

2023 Membership Survey

October 3, 2023

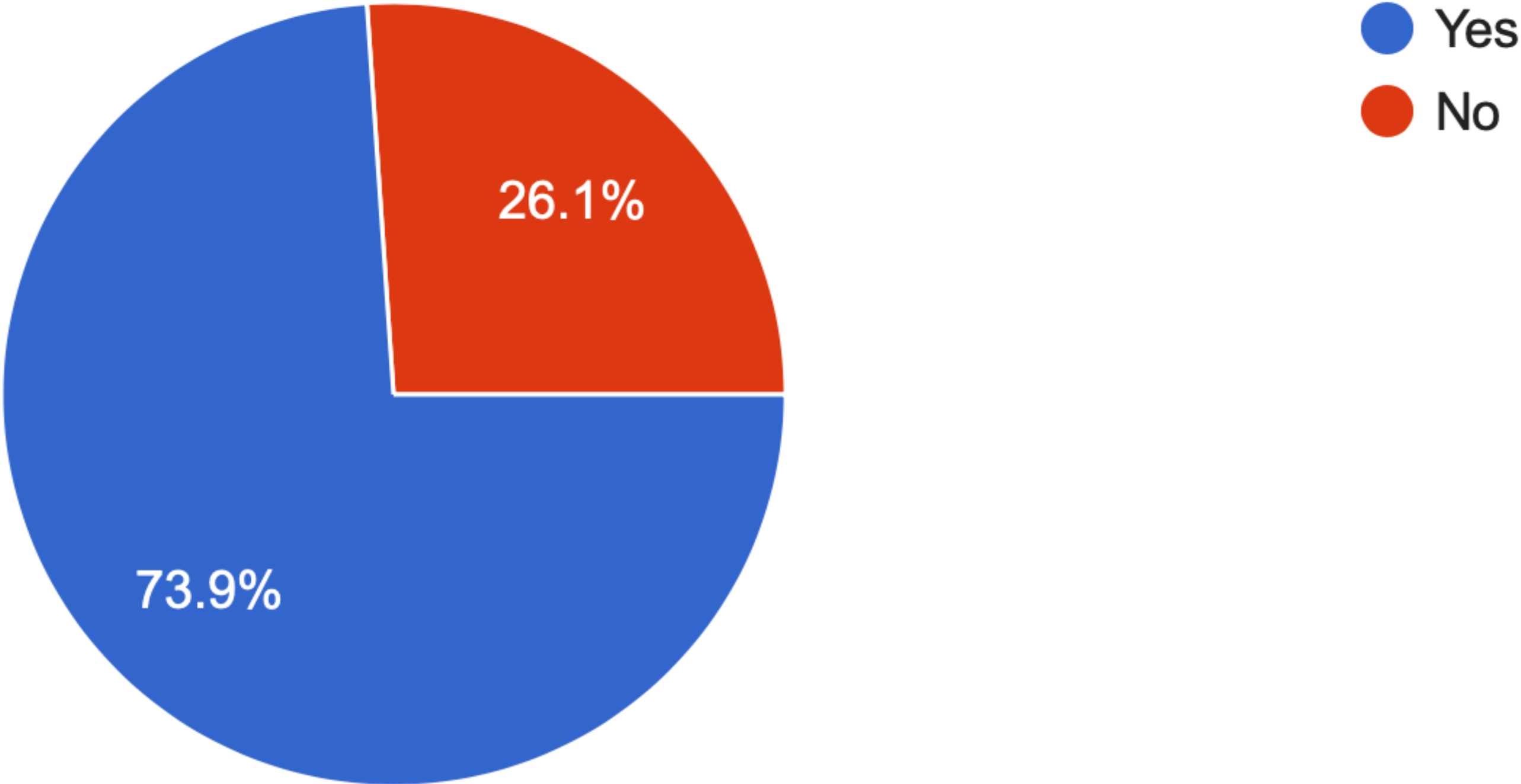
The Responses

- Sent October 2nd to 162 contributing members
- 145 members opened the survey
- 48 (38%) responded in 5 days

The Annual Meeting

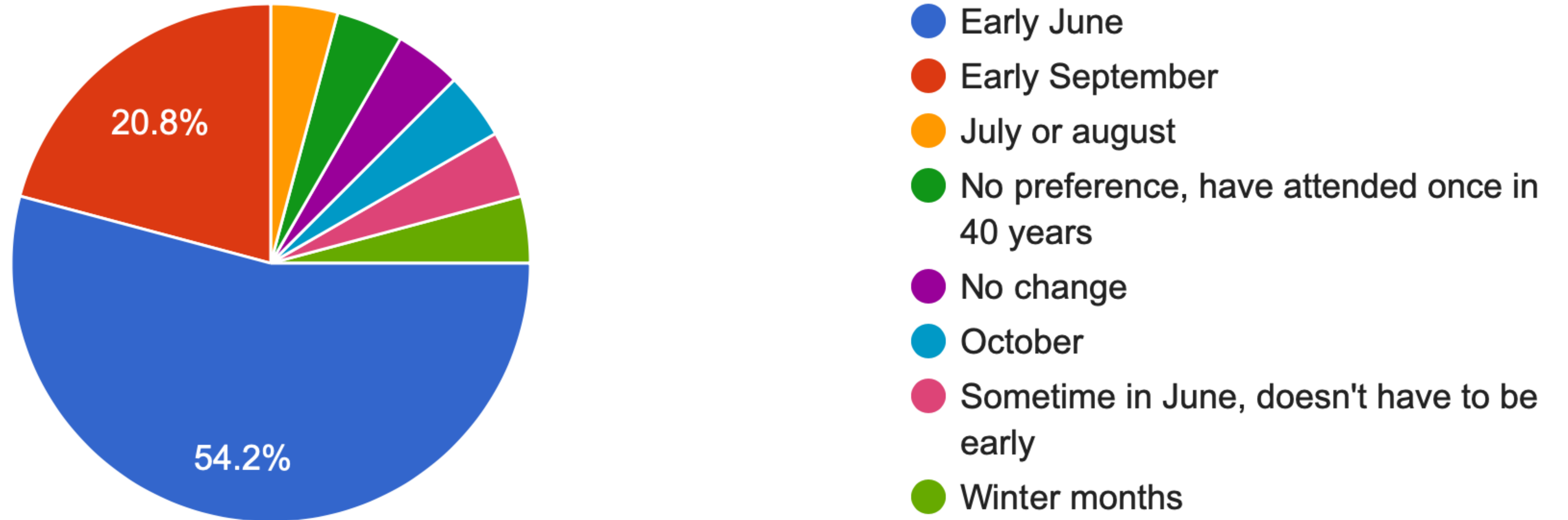
For many years the SLA has held its Annual Meeting in July. Do you agree on this timing?

