

Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
February 25, 2019 Hayden Lake City Hall 9393 Strahorn Road, Hayden Lake ID

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, President; Jan Wilkins, Vice President (by telephone); Barb Neal Treasurer; Will Neal, DCO; and Todd Walker, Lake Manager. Board members absent Gloria Lund, Gil Rossner, and Chris Meyer. Attending John Aram and Mary Ann Stoll.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Additions to the Agenda: Aquatic weed informational meeting

- Post card after wake discussion

Input from Attending Public & Watershed Improvement District Update.

- Discussion of root rot area planting project
 - John Aram from the Forest Service nursery present to discuss project
 - Area suggested near Windy Bay – see appended map
 - Nursery does not currently have stock of correct habitat type that is not committed, but not all committed stock gets planted so possibility of enough trees.
 - Suggest planting on 10' by 10' grid; need to measure to determine area size
 - Discussion of potential protection: Forest Service has many less desirable screens, but none of most desirable.
 - Discussion of planting implements needed.
 - Will measure the area and get results to Barb to send to Mr. Aram.
- Watershed Improvement District Update
 - Request for proposal to install the navigational buoys sent to 5 contractors; still not on website or published in paper.
 - Target for deployment of buoys June 1st; discussion between Dept. of Lands and District on removal of illegal buoys; Lands wants illegal buoys out before deployment.
- Post card to be sent out to lakeshore owners discussed.
 - Jan and Mary Ann making changes suggested; will be sent out for review
 - Joint effort of Association and District; cost share suggested
 - Issue will be put on next agenda for further discussion.
- Update on state wake legislation reserving any additional regulation to State Legislature
 - Legislation withdrawn by Representative Addis
 - Good coordination between the Association, River Friends and Cd'A Lake Property Owners Association; speaking with one voice; often using out talking points
 - Our letter reworded and sent after legislation withdrawn
- Report was made on a variance hearing for setbacks for a property near Half Mile Lane on Hayden Lake Road. Variance sought do not appear to have any impact on the lake or watershed.

Regular Business:

- Treasurers' Report
 - Financial situation reviewed
 - Treasurer emphasized the need to pay 2020 membership dues.
- No report from Recorder; still need to fill this position.
- Technology & Communications Report
 - Mail Chimp has been chosen for e-mail communications to the membership
 - Semi-annual report e-mail was sent to 479 addresses.
 - A discussion followed of the number and conditions under which e-mails would be sent.
 - The sense of the discussion was to limit e-mails, but inform membership of Association events and to transmit newsletters.
 - The website has been refreshed; content reflects content of new website under construction.
 - The Board discussed a website-Facebook interface.

Old Business

- Sheriff's Candidate Forum
 - All five viable candidates have replied they will attend
 - A set of questions has been formulated
 - Due to input from the candidates representatives, format for questions answers changed to some written replies (qualifications) then bulleted for audience handout
 - Also effort to pre-determine different views and emphasize those questions.
 - Final format yet to be set; likely in March meeting.
 - Plan to make video of the forum that can be posted on website
- Bylaws Update
 - Board reviewed and edited Articles 5 & 6 of the bylaws.
 - Association new logo discussed
 - Discussion of need to have professionally developed logo
 - Checks with Chris Meyer yielded no response on his efforts
 - Barb Neal suggested working with Allegra
 - Motion to work with Allegra Print with a budget of approximately \$400 to have logo developed, Barb Neal, second Todd Walker. Motion approved by voice vote.
 - Discussion to place origin date of the Association on logo; idea supported; date will be found and transmitted to Barb Neal.
- Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Proposal updated
 - Waterways Advisory Board approved the proposal in principle in November
 - Craig Ely supplied Kootenai County Parks & Recreation with a definition
 - Watershed Improvement District agreed to buy and install the marker buoys in a letter to Park & Recreation
 - Association supplied a letter of support
 - Board of County Commissioner will decide; consideration not yet scheduled.

- Kootenai County Site Disturbance Ordinance enforcement
 - Report on discussions with Commissioner Fillios and Planning Director Callahan
 - Bluntly told that there is not a majority on the Board to enforce the ordinance
 - If the Association wants the rules enforced it will have to get another commissioner to support enforcement.
 - Board resolved to mount a campaign to push for enforcement of the existing site disturbance ordinance.
- Forest Service Honey-Badger Project Update
 - Collaborative group met February 18th
 - Forest Service plans to release draft proposed actions for public comment in March.
 - The Forest Service plans vegetative treatments (timber harvest or prescribed burning) of roughly 20% of the project area to improve timber stand composition
 - Clear from hydrology presentation that the plan is only to react to impacts harvests and burns not to address existing problems in the watershed; FSR 437 and Ohio March grade culverts.
 - Some headway made when a route across Forest Service land to re-route the access was explained.
 - Also introduced the concept of cost share with Watershed Improvement District on improved drainage for Ohio Match grade culverts; later the District's Board agreed to at least explore cost share with the Forest Service.
 - Schedule for the project projects a decision by Fall 2020
- Association leadership and membership development: Plan to have membership forms on table at Sheriff Candidates Forum
- Planting project dealt with earlier.

New Business:

- Hayden Lake Yacht Club has proposed to target its fund raising activities for the benefit of the HLWAI
 - Jan described the Yacht Club's activities and how it came to the proposal to target it's fund raising for the Association.
 - The Board appreciatively endorsed Yacht Club's offer to fund raise in its behalf.
- Paving Nielsen Creek Road
 - The road's first tenth mile drains fairly direct to Mokins Slough a suspected high nutrients area of the lake.
 - The highway district once claimed it had budget to pave this road.
 - Paving the road is listed as an action in the TMDL implementation plan
 - Re-routing access to the Forest up this road might be made more attractive if it were paved.
 - The Board decided a letter to the Lakes Highway District should be developed to request this road be paved; Barb will transmit the finished letter to her contact on the District

No current or emerging issues were identified.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM

