

Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
August 25, 2020 Meeting Held In Zoom Platform

Board members present: Jan Wilkins, Acting President; Geoff Harvey, President; Barb Neal, Treasurer; Will Neal, Digital Communications Officer; Todd Walker and Gil Rossner. Absent: Gloria Lund and Chris Meyer. Attending Mary Ann Stoll. 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 6:34 PM

Additions to agenda: Cd'A Press reporter's questions placed under new business; new wake education program for Air B&B renters; report on most recent lake monitoring result, chlorophyll a and phytoplankton put in recorder's report.

Public Input: None

- Report on the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Meeting
 - Problem District had with paying bills in age of COVID-19 discussed; District Board ironing out the problem. Barb reported reimbursement checks being received by Association.
 - The mixed communications on physical meetings at Hayden City Hall discussed; current ban until early September, but likely extended. Association will address if necessary when health crisis passes.

Regular Business

- Treasurers' Report: Records of bank account and Quick books spreadsheets reviewed.
 - Dues paying members and donations have doubled
 - Board asked if additional information needed, answer was that report adequate.
- Recorders Report:
 - No report for recorder
 - More lake monitoring results received from District consultant Darren Brandt
 - Results fully support other plant nutrient and nitrogen biomass results.
 - Chlorophyll a very rough estimate of biomass shows the same pattern of low productivity at mid-lake and Gonzaga stations, rising at Ross Point and highest at Bob's Bay
 - Phytoplankton densities reflect the same pattern
 - Blue green algae (Cyanobacters) most prevalent at all stations, but owing to small size not unexpected; flagellates rather than diatoms were the third most prevalent algae at the mid-lake.
 - Blue green algae that produce toxins are found around Bob's bay, but not in the mid-lake stations. The blue green producing the most dangerous toxin is found in the North Arm but at low concentrations.

- The Association will advocate nitrate nitrogen addition to a lake, likely Fernan that regularly suffers blue-green algae blooms.
- Technology & Communications Report:
 - E-mail campaigns receiving over 50% openings
 - Annual meeting presentations divided into six videos; Code enforcement has received most views followed by marine deputy.
 - Association has paid \$12 per year to the web host and \$18 to GoDaddy, which Will has funded so far.
 - Budget item request: Request to obtain Ninja Forums at \$49.50 per year; \$99 for this and next year and Zenith Exhibits, which the Association is using by the good graces of a cooperator. Proposed the Association reimburses the cooperator \$40 per year. These programs will allow better online management of photo images sent the website.
 - Motion to approve purchase of Ninja Forums and reimburse cooperator for Zenith Exhibits in total amount of \$139, Harvey, second Barb Neal, Approved
 - Request of Sheriff's candidate Norris for sheriff's forum questionnaires; similar request from Susan Stiger Spokane River Association.
 - Answers in pdf format; difficult to alter but not impossible.
 - Board decided to repost to website Candidate Norris and Bauer's answers and solicit answers from the Libertarian candidate and if responsive post these. Video of the session is already up.
 - Jan will inform Norris and Bauer of our decision, Geoff will notify Susan Stiger.

Old Business:

- Boat Wakes
 - Educational boat wake flyer distribution
 - In past week and a half 250 - 300 flyers put out at Honeysuckle and Sportsmans
 - Jan has roughly 200 left, Will has some and Gil still has a inch and a half to two inch stack.
 - Plan to put out the rest over the three days of Labor Day weekend
 - A volunteer put them on curbside post boxes back from the lake, which is a violation, after a call from the Postmaster the problem was ironed out.
 - Joint committee of the Association and District has been formed to get the wake message out to Air B&B renters.
 - Jan and Mary Ann working on the effort with others.
 - Company, VeCasa, carrying most of these rentals identified.
 - Agreed the best approach would be adapting information on post cards flyers to a one-page insert into informational notebooks most rentals have for patrons.
 - Hope to foster good behavior by AirB&B renters
 - Wake Monitoring Efforts
 - First and foremost Todd reports that all navigational buoys are now in place.
 - From dock photographic monitoring has plan, but not yet worked out camera mounts or dock(s) conducive to monitoring. Work in progress likely to be implemented next boating season.
 - Wake complaint form is in place on the website.

