

Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
March 24, 2020 Hayden Lake City Hall 9393 Strahorn Road, Hayden Lake ID

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, President; Jan Wilkins, Vice President; Barb Neal, Treasurer; Will Neal, Digital Communications Officer; Gil Rossner and Todd Walker. Absent: Gloria Lund and Chris Meyer. Attending Mary Ann Stoll. In response to the current COVID-19 health emergency and an abundance of caution, the meeting was conducted as a video conference using the Zoom Platform arranged by Will Neal the Association's communications officer.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

No public attended to present issues. Report on the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District issues dispersed elsewhere in the minutes.

Regular Business:

- Treasurers' Report
 - Quarterly bank report reviewed; Quarterly balance sheet reviewed.
 - Treasurer suggested and Board agreed annual payment of dues be part of an e-mail to the membership
- No report from Recorder; still need to fill this position.
- Technology & Communications Report
 - Work is continuing to construct the new website
 - Website being maintained with posting of the minutes and bio-sketches.
 - Discussion of e-mail to be sent out on dues payment, new format for the sheriff candidate forum and possibly request for illegal navigation buoy removal.
 - Discussion of the value of current PayPal system discussed. The use has been seldom. The possibilities of using Venmo and Zelli systems suggested. These allow direct deposit with no or modest fee. Point made PayPal still best known. These options will be investigated by Will.
 - The possibility of a raffle to raise funds suggested. Other nonprofits use this fundraising mechanism. The state rules will be reviewed to assess the Associations legal options.

Old Business

- Sheriff's Candidate Forum
 - The current health emergency is fully expected to extend through April and hence interfere with a sheriff candidate's forum as was envisioned and planned.
 - Timing of the primary does not allow postponement.
 - Options to revise the format that will be useful to the membership discussed.
 - Ask the candidates to answer the prepared questions and provide a short opening statement in writing and post these on the Association's website.
 - On a web platform like Zoom have the candidates provide a short opening statement and then answer the prepared questions. These clips would then be placed on a You Tube platform with a link to it on the website.

- Candidates will be assured no editing.
 - Point was made that the e-mail to the membership should include the change in forum's format
 - Jan and Barb will work on the revised format with Will providing support on video support.
- Bylaws Update
 - Board reviewed the previous edited Articles 5 & 6 of the bylaws and then reviewed the remaining bylaws (Articles 7-10).
 - Discussion of Article 7 section 1 providing for an alternate slate of candidates to be put forward by the membership. Agreed that an addition needs to be made to allow a vote on the two candidate slates at the annual meeting. The additional language will be crafted.
 - The Board will vote on the revised bylaws at its next meeting.
- Association logo
 - Barb provided three designs provided by the contractor (attached)
 - Unanimous agreement that the third logo is the best.
 - Still have two opportunities for revision by the contractor
 - Minor revisions discussed and noted
 - Alignment and simpler cleaner font of lettering
 - Reduction of the line width of the wave lines
 - Barb will take the logo back for revision.
 - Decided the Inc. can be dropped from use; its history noted. The reason for its earlier use is no longer relevant.
- Boat Wake Follow Up
 - Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Proposal updated
 - The Board of County Commissioners have decided to move the proposal on to a public hearing based on their Advisory Board's recommendation and the Support of the Watershed Improvement District to pay for the additional three buoys.
 - Deputy Klinkafus will designate the buoy location.
 - The timing of this process is in uncertain due to the current health emergency.
 - The revised no wake post card was discussed.
 - The Board agreed with the content, however,
 - The issue of the removal of the illegal navigational buoys has likely altered the content of the document.
 - The concept of adding line(s) to urge illegal buoy removal was suggested by Commissioner Duncan to Jan. The county wants the illegal buoys removed before the legal buoys are installed by the District
 - This discussion apparently triggered an e-mail from the commissioner to Mike Ahmer of IDL and his response.

