

**Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.**  
**September 29, 2020 Meeting Held on**  
**Zoom Platform**

Board members present: Jan Wilkins, Acting President; Geoff Harvey, President; Barb Neal, Treasurer; Will Neal, Digital Communications Officer and Gil Rossner. Absent: Todd Walker, Gloria Lund and Chris Meyer. 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 website to include public participation.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Additions/Deletion to agenda: Forest Service personnel were unable to attend to review progress on the Honey/badger Project because of technical issues and lack of personnel.

Public Input: None

- Report on the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Meeting
  - Good deal of follow up discussion on buoy deployment; roughly \$1,500/buoys parts and installation.
  - Viewing of products for the Airbnb and rental poster campaign; will be shown later in this meeting.
  - Review of lake monitoring results including some chlorophyll values. Chlorophyll values support generally high-water quality picture provided by nutrients results.

Regular Business

- Treasurers' Report:
  - Records of bank account and Quick books spreadsheets reviewed.
  - Many donations to the Association during the past quarter.
- Recorders Report:
  - No report for recorder
- Technology & Communications Report:
  - Analysis of e-mail effectiveness and website use provided; use generally above average expected.
  - Communication director proposes sending out two e-mails per month on the first and the third Tuesdays to keep membership informed and engaged on issues.
    - E-mails would be information and issue driven
    - Board approved the concept.

Old Business:

- Boat Wakes
  - Season end follow up on boat wake public education
    - 1,600 informational cards distributed by 15 volunteers

- Jan will get the names and addresses of all our volunteers to Barb so she can send out thank you notes around Thanksgiving time.
  - Discussion with sheriff's marine deputies revealed their support and appreciation and the sense that boaters stopped by marine patrol knew the wake regulations.
  - Suggested that the same postcard format be used in a January mailing to lakeshore residents to highlight the homeowners guide on the website.
- Plans to place poster or binder sheet in Airbnb type rentals discussed. Joint effort with Watershed Improvement District
    - Poster draft presented; some modifications suggested.
    - Target Airbnb type rentals which have been exhaustively searched out, however many owners do it themselves.
      - Jan proposed a one mailing in the early spring to Lakeside and nearby owners. (About 1200 households.) It would be a letter this time, with the offer for a laminated copy of the enclosed poster copy or a poster for \$5.00 with the membership. An application would be part of that first page, and the reminder to check the website for homeowners information and other news. The second page would be a small version of the poster, 8 1/2 X 11 on letter paper.
      - This would catch owners who rent without agent or have many guests over the summer. Poster
      - Add a membership form to communication.
  - Dock sign education initiative
    - Again joint District-Association effort with Mary Ann Stoll spearheading design and Gil distributing the signs
    - District would pay for signs, while Association would find temporary dock homes for signs which would move around the lake on a periodic basis
    - Suggested that Gil and Leo Notar of the District organize the scheduling of docks to house the signs and sign movement.
  - Wake Monitoring Efforts
    - Website complaint form: Up on site but not complainants to date; likely owing to the lateness of the season.
    - Suitable camera platform for real time monitoring being developed from retrofit planter.
      - Use of level loggers to measure wave amplitudes discussed. For quantitative results will need an extra control of barometric pressure.
    - Search for docks to house monitoring Todd walker is handling; Todd absent
    - Discussed draft website petition for new buoy placement
      - Concept the appeal made to Association; Association filters input and supplies suggested list to the Watershed Improvement District.
      - Need substantive case be made for a new regulatory buoys
      - Will has draft of information solicited; Will provides the draft for review and comments to him on changes.

- Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Petition Update
  - Petition completed and supplied to Dennis Kerr.
  - Dennis has gained 31 signatures to date believes only a few owners not contacted.
    - Noted that this is about as many or more signatures than docks that are on the bay.
  - Petition sent to Dwight McCain of Coeur d'Alene Canoe and Kayak Club; only a single event left in their schedule for year
    - Discussion of contacting self-powered boaters using the bay on nice fall days (Barb & Will).
  - Barb will attempt to reach Cecil Hathaway for Craig Ely's contact information. Geoff will then reach out to Craig.
  - Timeline to take back to waterways Advisory Committee and BOCC, Jan will consult with Nick Snyder.
- Discussion of North Arm buoy system earlier in meeting ended in conclusion to address Honeysuckle Bay first and see how weed management goes in the North Arm.
- Lakes Highway District Budget Hearing: Attended by Barb and Will. The Mokins Road paving is in budget and preparation for paving is underway. Expect paved next summer.
- Association leadership/membership development
  - Discussed potential new Board members. All hard-working volunteers.
  - Chris Meyer has tendered his resignation from the Board citing many other responsibilities. Moved that the resignation be accepted Will Neal, second Gil Rossner. Motion approved. The Board wants to thank Chris for his many years of faithful service to the Hayden Lake Watershed Association. Barb will send Chris a thank you email from the board. (*Out of sequence in meeting but properly placed in notes*)
- Virtual watershed Tour on Website
  - Pictures from field trip and one video placed on website
  - Discussion of labeling some photos so Hayden Creek can be recognized by viewer
  - Discussion of adding Association's proposal to close and replace FSR 437, consensus was this is premature.
  - As the fall rains come, we will attempt to get more photographic evidence to place on website.

#### New Business

- Windstorm electrical failures
  - In response to the many power outages in the lake neighborhoods the most recent on Labor Day, the Board discussed the issue, especially that these outages often occur because of failures in specific locations repeatedly.
  - The Board decided to send a letter to Avista and possibly Kootenai Electric asking the company(s) to go over their repair records identify these chronic failure sites and develop better solutions than habitual repair of a system they know will fail.
  - The idea of neighborhood cost sharing on solutions was suggested
  - A letter will be drafted and sent out for Board review.
- Proposed Grazing District on East Side of Lake
  - East side of lake is included in open grazing area.

- Only one cattleman but cows travel widely, and complaints have come in from year to year.
- The most recent that cows were on property in O'Rourke Bay. The complainant suggested a Grazing District the boundaries of which could protect other private owners from cattle intrusions.
- The Board is supportive of inviting the complaining party(s) to attend its next meeting to discuss a grazing district.
- Was noted that a balance must be struck here between the interests, lest an agricultural interest be put out of business raising the specter of the subdivision of that larger property.
- Baywatchers Program
  - General program of citizen's monitoring developed by the "Our Gem" coalition of governments and agencies around Coeur d'Alene Lake.
  - Monitoring less for water quality results and more for citizen's awareness, although there have been cases (Mr. Black on Hayden Lake) where citizen's monitoring filled data gaps in more formal studies.
  - Invite the proponents to speak with the Board at the next or future meeting
  - It was noted Baywatchers could be the basis of an informational e-mail to assess interest in the membership.

#### Hayden Lake Sewer District Public Records Request (PRR) Response

- Key records and data the Sewer District claimed in a court motion was the subject of a PRR by the Association in July and two others in August.
- Although the court document ("Motion to Change the Name of the District Motion to Change the Name of the District (Case Number CV-1983-34668" and "Verification on Motion"), the specific information and data cited in item #3 of the Verification on Motion was not produced to prove the statements made in item 3.
- The Board discussed its path forward on this issue.
  - Consultation with the Idaho Secretary of State's Office will be made to clarify what recourse the Association has to include a formal complaint
  - A final letter requesting the information to be delivered by certified mail will be sent to the Hayden Lake Sewer Board. Letter to be drafted and circulated to the Board for input/comment.
  - Will attempt to contact retired former Board member Clark Richards who is an attorney in case the Board requires legal assistance.

Motion to Adjourn, Will Neal, second Gil Rossner, Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned: 9:16 PM