- Ability to attach pictures requested; should be possible once new software discussed earlier in place.
 - Will completed the work from rough model.
 - Cumulative wave effects issue raised; point made hard to quantify and may stray from objectivity we are trying to maintain.
 - Petition form for additional buoys being developed.
 - Will has concept based on input from last meeting.
 - Once completed Board will review.
- Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Zone
 - Latest draft reviewed; comment that graphics too small
 - Geoff will redraft with larger graphics
 - Jan will send for review to the Kerrs and Geoff to Craig Ely once redraft approved by Board

Lakes Highway District Budget Hearing, August 31st

- Budget includes funds for paving of Mokins Creek Road
- Budget dropped from \$7M to \$4M, so need to argue for this step
- Need at least initial hill paved, but prefer whole mile up to Forest Service border; will not mention the Association's proposed new portal to Forest; paving road in Lake Management Plan Addendum
- Barb, Will and Gil will attend to advocate paving.

Annual Meeting Follow up

- Meeting has 24 participants on line likely more than one per household.
- Presentations filmed and placed on website; six separate videos
 - As stated earlier code enforcement most viewed.
 - General discussion of excavations around the lake ensued with focus on Webster dig on south shore and soil deposit north of Lancaster Road.
 - Gil will investigate the fill north of Lancaster Road; Todd has assured code enforcement is keeping a close eye on the south shore excavation.
- Ability to ask questions provided to video viewers.
- Two questions not answered
 - Question from Jean Schrank: Weeds in Windy Bay
 - Stacy Bonilla: North Idaho Martine Operation on Honeysuckle Bay
 - Geoff will address both
- Request of Sheriff's Marine Deputy for a place for boat docking and storage
 - Prefer west side
 - Sheriff's deputy will rent site and build storage building on waterfront.
 - Geoff will speak with one potential site owner.

Association leadership/membership: Membership increasing as are volunteers because the Association is active and our constituents know that.

Virtual Watershed Field Trip Creation on Website

- Have Jan's Gil's and Will's photographs.
- Actual field trip was on the last day with significant precipitation.
- Will await fall rains to do more filming; Todd, Geoff & others?
- In the meantime will place existing photos on the website; will require explanation.

Hayden Lake Sewer District

- At last meeting the issue of the name change from recreational to plain sewer district came up as did potential expansion north across Lancaster Road.
- At the direction of the Board the president made a public records request (PRR) for fist the judicial Motion to Change the district name.
- After that was obtained it was determined the key document was the "Verification of the Motion" and specifically item 3 where the District's attorney attested that 50% of the District was not "natural" or in agricultural use and 50% of the districts constituents are residents of the district. A second PRR requesting proof of these assertions was made.
- The Sewer District replied that they did not hold such documents in their files proving the item 3 assertions..
- Geoff, Jan and Todd attended the next (date?) Sewer Board meeting and asked simply where evidence was to support the item 3 assertions.
 - Much lip service to the Sewer Board's protective impulses concerning the lake together with the attorney's argument that the district could only supply sewer as well as,
 - Long winded assertions that proof of the item 3 assertions existed.
 - But no definitive information was provided other than the consulting engineer would find it.
- Based on the Attorney's assertions about evidence, the Association agreed to resubmit its PRR.
- The PRR was resubmitted asking again for the evidence proving the item 3 assertions and a request for all basic founding documents as well as any mission statements was added.
- To date some founding documents for the Recreational Water and Sewer District have been supplied and distributed to the Board, but still no evidence of the item 3 assertions has been forthcoming, just a promise the engineer would find it.
- A position is opening on the sewer board with the resignation of one member; Board actively seeking a candidate to fill this position.

New Business

- Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter seeking answers from Association about our position on development around the lake and pace of development
 - Jan will answer question and then send out for Board review if possible.
 - Suggested that always have stated not against development but want development to be protective of the lake.

No Current or Emerging Issues identified: Current issue identified is number of new excavations around the lake.

- Craig Davidson: Code Enforcement is keeping a close eye on the excavation near the shore.
- Gil will investigate the location where it appears the fill is being placed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 PM