- Mr. Ahmer stated the problems communicating with the seasonal owners of Hayden Lake's illegal navigational buoys. The communication and the inspection of removal cannot be completed by the District's timeline of June 1st to install the legal navigational buoys.
- The District's Lake Management team could be used to help remove the buoys, ask buoy owners to remove them and look for the deployment of any new illegal buoys.
- A mechanism is required for lakeshore owners to petition for additional navigational buoys if the fourteen to be placed are not effective. The District envisions a system to petition for additional buoys.
- The post card will be reworked by Jan and Mary Ann to include a line that enforcement of no wake zones cannot be implemented by the sheriff's marine deputies until the illegal buoys are removed and the legal navigational buoys are installed.
- Need to speak with the District to gain approval to use the grant to pay for the post cards and postage. Geoff and Mary Ann will do this. Argument bolstered by addition of language to remove the illegal buoys.
- Discussion of obtaining a nonprofit bulk mail rate. Is it worth the \$200 charge for mailings the Association plans for the year? Post Cards 25 cents versus 12 cents each. Barb will investigate.
- New Boat Wake Ordinances
 - County Commissioners discussing a new excessive boat wake ordinance.
 - The ordinance would initially be applied to the Spokane River
 - Later in a separate process it would be applied to the lakes.
 - Two step and two public hearing process.
- Kootenai County Site Disturbance Ordinance enforcement
 - Board briefed on efforts to question Commission and City on enforcing the existing site disturbance and lake buffer ordinances.
 - Like many public meeting approaches efforts suspended by current human health emergency.
- Forest Service Honey-Badger Project Update
 - Forest Service planned to release its plans in March, but this has not occurred.
 - This release may be delayed by current human health emergency.
- Association leadership and membership development: No additional plans at this time
- Tree planting project
 - Windy Bay root rot area surveyed and found to be approximately 30,000 square feet or a little less than two-thirds of an acre. Area on Forest Service managed land.
 - Based on 10 feet by 10 feet spacing 300 trees; based on 15 feet by 15 feet, 133 trees.
 - Problem is site accessibility. This could be solved by a trail into the site aided by a ladder up the road cut slope

- Hayden Lake Yacht Club: Club has decided to direct charity events funds to the Association this season. The website was quite helpful in gain their support. Jan will follow up with Yacht Club on permission to have Association brochures, the wake post card and flyers available at their events.
- Lobbying the Lakes Highway District to pave Mokins Bay Road: The letter to the District was transmitted through Diane Fountain the local District Commissioner. The two mileages to the Mokins Bay Campground (0.12 mile) and over Forest Service managed and Mivoden property (1 mile) were added to the final draft of the letter.
- North Arm Boat Wake Meetings
 - This effort has fallen off our agenda over the winter months
 - The District's water quality results would be used to educate owners on water quality issues in the North Arm and need for boat speed restrictions. Awaiting input of the Districts other consultant to finalize these for reports and websites. Geoff will inquire with Darren Brandt.
 - Need to define groups we can address. Road associations on Taylor Terrance and Shenandoah and possibly homeowners association of Emerald Forest subdivision. Gil will find contact information for these groups.
 - Actual schedule of these meetings will be governed by length of current human health emergency.

New Business:

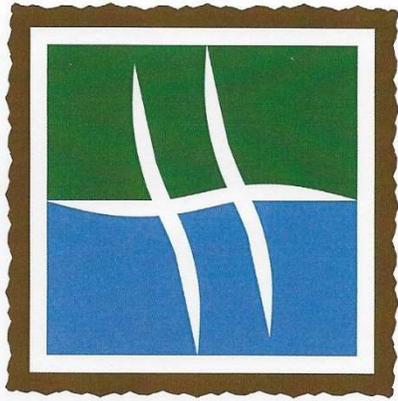
- Issue raised at last District meeting of Association mixing in county commission politics.
 - District informed that Association's 501 c (3) status precludes it participation in partisan politics
 - The Board reiterated its stand that the Association represents all its members interested in the welfare of the lake and its watershed regardless of political affiliation.

Current or emerging issues:

- Board informed that Dr. Wilhelm of the University of Idaho has two graduate students working of the impact of waves on lakeshore and the sediment and nutrients mobilized
 - The research is center on Coeur d'Alene Lake and Payette Lake and will address the soils from the distinct geologies of these lakes.
 - It was noted that Coeur d'Alene Lake has granitic and basalt geologies along its shores while Payette is all granitic geology.
 - Since Hayden Lake is roughly half granitic and half basalt geology along its shores, the research results will likely be informative for Hayden Lake.

Next meeting set for April 28th

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM



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