

Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
May 26, 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 and Gil Rossner. Board members absent: Gloria Lund, Chris Meyer and Todd Walker. Attending: Mary Ann Stoll, Danine and Rick Harnes. In our response to the COVID-19 health emergency and an abundance of caution, the meeting was conducted as a teleconference using the Zoom Platform arranged by Will Neal the Association's communications officer. A means was provided on the web-site to include public participation.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

No additions or deletions from agenda: Since Danine and Rick Harnes were attending to discuss North Arm wake issues, Discussion of the North Arm Meeting Planning was moved up in the agenda.

Public Input:

- Report on the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Meeting:
 - Activities of Association in excessive wake issue, Honey-Badger Planning and North Arm meetings reported
 - District working on:
 - Deploying buoys: eight or fourteen being worked out
 - Still a question if county or District can obtain a permit
 - Question if Nick Snyder is the point person on buoy approvals.
 - Collecting dock and other debris for annual removal
 - District's budget hearing at next meeting.
- Danine and Rick Harnes own a cabin on North Arm. Addressed the Board with their concerns about boat wakes and boats operating too close to shore. Received the buoy removal post card and want update on actions.
 - The Association's efforts to get the fourteen legal navigational buoys explained along with the plan for a navigational channel and otherwise no wake zone in the lake's North Arm. Association did not get and is still working on the North Arm part of Package.
 - Petition for navigational channel and no wake north of Henry's Point
 - Some resistance to petition by North Arm residents, hence the planned informational meetings. Planned for Fall 2019 but postponed until Spring 2020 and then moved to Zoom Meeting format. Planning discussion to follow.
 - Noted in discussion that there is an existing 200 feet to shore or dock no wake limit; and a new 300 feet to shore or dock excessive wake limit.
- North Arm Meeting Planning
 - Meeting set for June 9, 2020 in a Zoom Meeting format
 - Discussion of post card announcement reviewed by Board, approved with only issue return address position; will be mailed first class because number under bulk rate.
 - Post card invites sign up to participate, Questions per presentation will be given to presenters to address if possible in presentation

- During presentation chat will be monitored for questions. These will be directed to the appropriate presenter by Will.

Regular Business:

- Treasurer's Report: Bills and balances reviewed; Income dues and one donation, letter acknowledging the donation sent out. Receipt on Excessive wake ad still not forthcoming from Cd'A Press.
- No Recorders Report
- Technology & Communications Report: Paypal has approved the Association as a charity giving us a better rate. Also a number a applications become available. These will be researched.
 - Question asked on number of signatures on electronic petition: Answer 320 signed and sent to county commissioners before 3 PM may 19th deadline, Most of these from Kootenai County residents or property owners. Eventually 833 signed, but the later signers were from far flung locations including Canada.
 - Letter to BOCC on signatures received; Geoff will compose and send out for review.

Old Business:

- Boat wake Issues
 - Excessive Boat Wake Ordinance Follow up.
 - Hayden Lake was provided a 300 feet from shore or dock no excessive wake zone
 - Excessive wake definition: basically if a boat any boat is plowing water (bow up) for a continuous period it is deemed producing an excessive wake.
 - Since the Association testified that 500 feet would be a better limit, how can we monitor the established limit for its effectiveness? Two approaches:
 - Will to develop a questionnaire type complaint system for the website to capture violations with a minimum of ambiguous complaints
 - Todd and Geoff will explore using camera pair to watch specific shoreline and boat passage to provide hard evidence of wake compliance and limit effectiveness.
 - Memorial Day Wake Brochure Distribution
 - Did not occur because Memorial Day so early this year; probably good given the bad weather.
 - Distribution to occur weekend of May 30 and 31.
 - Question on illegal buoys left: surveys 1 or 2.
 - Boat Wake Post Card
 - Pending Board approval to go out next week.
 - Post card reviewed by Board and approved with only change again the placement of the return address.
 - Considerable discussion of sending first class , more expensive versus bulk rate.
 - First class will guarantee of undeliverable cards, thus allow ground trothing of the mailing list we have, bulk rate will not.
 - Decision to send this mailing first class.

- Since post card and brochure so similar, decided to print additional cards to obtain a better rate and use these as brochures in future; point made cards may be more rain resistant.
- Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Zone
 - BOCC considered this proposal
 - WE missed the deliberation, because not recognized in the county meeting announcements
 - BOCC referred the proposal back to proponent Craig Ely asking it be proposed as designated swimming area.
 - Staff argued this might cause more problems than solved by creating a use where not appropriate.
 - General opinion that BOCC has “wake fatigue”
 - Will talk Nick Snyder and get his viewpoint.
- Honey badger Follow up
 - Letter of comment submitted, Ranger communicate he had read.
 - Graphic of replacement route for proposed removal of FSR 437 discussed.
 - Replacement route documentation provided to the Forest Service.
- Association Leadership/ Membership Development
 - Have discussed candidacy for Sewer Board with one individual and have two more in mind.
 - Also the nominations for candidates to the Improvement District discussed; number of director’s for this Board in question. Geoff will find answer.
 - No progress on social media issue.
- Hayden Days Participation
 - Still do not know if the event will be held decision in mid to late June
 - Organizer described possibility of removing every other booth; brings up how our message can be communicated under these conditions.
 - Motion to not participate this year and roll our fee forward to next year, Jan Wilkins, second Will Neal, motion passed.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting Discussion:
 - Bylaws call for July Meeting but recently in August
 - As with Hayden Days we do not know how COVID-19 will affect this event
 - Motion to plan for annual meeting in first or second week of August, but revisit this issue in the June Board Meeting, Jan Wilkins, second Will Neal. Motion Passed.
 - Barb will check into possibilities for outside meeting at Country Club.
- Watershed Issues Field Trip
 - Propose field trip for Board members and a few others to have a firsthand look at watershed issues brought up to the Forest Service in our Honey-Badger Comment.
 - General interest, place in a late June timeframe.

Current and Emerging Issues:

Next meeting: Tuesday June 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25 PM