline where the previous sink holes were discovered and repaired. He believes that water is most likely leaking into the space created by the old pipe even though no new holes have appeared. It takes time for the water to gradually create a sink hole.
6. **Annual Meeting 2025 Planning**
 - a. Application to reserve Timberlake HS is approved
 - b. Sandwich Boards Announcing the meeting have been ordered

- c. Registration – Jerry will recruit people to run registration. It appears there are enough laptops available. Snacks were discussed and Carol and Nadine will supply as in the past few years. It was suggested that they provided donut holes as an option in lieu of donuts.
 - d. Fundraising - 50-50 (or similar) raffle between 9:00 and 10:00 AM and then award the winner(s) at the end of the meeting (inventive to remain for the whole meeting). A committee of Diane Rinck, Stephanie Beha and Nadine Sturm was suggested to plan the raffle. Jerry will purchase tickets. A suggestion was made to raffle something tangible. Paul said to take it to the committee.
 - a. Panel Discussion - Confirmed Jennifer Ekstrom of Idaho Conservation League and Bob Steed of DEQ, Paul Buckland of IEPC – Invited Jason Peppin of PHD and Meg Wolf and the director of U of I Water Research Institute has indicated they may have someone participate. That has not been confirmed.
 - b. Panel Discussion Themes and Questions – Suggestion to add the topic of landscape and gardening fertilizers to us near the lake. Other suggestions for topics included Dock Maintenance, and Avista for trees impacting power lines. Ed reported that a tree touching a line started a small fire near his property.
 - e. Business Meeting – Paul will prepare for elections of board members whose term is up.
7. Newsletter: Next July 15 – correct spelling of panel in annual meeting announcement. Discussed fishing line article and possibility of creating fishing line collection boxes. Discussed Spirit Lake Community Coalition. A suggestion was made to invite the coalition to set up a table at the annual meeting. We have had the Historical Society do so in the past. The board took action to curtail that practice, but it could be reconsidered.

New Business

- 1. DEQ HABs workshop report – Discussion only

Board member comments:

- 1. Since Linda and Brad have made the move to CDA, Jerry discussed a plan to carry out Linda's duties until we elect officers in October. Paul is already a signatory at the bank and visits regularly for the Historical Society. He also visits the post office most days for his own and the Historical Society mail. Paul agreed to assume these tasks at least temporarily.
- 2. Discussed the Spirit Lake Community Coalition Gala at Setlmayer's on December 10th. The directors at this meeting were supportive of SLPOA participating.

Next meeting date: Saturday October 20, 2025, 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Museum at 6th and Jefferson. Issues that require the board's attention until then will be handled via email.