46 responses



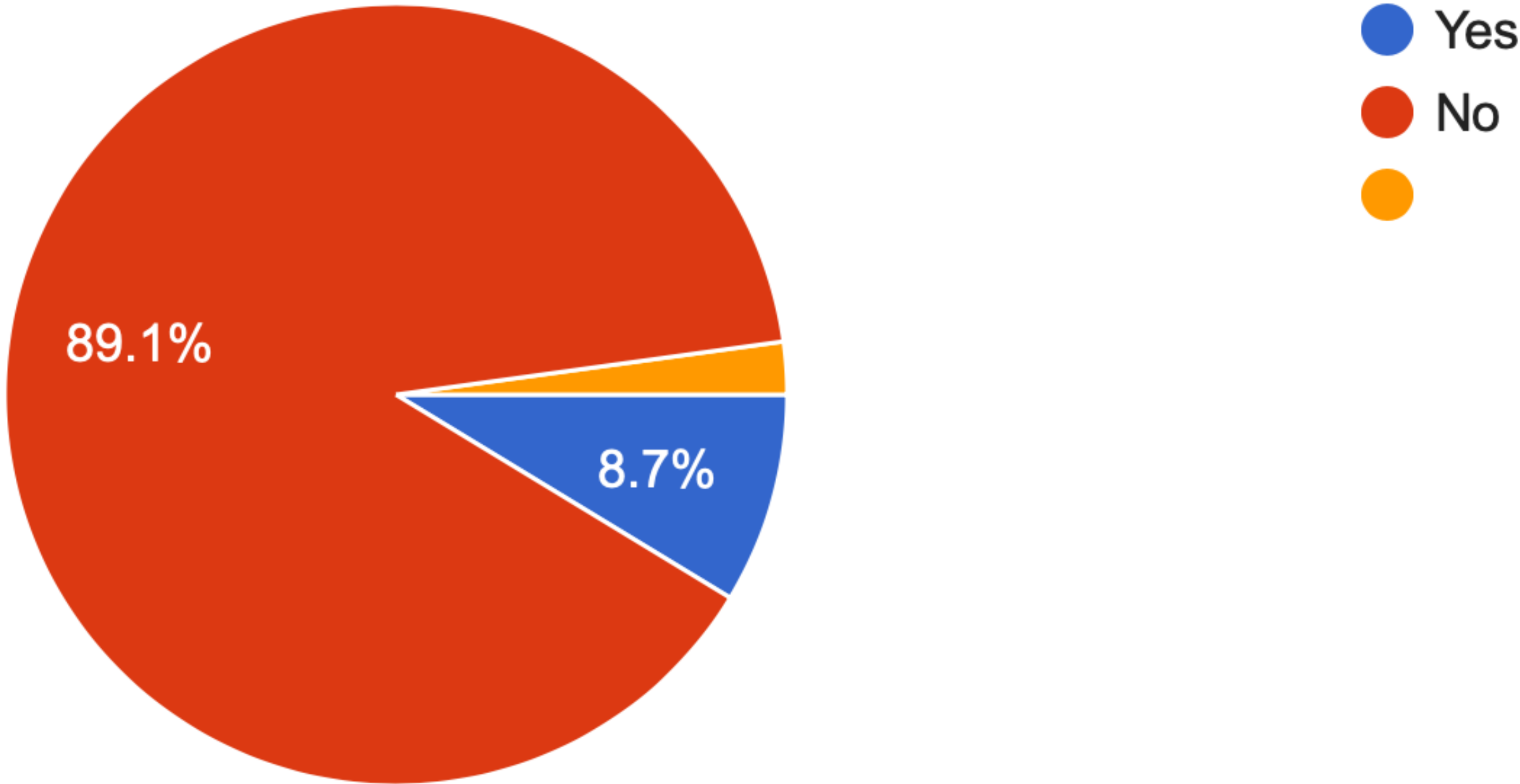
Would you prefer a date NOT in 'prime' lake season? Choose one.....

24 responses



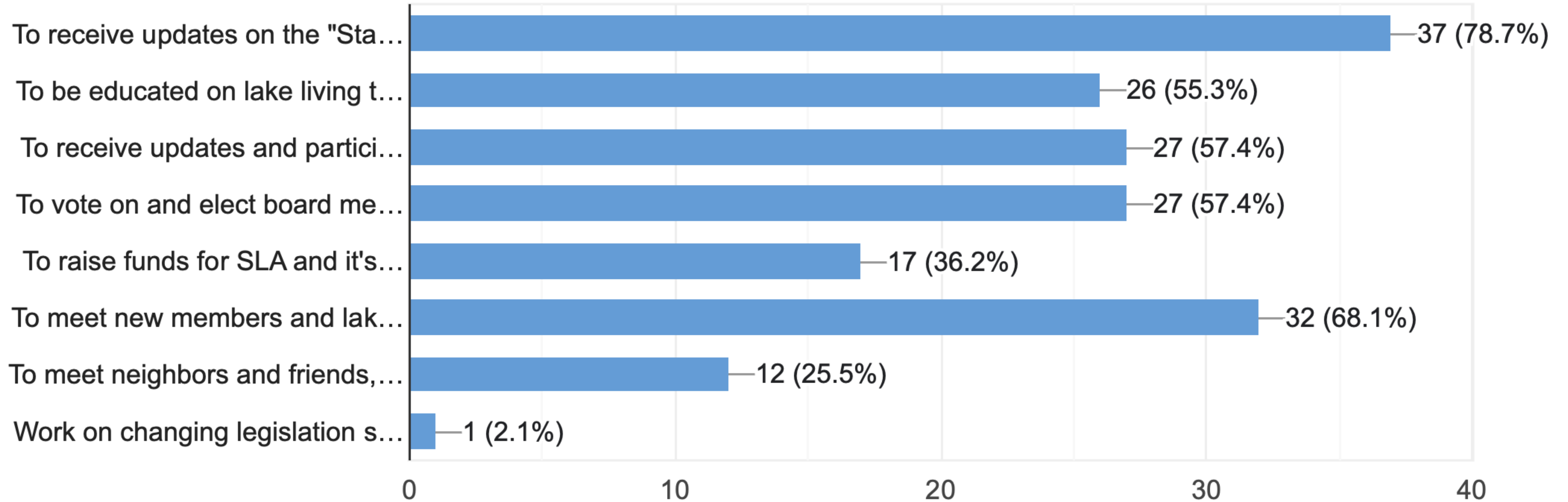
Should the Annual Meeting be held on a long or holiday weekend, eg. July 4th or Labor Day?

