Board President Update:



We recently celebrated the Vernal Equinox, and spring is slowly awakening in the Flathead Watershed. Here are some of the signs of spring happening in the valley:

- CSKT Natural Resources Department and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks have started AIS boat inspections for all watercraft moving through Montana. <u>Please clean</u>, <u>drain</u>, <u>and dry</u> after use, and stop at checkpoints when traveling with your boats, as well as be kind to AIS inspectors!
- The lake is at is lowest level before the spring runoff arrives, and the SKQ Dam operations increase water levels for summer recreation. This is a great time to go for a walk and explore the exposed shoreline.
- The first wildflowers are beginning to appear in the woods. If you're a gardener, please consider adding some native plants to your buffer garden along the lakeshore, or a pollinator garden (anywhere!). We have resources online, and are happy to connect you with the Conservation District, or recommend a native plant nursery.

We're grateful to our members as together, we act as the watchdog for Flathead Lake. As you'll read tin these pages, we've added new staff, been working on Advocacy issues, and are fundraising to preserve the Owen Sowerwine natural area. As we head into into summer better prepared than ever to do all that you trust to do to help protect our waters.

The Flathead Lakers welcomed two new staff



SUSAN TIETELMAN

Susan is a recent graduate of the Environmental Studies graduate program at the University of Montana, where her focus areas were ethnobotany. Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and environmental justice.

Susan has lived in Missoula for ten years, and as most Montanans, she loves to recreate. She is often found cross-country skiing, hiking, and looking for plants in our mountains. Susan joins the Lakers as our Legislative Intern.

By way of California and Wyoming, Levi comes to the Lakers from Colorado. Levi graduated from University of Colorado in 2020. Later he moved to Los Angeles where he worked as an outdoor educator with Biocitizen.

Teaching ec on the trails educator an Sky Waters!

LEVI RAJNOWSKI Flathead La bring K-12

Teaching ecology in the urban wilderness of Los Angeles, and on the trails of the High Sierras. Levi honed his skills as an educator and outdoorsman which lead him to become a Big Sky Watershed Corps in 2023. Levi will be working with the Flathead Lakers and the Flathead Lake Biological Station to bring K-12 field trips and science-based education to the Flathead Watershed.

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Upcoming Summer Events

June 21

Lakers Annual Meeting & 65th Anniversary Celebration

Join us in celebrating our 65th Anniversary at the Barn at Finley Point. Learn more about the lake and Lakers programs. Social hour begins at 5:00pm with drinks and appetizers, and the program starts at 6:00 pm.

July 22

Poker Paddle

The Poker Paddle returns to Polson! Prizes, food, music, and tons of fun!

July 23

Flathead Lake Run

Run for the love of Flathead Lake. Join us at Volunteer Park in Lakeside for a 5K, 10K, and 1-mile Kids-Fun Run (8 & under).

August 3 Summer Soire

Evening fundraising event with musical guest MARSHALL CATCH. Light appetizers and drinks served. Limited number of tickets

> MORE DETAILS AT FLATHEADLAKERS.ORG /UPCOMING-EVENTS

Oil Train Safety in the Watershed

From Board President Onno

In reviewing our priority focus areas this past fall, train spills, as it has been for many years, was in the Laker's top ten. Recent derailments, spills, explosions and resulting fires reminds us that any chemical in our waters, or disaster in our towns and forests could be devastating for our watershed.

The Flathead Lakers currently lead the grass roots group Oil Safe Flathead, along with the National Parks Conservation Association and Trout Unlimited. Over the years, we have worked with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) on preventative and emergency response efforts.

- BNSF doesn't ever want to have a train car derail. BNSF does a good job of balancing safety and economics. Additional preventative measures and their implementation is on-going challenge that we debate and strategize.
- Nationwide, river grade is usually the best grade for train
- BNSF is an interstate common carrier and as such they are bound to transport and freight that has been properly tendered. No matter how toxic or flammable, if the freight is properly tendered it will be transported.

