

The meeting of the Hayden Lake Watershed Association was called to order at 6:36 pm at the Hayden Lake City Hall.

Present: Barbara Neal, Larry O' Leary, Mel Schmidt, Clark Richards, Geoff Harvey, Todd Walker, Gloria Lund and Donna Harvey taking minutes. Tom Woolf from State Agriculture Dept. and Thomas Moorhouse from Clean Lakes, Inc. Later, Doug Freeland from Ace Diving.

Gun Range: A letter sent to the United States Forest Service and a telephone reply was added to the agenda to be dealt with later on in the meeting.

Larry O'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Barbara Neal seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Milfoil: Tom Woolf from Idaho Department of Agriculture (thomas.woolf@agri.idaho.gov) introduced Tom Moorhouse of Clean Lakes, Incorporated which has the contract to apply herbicide to milfoil on Hayden Lake this summer. Tom Woolf said that a survey had been completed on Hayden Lake and that the treatments last year hadn't killed all the milfoil.

This year Tom Woolf said, the application of herbicide will use a new product and the application will take place at night using a weighted hose so that wind won't carry the product away from the plants. July 16 is the date that Clean Lakes, Inc. will try to do the work. Notices will be sent out and placed next week. Twenty four hours before application, notices will be posted on docks around the bays where the application will take place.

Barbara Neal asked about the effect on fish. Tom Woolf said that the EPA has tested this herbicide and found that it has no effect on fish.

The website for Clean Lakes, Inc. is: www.cleanlake.com and the group asked that Chris Meyer post this url on the Hayden Lake Watershed website.

Doug Freeland of Ace Diving informed the group of non-herbicide treatments of milfoil. Doug's company has divers who can pull the weed out around docks and they also can place the mats around docks and swimming areas. They often place mats in places that are difficult to get to with boats. Idaho Department of Lands (www.idl.idaho.gov) gives permits for these mats which are 10 feet by 10 feet. One homeowner can buy and place up to five mats.

Ace Diving can provide, install, and maintain the mats. These mats should be moved and flipped during the summer season. This is difficult for home owners to do in 6-8 feet of water and divers can do this easily. Doug can be reached at : Acediving@hotmail.com

Watershed Improvement District: Mel Schmidt said that the group is still trying to organize.

Officers Reports:

Gloria Lund gave the treasurer's report. She reported the web designer has been paid.

Todd Walker reported that Kootenai County is sending all milfoil permits through him. He is helping people to fill out the forms, initialing the forms and encouraging residents around the lake to join the Watershed Association.

Lake Clean Up: Joe Threadgill said that Mivoden had done their clean up and had some docks. Todd said that there are some additional docks that need rounding up. Joe said Mivoden could accommodate around 5 docks.

Shooting Range: Geoff said that the United States Forest Service (USFS) was glad to receive the letter from the Association concerning the Hayden Lake shooting range on Hayden Creek. There was a story in the Coeur d'Alene Press and the USFS has warned users that they must keep this area clean and free of debris and hazardous materials. The USFS shut down the Fernan Range because of abuse and the USFS has the right to shut down the entire Hayden Creek Watershed if the watershed is put in danger.

Clean Up of Overflow Ditch: Several members agreed to meet tomorrow, June 21 at the overflow ditch and clean up some of the debris in the ditch. Gloria Lund said that someone had dumped a television on the trail down from hill above.

Sportsman's Access: This access is closed for work and a story was run in the Coeur d'Alene Press, but no signs have been posted. People are still driving to Sportsman and then having to turn around which is time consuming and difficult. Bob West is going to call the highway district and the county to see if one of them can post signs.

No Wake Zones: Mel Schmidt has done some research and discovered that when a lake is at flood stage, the no wake zones should increase. Geoff said that he would speak to the Waterways Commission who can then go to Kootenai County Commissioners to put this rule in place on Hayden Lake.

Helicopter Landing Areas: There is one landing area at Mivoden and more are sought at the far end of the lake.

Information Fair: This date was set on July 7 at 10am to noon. If people are interested, the members would stay later. Ace Diving and Clean Lakes, Inc. will have information available as well as the HLWA. The group requested that Chris put the information on the Association's website.

Larry O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gloria Lund seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm on June 20, 2012.