46 responses



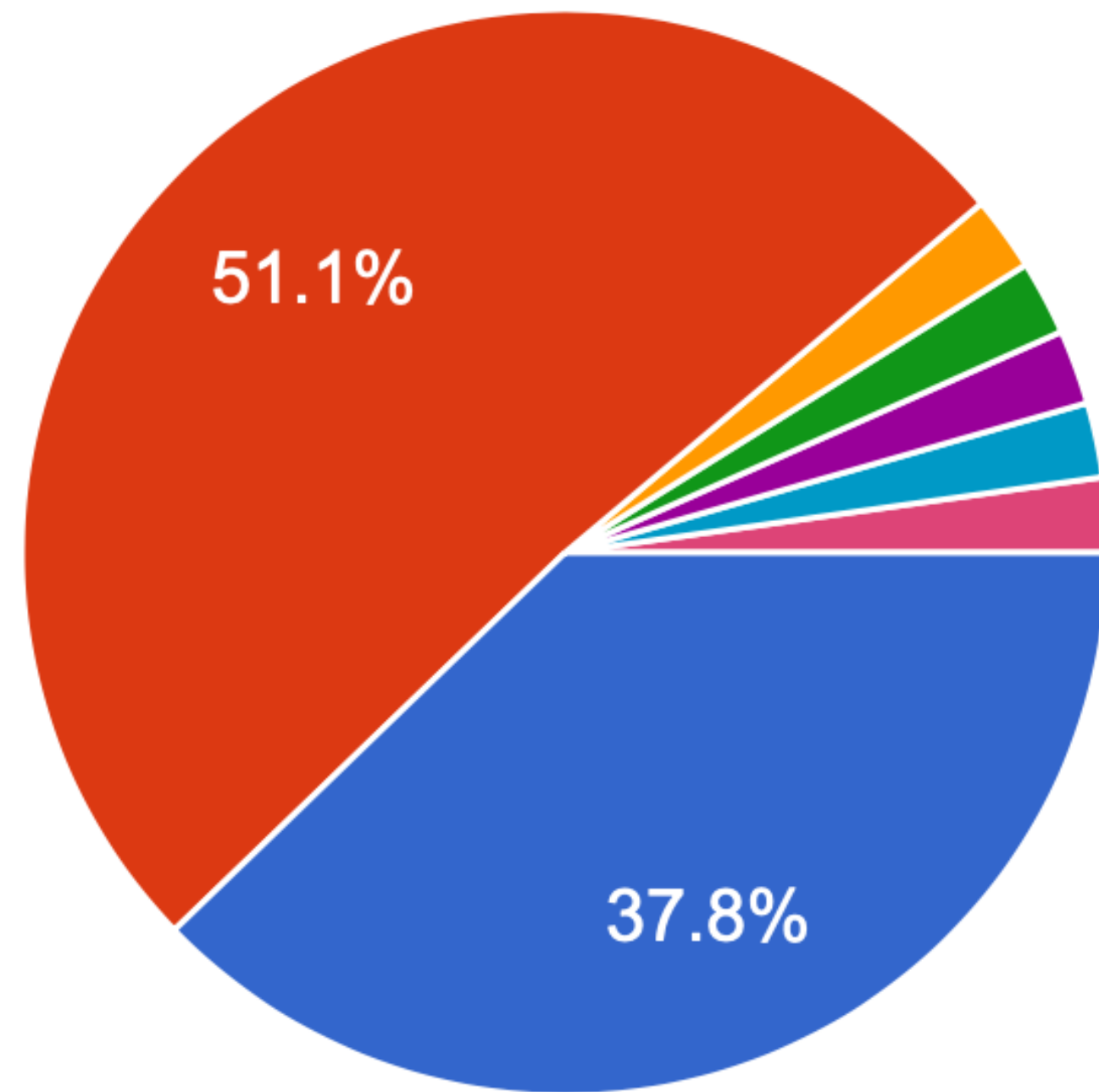
What do you believe should be the principle benefit or goal(s) of the SLA Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply)

47 responses



Should the Annual Meeting include an Outside Speaker?

45 responses



- Yes
- No
- Yes, but a brief, 15 minutes or so.
- only if statewide problems or helpful information
- Sometimes
- A short winded one
- Only on subjects that relate to the Lake.

Please recommend an outside speaker or topic you'd like to see us address.

10 responses

Anything and everything about water quality and how each and every property owner can contribute.

Lake protection and management

NH Lakes staff member

Lake health. Loons

Safeguarding the lake habitat

someone from Dept of Enviroment

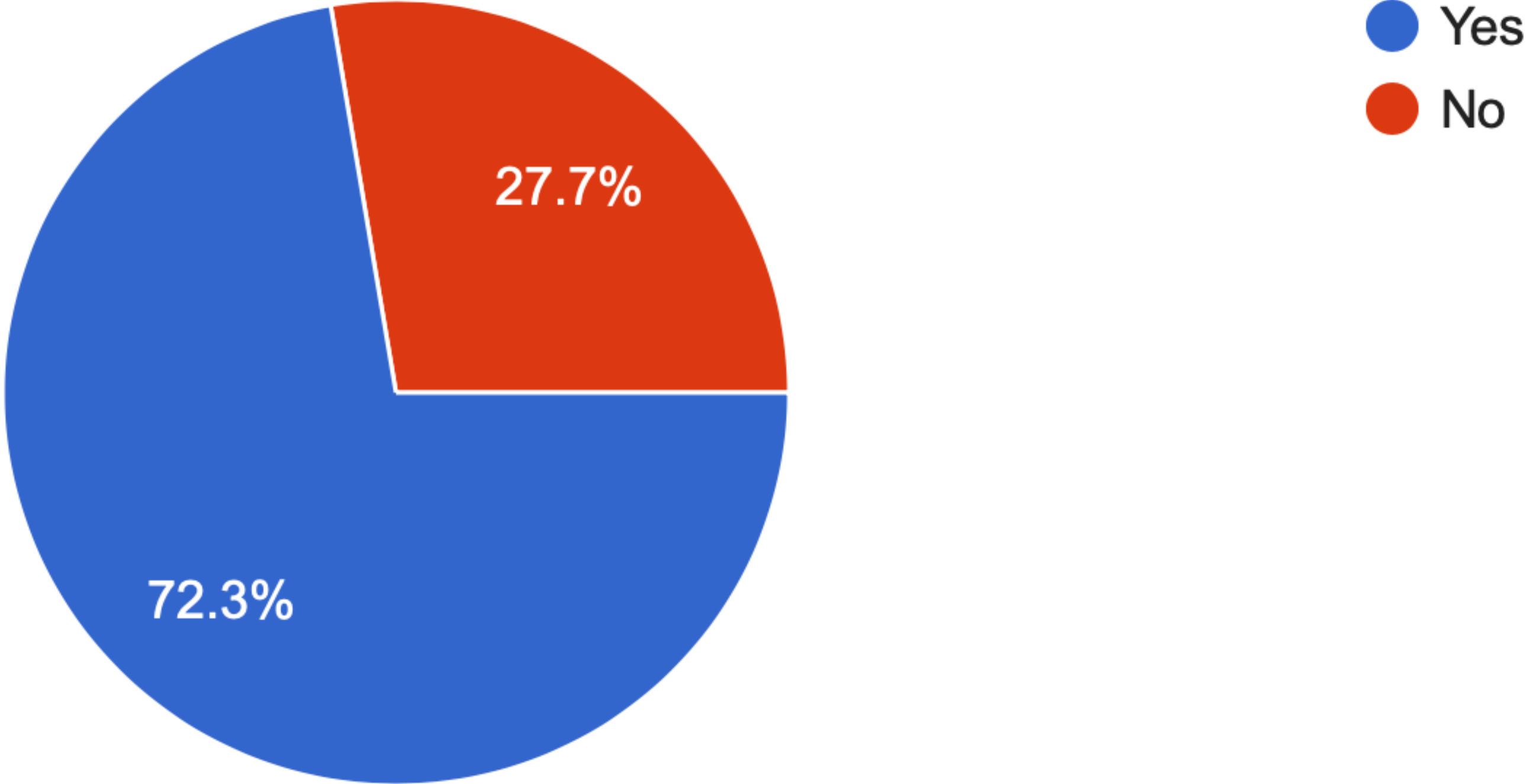
A marine biologist that can speak about the state of the lake.

Updates on the 319 grant programs

Reducing duck and geese population

Should the meeting be broadcast on-line via Skype or Zoom, even if you could not actively participate?

47 responses



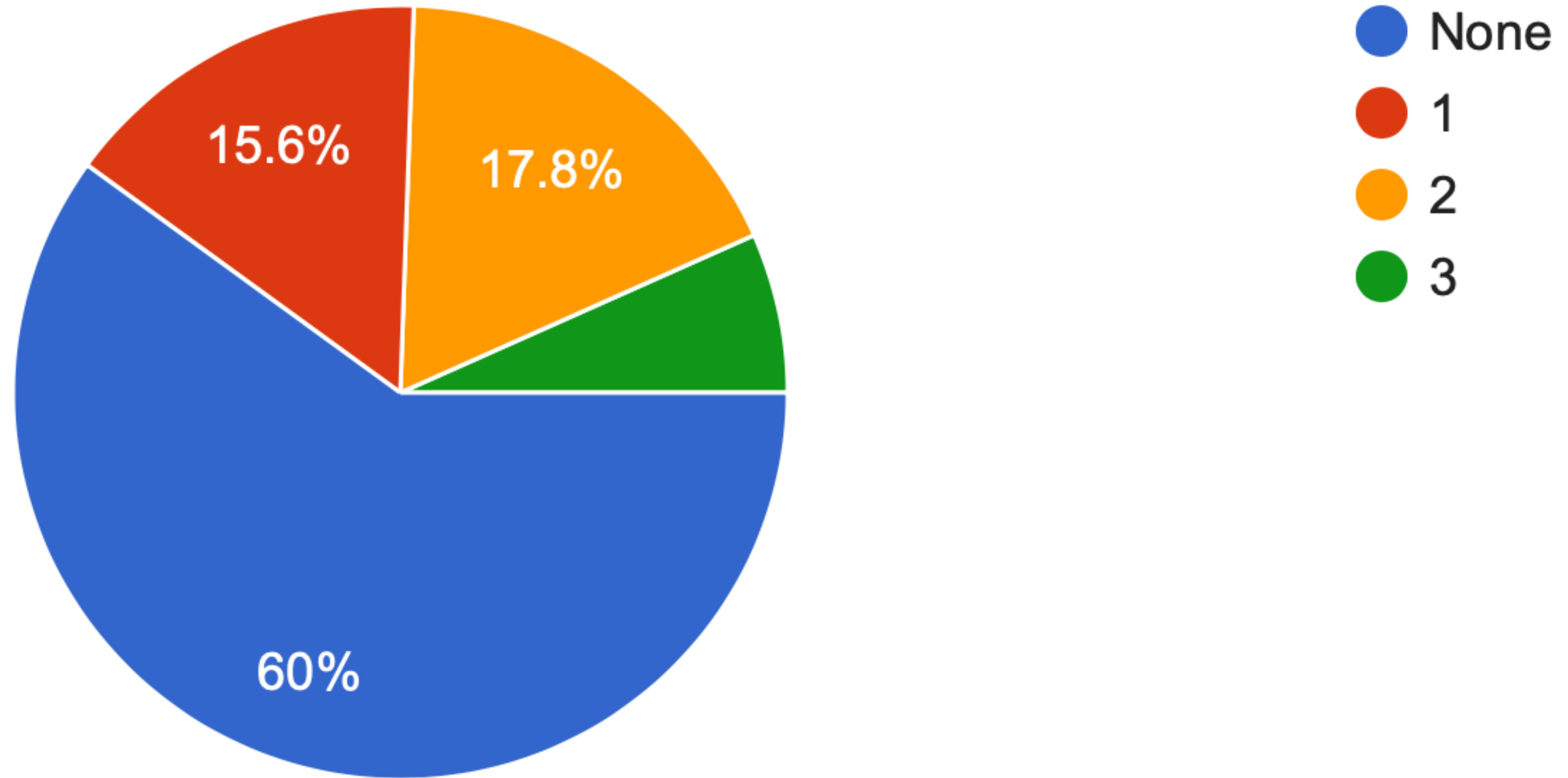
Takeaways

- We should continue to have the Annual Meeting in July or early August
- But NOT on the July 4th Holiday Weekend.
- Should continue with “President’s Update” re: the status of the lake
- Should continue social time and invite and introduce “New Members”
- Consider short outside speaker only if there is a significant lake issue
- Broadcast the main part of the meeting by Zoom

The Speaker Series

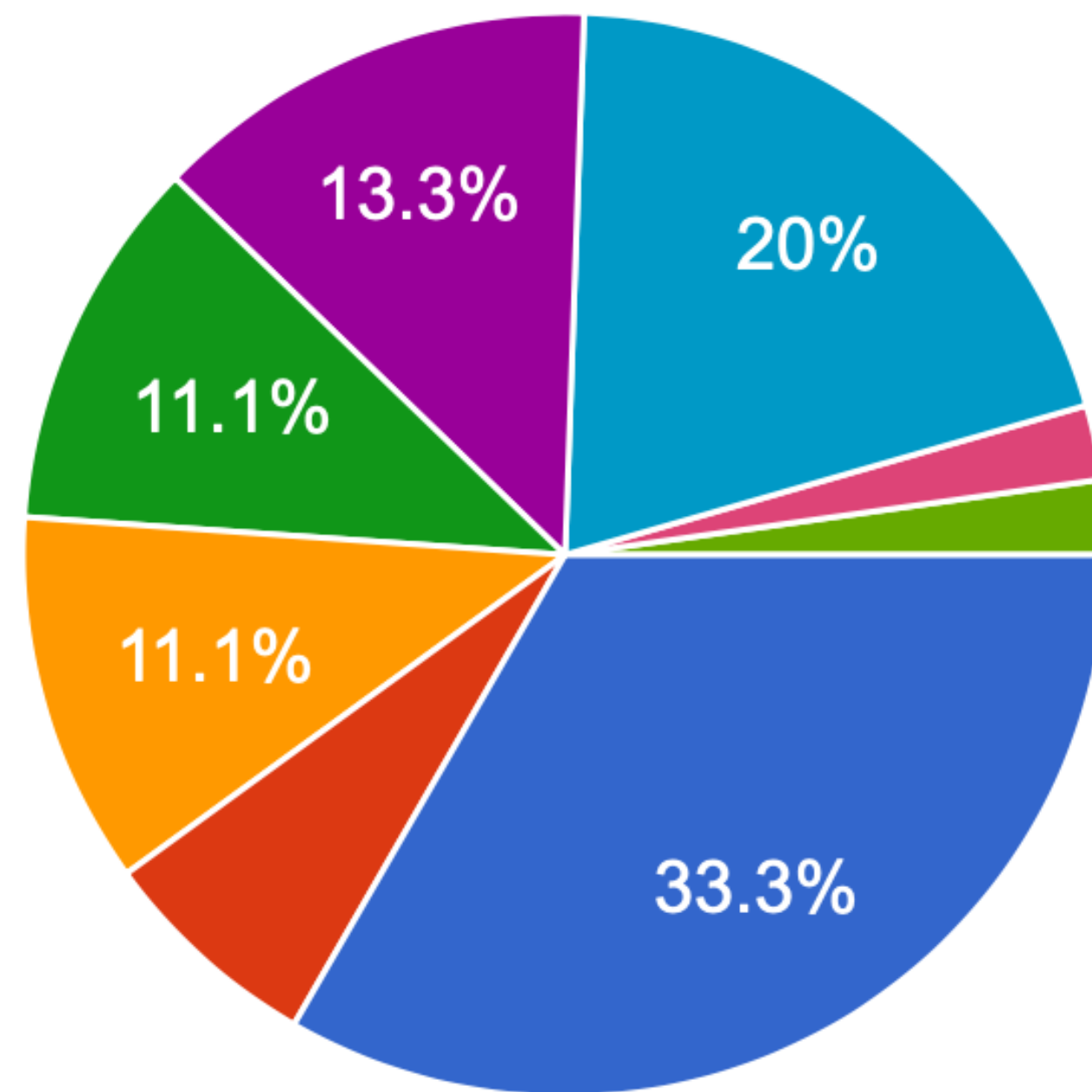
Please let us know how many of these "Zoominars" you attended.

45 responses



Assuming you find the series valuable, what topics would be of most interest to you in 2024?