Among the preventative measures that BNSF uses is their avalanche forecasting and control based out of Essex on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. The Middle Fork and the BNSF line both run along the southern portion of the border of Glacier National Park. In 2004. BNSF hired David Hamre and Associates (DHA) to design and implement the program. The program is designed to forecast increasing avalanche hazard to the rail line in time to allow BNSF to take steps relative to go / no-go scenarios for trains, workers and passengers.

Two local forecasters, Adam Clark and Ted Steiner do the bulk of the work with the assistance of remote weather stations, electronic detection sensors, and countless observers. Additionally, of the 18 major slide paths, 10 have avalanche sheds built over the tracks

Once the avalanche paths have snow to possibly create an avalanche that could run to the rail line, the forecasters update the hazard rating each hour of each day until the snow melts in

Occasionally, conditions warrant active mitigation efforts to try and create avalanches at a better time. Because the avalanche starting zones are in Glacier National Park, the park has to grant case-by-case permission for DHA to use a helicopter for control work. If the weather is good enough to fly, the control team uses a gas exploder - Daisy Bell - that hangs under the ship and delivers a gigantic thump to the snow. They can also deploy explosives directly out of the ship in a manner similar to what avalanche prone ski areas use.

Although the debate about what additional efforts BNSF should or could do to prevent a spill in the Middle Fork, Whitefish Lake, or any of our headwaters will last as long as there are trains traveling in our watershed, BNSF deserves recognition for the good work they are doing and continual support and encouragement to continue improving.

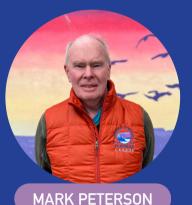


3 New Board Members Join the Lakers

Ric Smith has been in the real estate business in Polson, MT with Century 21 Big Sky since 1983. He moved to the Polson area from California in 1981and in 1999 bought the company. In 2014 he was appointed by the Governor of MT to join the Board of Realty Regulation and served as Chair for 2 terms.

Former member of Flathead Lakers Board of Directors decades ago, former President of the Montana Trout Unlimited, and former President of Friends of Flathead Lake Biological Station, Ric has a long history of environmental work. Ric believes that maintaining and enhancing water quality, air quality, and open space is good for business. Ric says we do not need to trade off the amazing qualities we have in our area for economic growth. In fact, Ric believes the qualities we have will continue economic growth. The rivers, lakes, and oceans are his sanctuary, and during his time off he can be found on the water fly fishing.





Mark was raised in the farmland and hardwood forests of southeastern Minnesota. He spent summers on the lakes of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, canoed in the Boundary Waters area adjacent to the Canadian border and fly fished the limestone streams of southern Minnesota. After graduating from St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota Medical School, he was trained in anesthesiology in Seattle and practiced anesthesia in Great Falls for thirty-eight years.

Mark and his wife, Annette, moved to Finley Point to be close to everything they love: mountains and hiking, awe-inspiring wilderness areas, Glacier Park, and cool, pristine water. He is looking forward to doing his part to advocate for protecting Flathead Lake and its astounding

David was born and raised in Polson, moving back in 2011 after graduating college and pursuing music. He is now the manager for the Polson office of Valley Bank and remains active within the Polson community, having sat on boards for the Polson Chamber of Commerce, Polson chapter of Rotary International, and the Greater Polson Community Foundation, as well as having involvement coaching youth sports and teaching financial literacy classes. He is a graduate of the University of Montana and the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado. He lives in Polson with his wife Holly and their three children.

Having lived across the country, he is intimately aware of how special Polson is. Living and working in Polson has made it as clear as the waters of Flathead Lake how important it is to keep the watershed as pristine as we are able in order to allow our communities to thrive and attract the visitors our current way of life depends on.





Owen Sowerwine natural area

20 Years of Coordinating Conservation in the Flathead Valley

The Flathead Lakers, in partnership with the Flathead Land Trust, Flathead Audubon, and Montana Audubon will be supporting the proposal to purchase a 442- acre conservation easement on the Owen Sowerwine property along the Flathead & Stillwater Rivers.

