

DRAFT Hayden Lake Watershed Association, Inc. Minutes for June 22, 2011

Hayden Lake City Hall, Hayden Lake, Idaho.

I. Meeting was called to Order at 6:32pm. In attendance are Geoff Harvey, Gloria Lund, Mel Schmidt, Todd Walker, Bob West, Larry O'Leary, Clark Richards, Barb Neal and Chris Meyer.

II. Suggested changes to the agenda.

- Added a discussion of Hayden Canyon to the agenda.

III. Motion to approve 5.18 minutes made by Larry O'Leary, seconded by Barb Neal. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Correspondence received

- George Bacon of the Idaho Department of Lands received our letter regarding the use of weed mats and staff is working on the issue.
- Verbal comment from weed diver to Geoff: Valley County has an ordinance that landowners are responsible for eradicating noxious weeds from their property and instructed DOL to eradicate theirs from Payette Lake. The DOL started to be more cooperative in Payette County.
- Letter from Paul Leonard and Merlyn Duerksen with a generous contribution of \$786.12 and a note of appreciation for HLWA's watchdog efforts to protect Hayden Lake.

V. Tom Woolf – Idaho Department of Agriculture

Weed management – Barriers will now be permitted for milfoil and permits will be issued by a statewide permit system through the Department of Lands

- Landowners must have documented milfoil from the local noxious weed superintendant (Linda Ely in our area) to apply for a permit.
- Mats must not cover more than 2% of the lake bottom in any given year
- Fees will be \$50 per year per applicant
- Complete applications must be submitted in batches, and the State has requested HLWA's support and cooperation in getting applications fully completed.
- 500sf max for any one property owner
- 50' untreated separation area between treated zones
- Barriers must be removed by October 1 each year.
- DOL and Army Corps of Engineers will jointly facilitate the program.

Motion to commit Lake Manager Todd Walker to help facilitate getting complete applications submitted to the ID Dept of Lands

Moved by Gloria Lund, seconded by Mel Schmidt, unanimously approved

Herbicide treatment – Kootenai County has grant from DOA this year, but will be transitioning over to Department of Ag next year. 200+ acres are targeted for treatment with herbicides and divers. This will be the last year of any large scope State funded weed treatment. Tom will begin to be engaged this year in an effort to facilitate the transition next year.

Recent survey of Cocolalla lake showed that weed activity is already present this year.

Not much noxious weed transfer activity has been observed this year.

18 boats with Quagga mussels have been stopped this year. Last year only 8 boats were stopped for mussels. Some coming from the Great Lakes, and lower Colorado River.

Statewide sampling is underway for mussels on Hayden but none have been found to date.

## VI. Public Comment

### VII. Officer reports:

#### A. Treasurer

- Balances are holding up nicely. Special thanks to Paul Leonard and Merlyn Duerksen of the Hayden Lake Protection Association.

#### B. Secretary's report

- Quarterly newsletter was published earlier this month.

#### C. Lake Manager's Report

- Water levels appear to be falling and it appears that this watershed is largely melted out.
- Lake Cleanup Report
  - 50 Mivoden volunteers helped with the cleanup this year. Let's hope for better weather next year!
  - All 6 collected large docks were taken out of the water and will be broken down and burned later this summer.
  - A few extra docks owned by individuals were requested to add their docks to the removal list. Space permitting this may be allowed in July in exchange for a \$500 contribution to the HLWA.
  - Cannon Hill will take owned docks but 2-3 days of demolition is required to remove all metal so that they may be chipped. Docks must be transported to the Cannon Hill site by the owner.

### VII. Old Business

- Hemlock Hills – Geoff testified in favor of making the developer retain and treat all stormwater on site. Access easement issue remains controversial, and a County ruling is anticipated in July.
- Fee district
  - The letter to the Governor is ready and the list of interested applicants is as follows:
    - Karen Hayes, Paul Leonard, Jim Curtis and Steve Meyer
    - Pending applications are expected from Sheila Gary and Mel Schmidt
  - Not clear if Governor will appoint one representative who will appoint the others or all three representatives will be directly appointed by the Governor.
  - Once a board is in place, elections will then be held the following year in November to form a taxing district.
- Website – Hilma the website designer has requested Geoff collect a raft of information from the former website to populate the new website. Geoff will work with Hilma to get at least a basic webpage up and ready for visitors by the Annual Meeting.
- Annual membership meeting topics. Date is July 26<sup>th</sup>, time to be 6pm to 8pm. Suggestions for agenda items include updates on:
  - Watershed improvement district – Clark Richards
  - Noxious weed barriers – Geoff Harvey
  - Lake Cleanup – Todd Walker

- KEA lake monitoring project – Karen Hayes
- The County's 25' setback new rules – Somebody from KC planning?
- Highway department update on projects – Eric Shanley
- Sportsman's Access lake ramp – Chip Corsi, IDFG
- Hayden Canyon update
- Solicitation of a representative of each bay/region around the lake to be a touchpoint for information updates.

#### VIII. New Business

- New board members. Geoff suggests having a director from Mivoden. Joe Threadgill is the camp manager and Geoff proposes he be invited to submit for an open board seat.
- Motion by Bob West to ask Joe Threadgill to submit for a board position, second by Meyer. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by West, second by West. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.