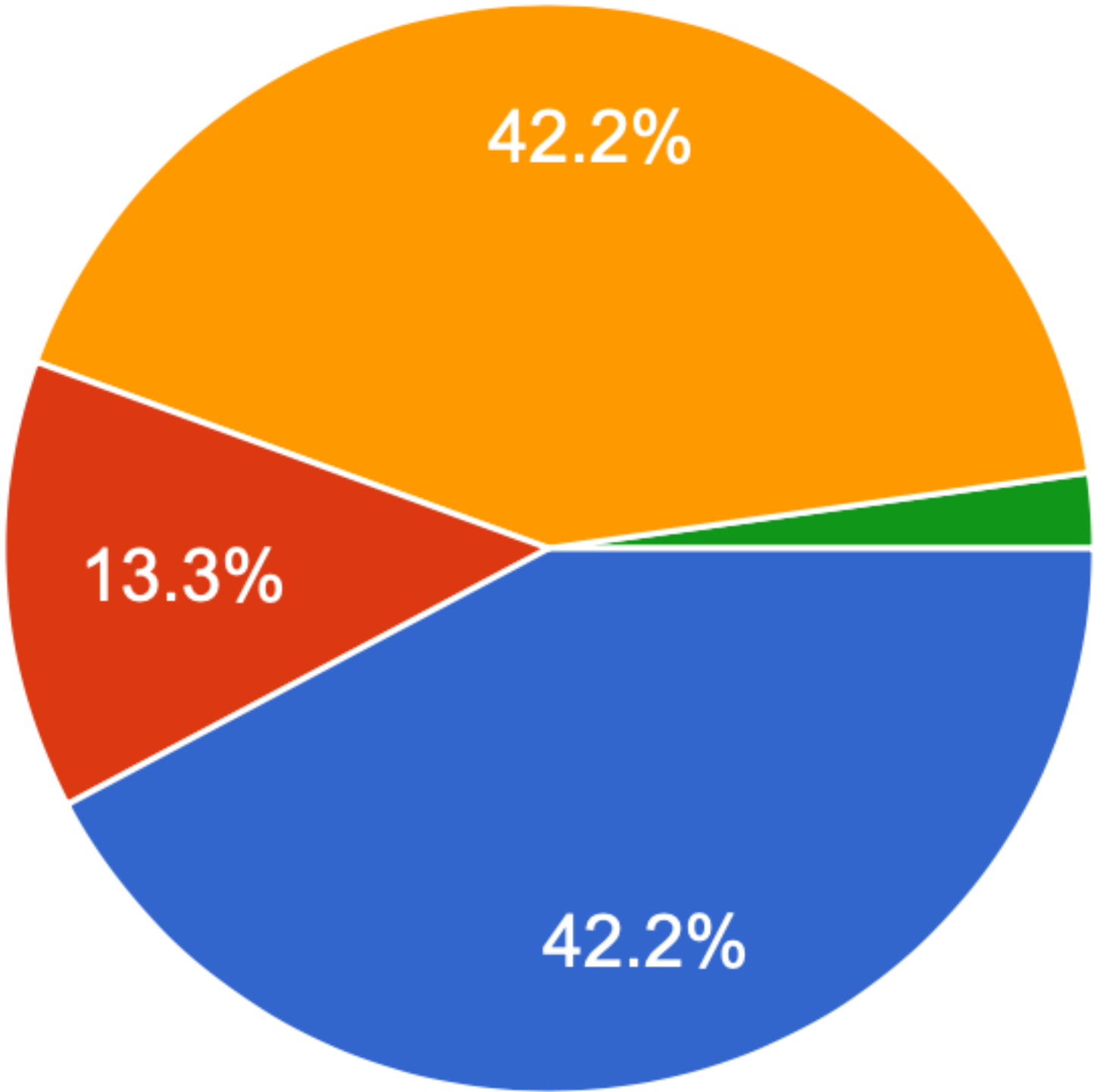
45 responses



- Expert tips on homeowner improvements, like Run-off Managem...
- Septic System Do's and Dont's
- Water Quality
- Animal life, eg. birds, eagles, loons, fish etc.
- Local ecology and the nature of the s...
- Spofford History
- Boating rules. Does everyone have a...
- this only allows for one answer anima...

Meeting Format, Do you prefer...

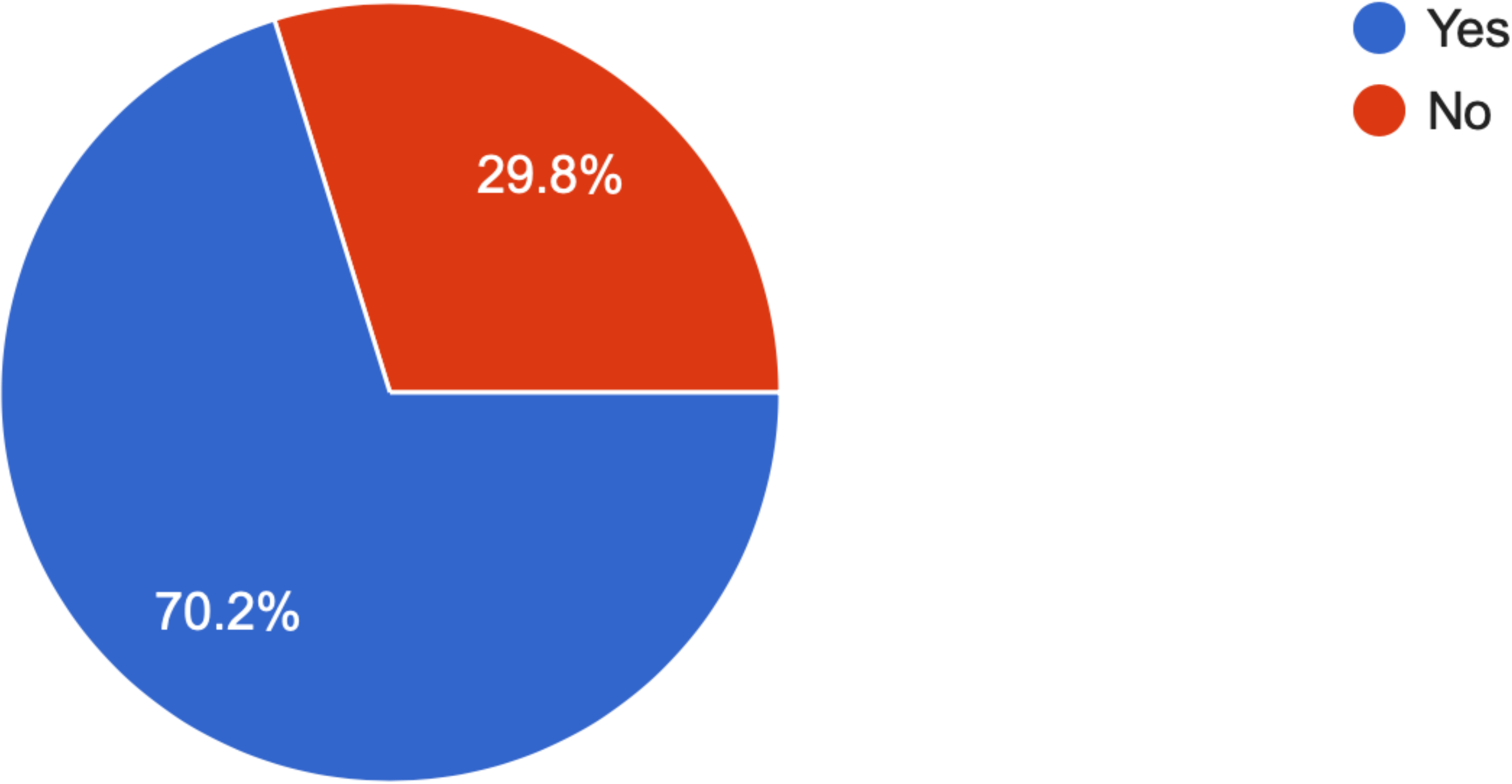
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- In person
- Zoom
- Combination
- For annual mtg