The proposed conservation easement would generate income for schools and ensure the land's natural values continue to be protected and open to the public for conservation education, as well as bird-watching, fishing, walking and hunting. The overall project will cost approximately \$775,000 and the Lakers have committed to raising \$60,000 to contribute to the project

OWEN SOWERWINE CONSERVATION PROJECT

The Owen Sowerwine property consists of 442 acres in one of the most complex sections of the Flathead River, known as the "Flathead River Islands," a braided area of the Flathead River including islands, sloughs, wetlands, and gravel bars. It provides important habitat for birds, fish and wildlife, and helps safeguard water quality in the river and Flathead Lake.

Giving Tuesday



Thanks to the generous donations of our community we were able to raise \$16,600 to kick start our fundraiser for the Owen Sowerwine conservation area on Giving Tuesday Thank you!

Owen Sowerwine has been designated as an Important Bird Area critical to the conservation of birds by Montana Audubon and is used by federally listed grizzly bear and bull trout. The property contains relatively pristine riparian habitat at the confluence of the Stillwater and Flathead rivers just east of the Kalispell city limits. It borders a mile of the Stillwater River, over a mile of the Flathead River, and at least 1.3 miles of braided channels connecting the two rivers.

HISTORY

Owen Sowerwine is State School Trust land administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). Thus, its purpose is to raise revenue for Montana schools. Local citizens recognized the Owen Sowerwine property's natural values and tried to get it protected as a natural area under the Natural Areas Act of 1974. The effort was led by Owen Sowerwine, for which the area is named. The purpose of protecting it as a natural area was to ensure the perpetual protection of the natural integrity of the area while allowing for its use and appreciation by people with minimal impact. The property was never officially designated as a natural area; however, it has been managed as a natural area since 1978 through leases and licenses held by the Flathead County Parks Board, Flathead Audubon, and Montana Audubon.

HOW TO GIVE

DONATE TO THE OWEN SOWERWINE CONSERVATION

FLATHEADLAKERS.ORG/OWEN-SOWERWINE-CONSERVATION-PROJECT These leases and licenses also provided some revenue for Montana schools but the Flathead River to Lake Initiative partners have sought a long-term solution for the property for many years. Although the property is currently public land administered by DNRC, as State School Trust land its purpose is to generate revenue for Montana schools. In order to generate revenue, it could be traded for similar land along a water body. A different landowner could construct residences on the property, harvest timber, clear the land for agriculture, remove public access, or develop it for commercial use. DNRC could also lease the land for commercial or other uses, build and lease a cabin on the land, harvest timber, or consider other proposals to generate revenue that could impact the land.

DNRC recently agreed to a purchased conservation easement as a permanent solution to safeguard this critical habitat and public access. It would protect the property from future residential and commercial development and would prohibit agricultural use and timber harvest. The project would ensure public access for conservation education by over 20 schools and provide a wildland experience adjacent to Kalispell for the community. Together with adjacent lands that are protected, Owen Sowerwine adds to over 12,000 acres of conserved open space and quality habitat along 50 miles of the Flathead River and north shore of Flathead Lake.

Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection stations open for the season

As the 2023 boating season approaches, it's important to remember that aquatic invasive species (AIS) can pose a serious threat to Montana's waterways. In an effort to prevent the spread of AIS, inspection stations are opening up in northwest Montana. These inspection stations, which are operated by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, are located at key entry points to the state's waterways.

Boaters are required to stop at these stations to have their watercraft inspected for any signs of AIS. This helps to prevent the spread of invasive species such as zebra mussels. Eurasian milfoil, and others.

The inspection process is quick and easy. It's an important step in protecting Montana's water resources. Boaters should be prepared to have their watercraft inspected, including kayaks, canoes and SUP, and to follow any instructions given by the inspection staff.

Remember, preventing the spread of AIS is everyone's responsibility. Let's work together to protect Montana's lakes and rivers for generations to come.

Thanks for being a responsible boater, have a safe and enjoyable season!