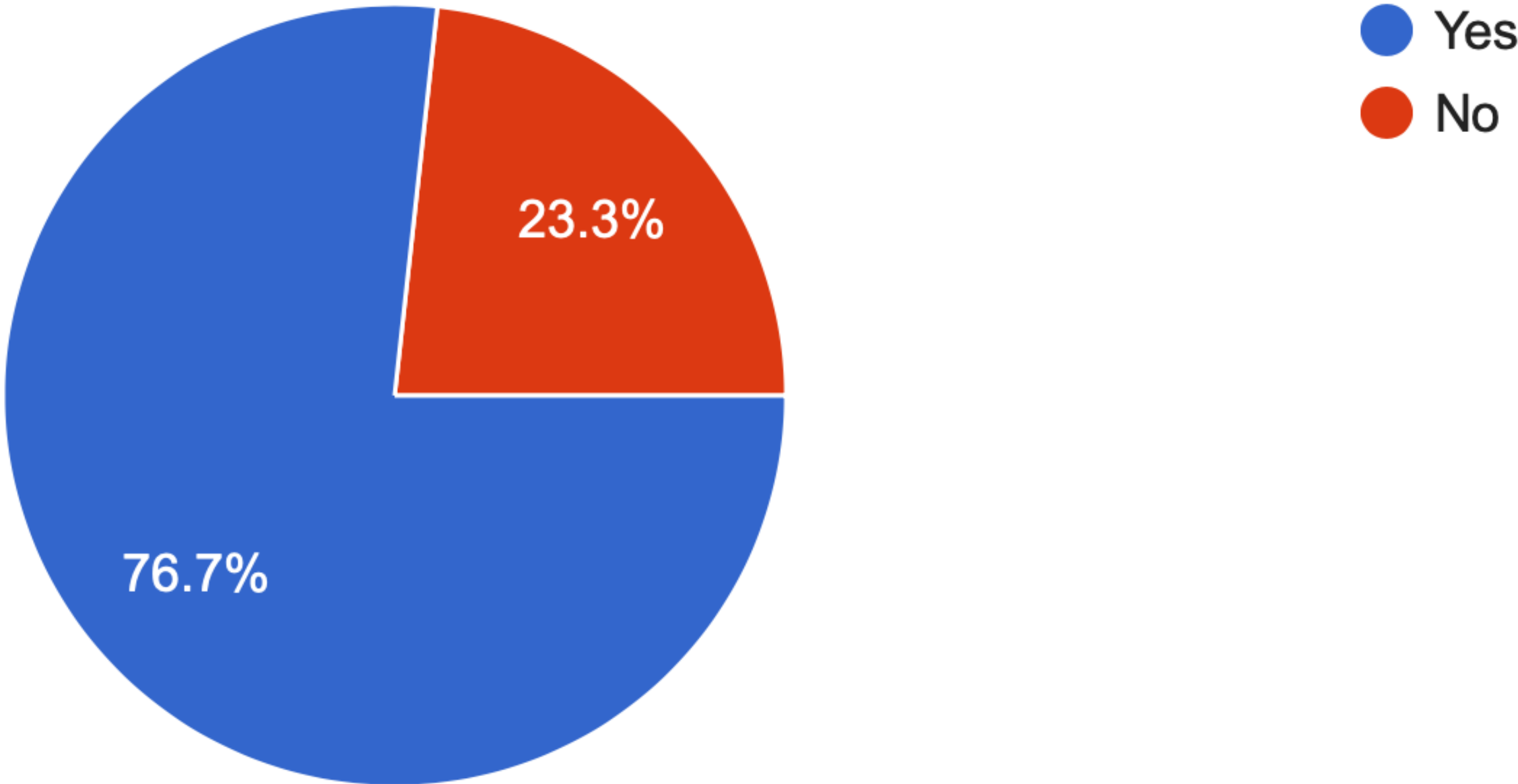
Do you prefer the "in season" timing for these events?

47 responses



Would you be interested in sessions being held in the 'off-season', eg April or October? (Zoom only).

43 responses



Takeaways

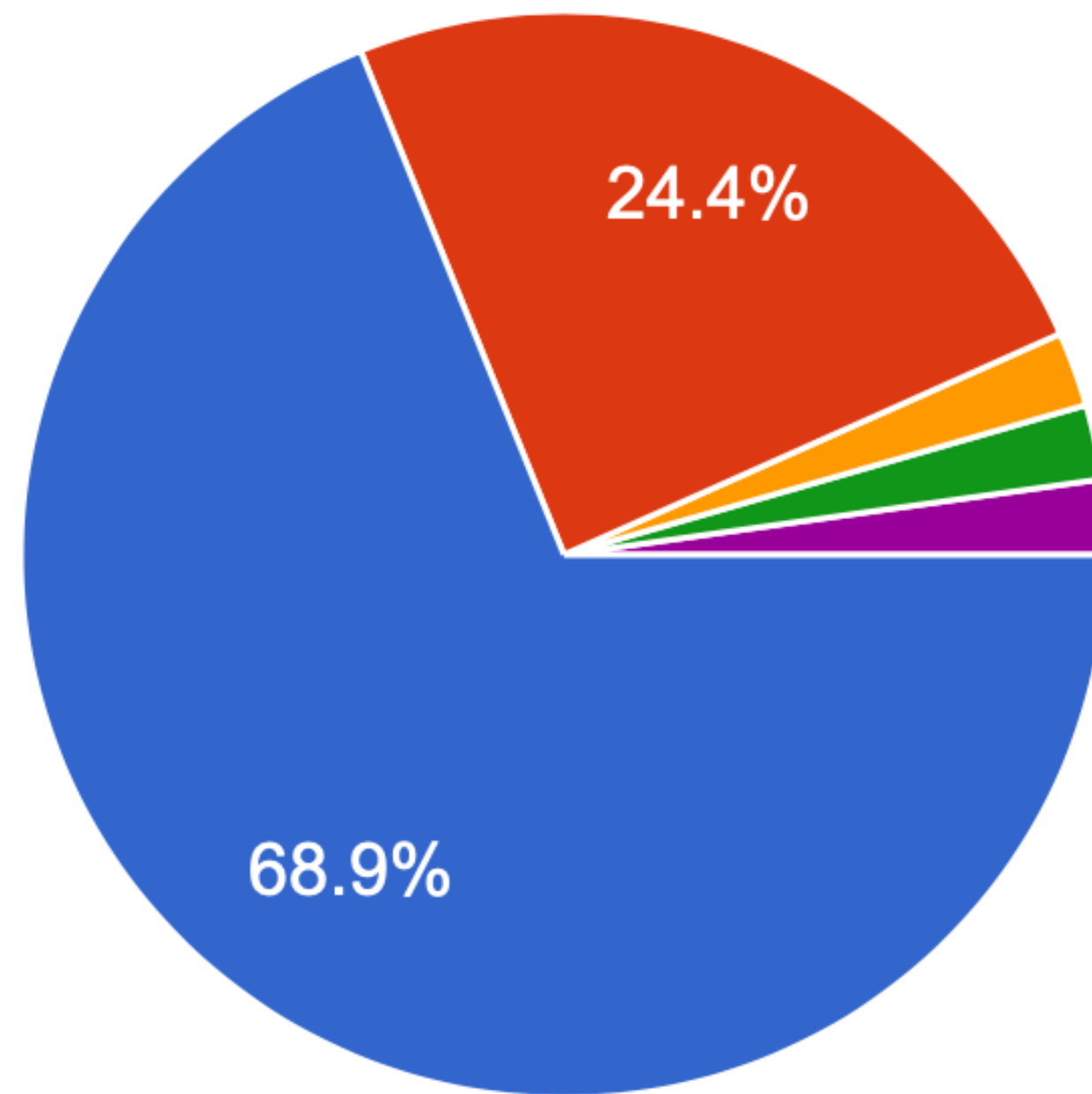
- Poorly Addended
 - ✓ 60 % never attended any
 - ✓ Only 25% attended more than one
- If continued we s/could
 - ✓ Extend season (April - October) and do one / month
 - ✓ Combine in person and Zoom options

The Hairy Woolly Adelaide



With State permission, would you consider donating to a fund to inoculate those hemlocks deemed worthy of saving on the Island?