Quagga Mussels on ABS pipe from Lake Mead, NV.

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2022 Highlights

Over 1,200 members donated \$372,300 to support our conservation and stewardship efforts, our advocacy work, and our education programs.

73 new members joined the Flathead Lakers community! Welcome!

59 sustaining members (19 new!) made a reliable impact on our organization every month with convenient, affordable gifts.

Our board, alongside a team of volunteers, conducted 2 roadside cleanups along highway 35.

150 local students and 8 volunteers participated in our 'Becoming Watershed Citizens' field trips over three beautiful days in May at the Flathead Lake Biological Station

5 citizen science volunteers collected water samples for our Swim Guide project.

80 participants and 25 volunteers participated in the reboot of the Poker Paddle.

90 members joined us for our inaugural Summer Soirée.

36 supporters to our GivingTuesday campaign. We raised \$16,060 in one day to support the Owen Sowerwine conservation project.

2 new staff members joined the Lakers team

We hosted 3 Science on Tap events with our partners the Flathead Lake Biological Station.

REMEMBERING LANEY HANZEL

A Legacy of Lake Stewardship

Laney Hanzel retired from our board of directors in 2022 after years and years of service. Laney became a member of the Flathead Lakers in 1959 when he moved to the area. Serving on the board, he helped guide a young, local nonprofit through decades of growth and change in the valley, keeping the focus on protecting our greatest asset, Flathead Lake.

Laney was a retired Montana fisheries biologist and had worked on Flathead Lake for nearly 30 years investigating and monitoring the fisheries of the lake. He had helped develop and adapt many of the big water sampling techniques for inland waters. Laney was also a local Flathead Lake Monster historian and record keeper, although he would prefer we say 'creature'.

Laney was our record keeper too, often asking for a smile as he documented field trips, annual meetings, workshops, board retreats, and so many memories.

Laney Hanzel passed away last October. He will be deeply missed by the Flathead Lakers community. His legacy will continue to inspire and influence future generations of lake stewards.

State of the Lakers

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to conserve, educate our community, and advocate for clean water in 2022.

The Flathead Lakers finished last year in a strong financial position, once again exceeding our goals for membership support. Here is a breakdown of our expense categories:

Programs: Costs for Advocacy, Conservation, and Education programs, including staff salaries & benefits, program expenses and travel.

Shared Direct Costs: Expenses related to Programs, but shared, including our website, office space & utilities, and

Management & General: Includes board training and

Fundraising: Staff time to plan and carry out fundraisers; materials for fundraisers, from envelopes to food & drink.

We're committed to continuing to use your financial contributions wisely to safeguard our lake and watershed. If you are interested in learning more about our organization's financial details, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Statement of Financial **Position**

December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets - Unrestricted \$250.984.53

Current Assets - Restricted \$29.775

TOTAL ASSETS \$280.734.53

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

Current Liabilities – Accounts Payable \$7,747.95

Equity \$272,986,58

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$280.734.53



2022 Expenses

Total \$367 835





2022 Income

Total \$378.329

Membership Dues	\$195,547
Donations	\$129,432
Fundraising	\$33,050
Grants	\$20,300

There are many ways you can financially support the Lakers beyond your annual membership, such as donating to our annual appeals or the River to Lake Conservation Fund, joining the Lakers Legacy Circle, gifting a membership, or donating in honor or memory of a loved one.

> TO LEARN MORE VISIT FLATHEADLAKERS.ORG/ **HOW-TO-GIVE**

2022 **SUPPORTERS**

THANK YOU!

YOU helped support the Flathead Lakers' mission to protect clean water, healthy ecosystems, and lasting quality of life in the Flathead Watershed.

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Doug Emlen Steph Gillin Phil Matson Tom Woolf

2022 LAKERS HIGH SCHOOL INTERN:

Issabella Dupuis Shortman

2022 SWIM GUIDE VOLUNTEERS:

Christina Biergo Hilary Devlin Dick Graf Kate Mostad

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