45 responses



- Yes
- No
- Only prolongs the death of these trees check history of successful treatments, none have kept them alive for long without GREAT expense. Annual treatment costly.
- More info needed
- Maybe

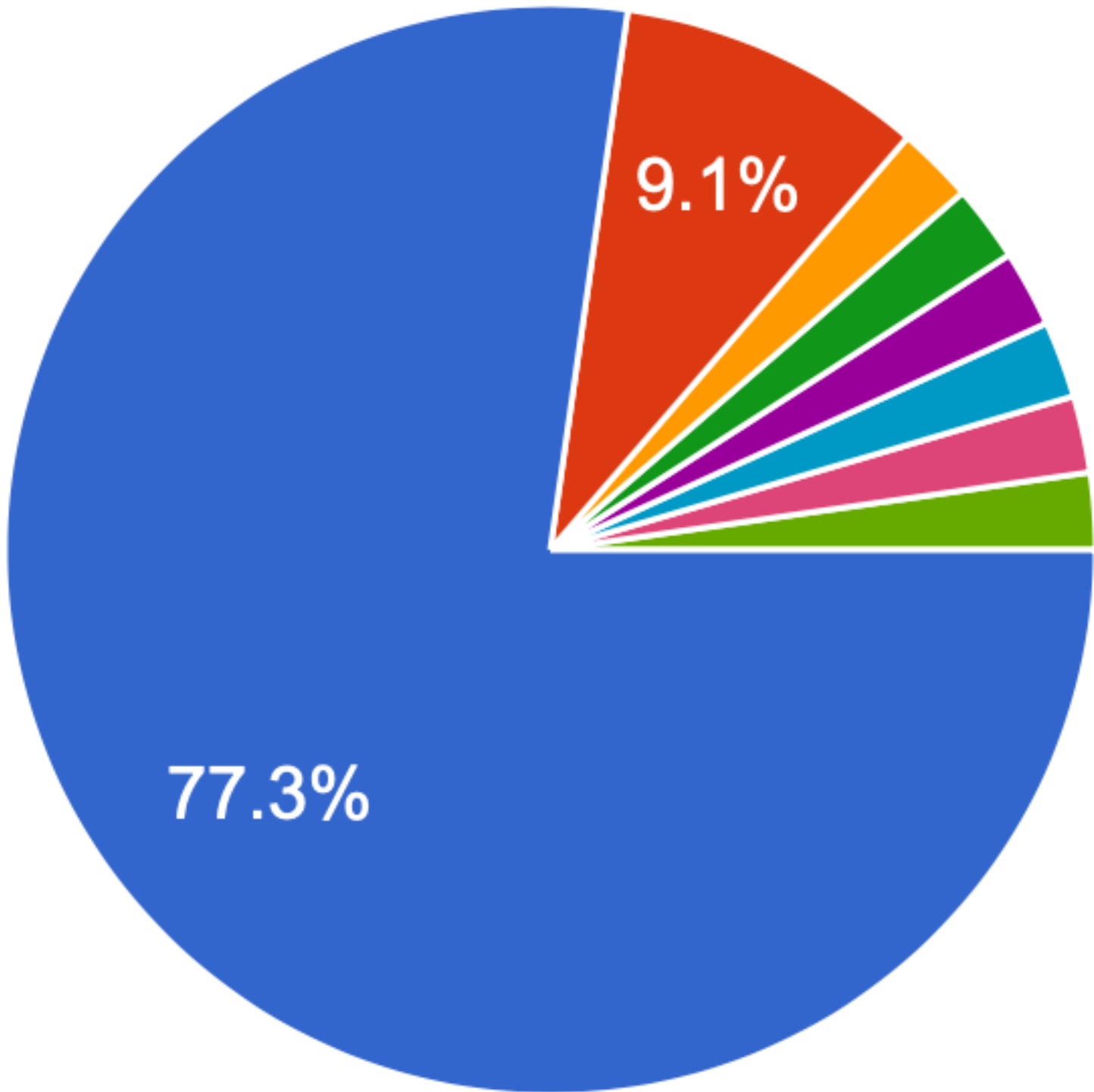
Takeaway's

- Perhaps we need to...
 - ✓ Establish a sub-committee to;
 - ✓ Look into the cost and
 - ✓ Investigate effectiveness of treatment
- Assuming above makes sense, work with the town to establish a fund and start a treatment program?

The Ice Out Lottery

Is the Ice Out Lottery still a good idea?

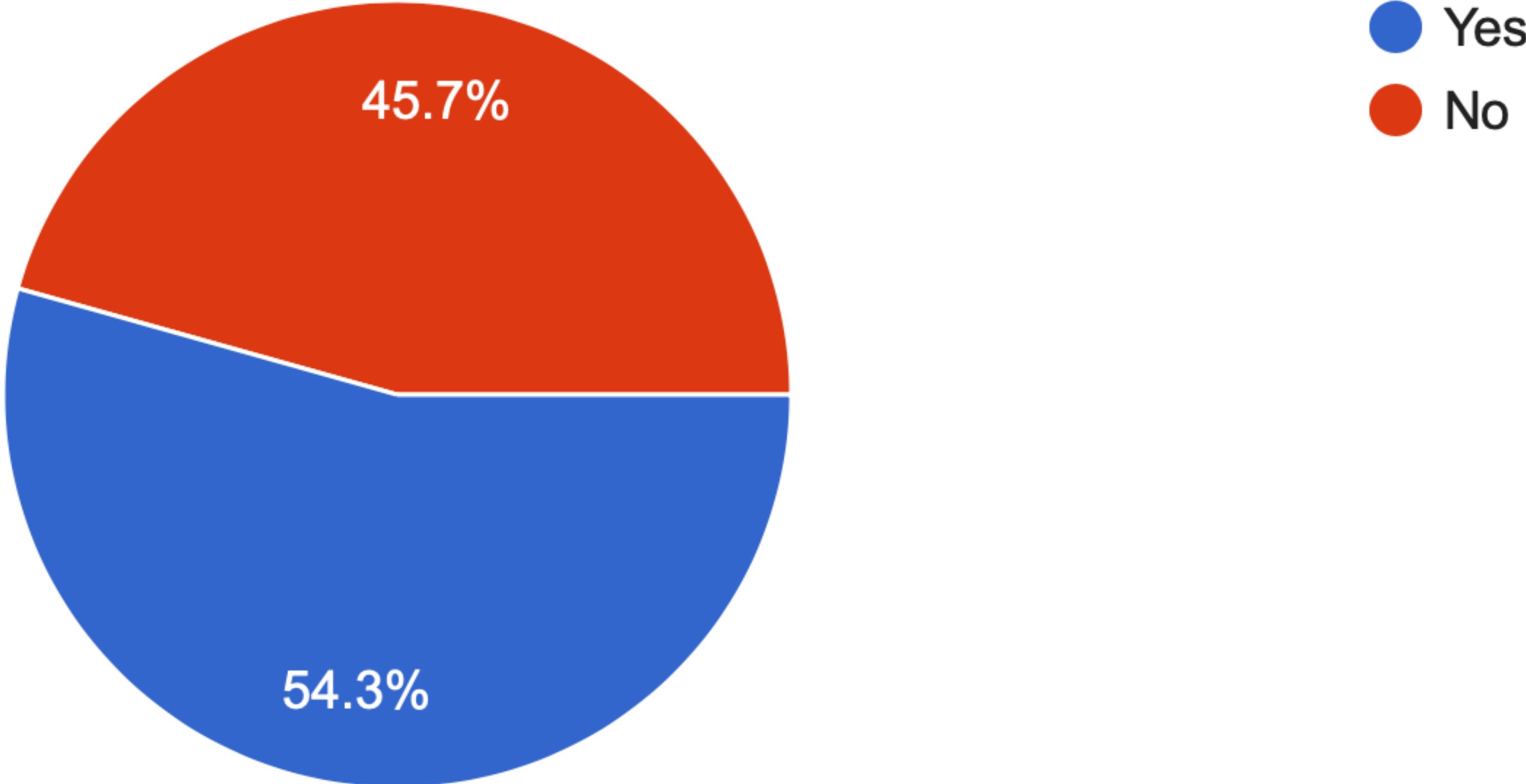
44 responses



- Yes
- No
- for some
- No opinion
- Why not
- Don't know what this is
- neutral
- ????

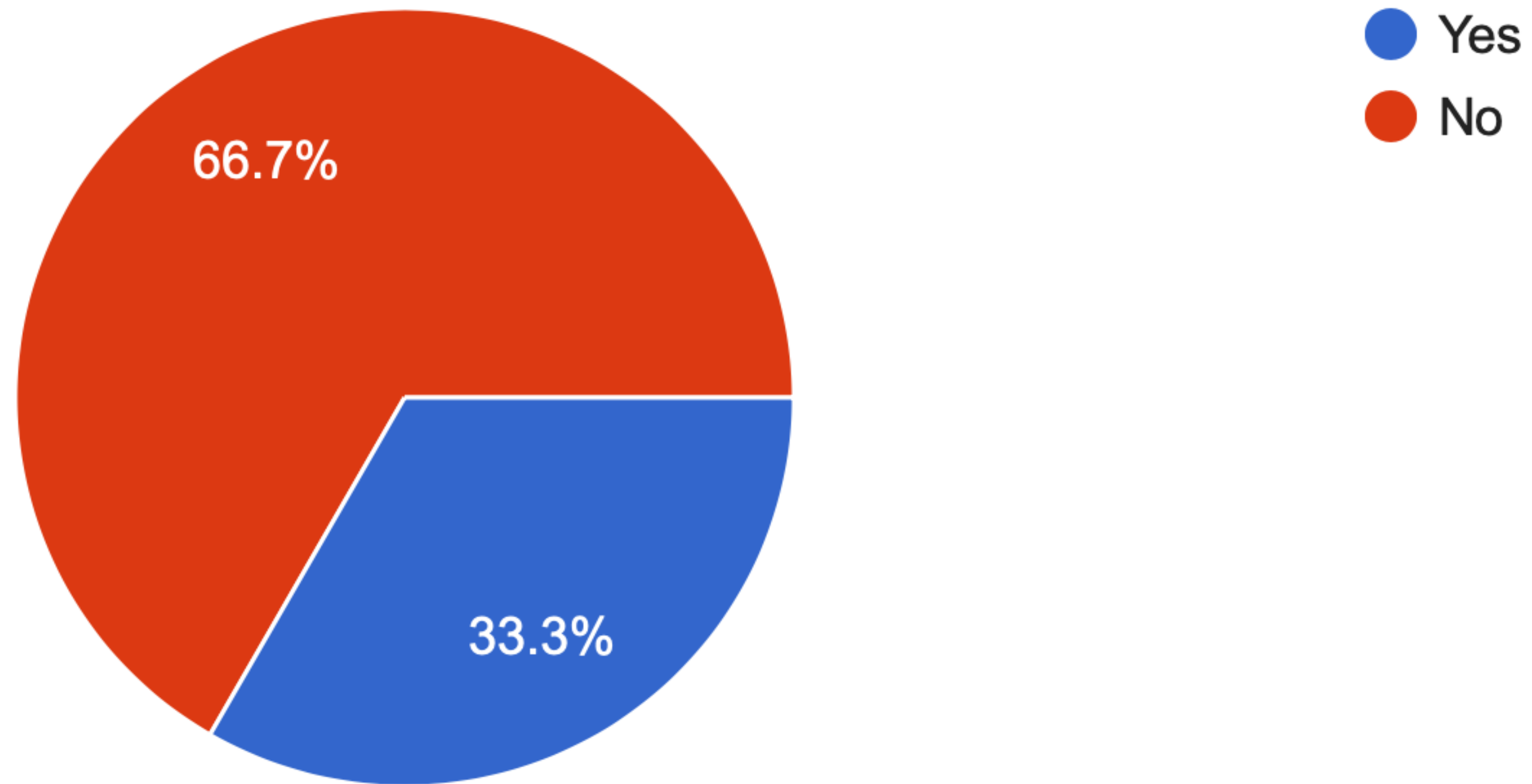
Have you purchased tickets in the past?

46 responses



Over the years, the SLA has both shared some of the proceeds with a local organizations, and kept 100% of the proceeds for SLA. Assuming the Lotter...24, do you think we should share the proceeds?

42 responses



Takeaway's

- Continue the ice out lottery
- Do better advertising
- Don't share the profits

Write In's

Please add any other comments or feedback you feel would be helpful for our 2024 planning.

12 responses

The SLA needs to introduce themselves to new property owners as new people move in. Something like a welcome wagon visit, information about the lake community, history and services that they might need such as town hall and septic maintenance..
A volunteer or a paid position like a lake host could provide this introduction.

Companies do work around the lake knowing it is wrong these companies should be made responsible for work in violation of Wetland laws along with the responsible landowner.

Appreciate the emphasis on preserving and enhancing the lake. Keep up the great work!

May we please address the condition of the boat landing sometime? The rock pile from power loading represents a threat to propellers and has caused damage to numerous boats. Industry professionals should be able to offer solutions. Interim steps might include removing the rock pile. A permanent solution might include installing precast concrete slabs. Improvements should help make the boat landing safer and more efficient for all. Thank you very much for your time and work on behalf of the lake and all of its stakeholders, and for your consideration.

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Regular communications about Spofford Lake is more important to me than the social elements of Annual Meeting or Ice-Out Lottery. Even random emails about lost boats or loons is a beneficial connection to the lake.

our taxes support Chesterfield sponsored organizations We need to focus on the lake

Less involvement. Let the Lake take care of itself like it has for millions of years

shorter survey

Excellent communication this year.

Updates on building and permits along the shoreline..i.e. old golf course, Spofford Hall properties, docks and use in the channel. Strong reminders about tree/brush cutting and runoff on shoreline that reaches people not members of SLA.

thank you for all you do