

**Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.  
May 25, 2021, 6:30 PM Meeting Held in Zoom Platform**

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, President; Jan Wilkins, Vice President; Barb Neal, Treasurer; Will Neal, Digital Communications Officer; Gil Rossner and Todd Walker. Members attending, Shawn Hathaway and 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 6:40 PM

- Additions/Deletion to agenda: Leadership succession  
Annual meeting date

**Public Input:**

No attending public with issues to bring to the Board.

HLWID Meeting Update:

- Lake debris collection ending May 31<sup>st</sup>. Currently, the debris volume brought in is small. May 31<sup>st</sup> will be a hard cutoff date, due to the low lake level this year. Removal will begin as quickly as possible in June.
- Mary Ann Stoll reviewed the lake protection zone brochure in currently development by the District. Target audience is contractors, but also lakeshore owners. The brochure still needs illustrations, hence a call for pictures.
- The District is contracting to create a shore line video. The purpose is to document existing shore conditions for reference when inappropriate activities are detected in the future.

Other updates:

- Barb Neal reviewed developments in the potential HARSB reorganization. Briefing on the issue expected at HLSB meeting Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Issue of county's involvement court ordered came up. HLSD attorney claims no such order. Todd Walker believes county was ordered onto the HARSB. Geoff will verify correct or incorrect with current Hayden Councilman and former Commissioner Panabaker. [Discussion with Dick Panabaker the day after this meeting revealed that at the time, he was mayor of the City of Hayden. Hayden and the Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District could not agree on management issue concerning HARSB. The two groups went to arbitration twice with no result and no court order. Panabaker was then elected to the county commission (BOCC). The BOCC managed the airport. The BOCC made itself the third seat on HARSB to break deadlocks. The HARSB records support this version of events.]
- Todd Walker reported no progress on the Honeysuckle Boat Ramp/Beach work group. Shawn noted the parking lot is being restriped to allow more car and less boat with tow vehicle parking.

**Regular Business:**

Treasure's Report: Barb recorded a detailed report covering the income and expenditures over the past two months. The Association received 34 renewals and 35 new memberships from the letter send out to those living on or near the lake. Use of legal fund expenditure discussed and approved. Number of additional posters and laminated sheets discussed. Based on the discussion of potential need, Jan Wilkins moved that we have 50 additional posters and 50 laminated sheets printed. Second Gil Rossner. Motion approved.

Recorder's Report: None

Technology and Communications Report: Will Neal reported the website upgrades. Wake complaint link put up front and center on front page. Association web calendar in place with Association and other important meeting placed on calendar. Mary Ann made some language suggestions. Considerable discussion of wake complaint reporting and purpose. Point will be added on website that complaints can still be made to the Sheriff's Marine Patrol as well. The costs on website support services were itemized for the coming year; \$328.17. Jan Watkins moved that website services be paid. Second Barb Neal. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- Memorial bench for Gloria Lund and others: Gil reported no progress on contacting contractor. We hoped Todd would hear back from the city during the Honeysuckle Beach/ Boat Ramp meetings, but these have not occurred. It was noted that City Manager Boyer should know about our proposal. City will likely want to approve the bench design and probably its location. Gil will contact potential builder.
- Boat Wake Follow up:
- Summer education campaign
  - Will start this coming Memorial Day weekend. Have enough cards to cover the both boat ramps.
  - Barb, Will and Shawn will place cards at Honeysuckle; Gil will place at Sportsmans. Geoff will do cleanup sweep all three days at Honeysuckle.
  - Discussion of putting cards at Hayden Lake Marina now under new ownership.
  - Will and Barb will approach new management about placing cards on boats.
- Docks Signs
  - Mary Ann reviewed three designs for dock signs. All are cloth with cuts to pass some wind flow.
  - Board preferred the home-grown "Kilroy" design. Noted that some could be mounted above boat houses.
  - Can purchase four 4x8 feet signs for around \$400
  - Jan Wilkins moved that four banners be purchased (2 vertical and 2 horizontal) using grant funds with the intension of seeking another small grant from the Watershed Improvement District. Gil Rossner second. Motion approved.
- Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Initiative:
  - After a week delay the BOCC held a hearing on the no wake proposal on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Honeysuckle Bay no wake zone was approved by a 2 to 1 vote. The negative vote was on principle according to the dissenting Commissioner.
  - The county and Watershed Improvement District are working on MOU modification to place the required buoys.
  - Given the length of time getting the permit and materials Todd Walker does not expect the buoys will be placed until late summer or early fall.
- Wake Monitoring:
  - Jan Wilkins has a neighbor whose dock faces a buoy and will welcome wake monitoring cameras.
  - Todd will help deploy; part of deployment assurance they will work; make tests before screwed down into dock.
  - Jan will get flowers for planter. Todd will set up placement time.
  - Looking for second site in southern part of lake.
- Transmittal of legal opinion of county authorities to Building and planning.
  - Letter sent
  - Discussed with David Callahan who initially saw it as just another distraction, but came around to seeing it as an opportunity to engage the BOCC in securing the legal support to better enforce county ordinances. Scheduled with the BOCC to discuss during their weekly meetings.

- We will await a reply.
- Honey-Badger
  - Forest Service issued Proposed Actions, Environmental Assessment and analytical materials which were advertised May 17<sup>th</sup> starting a 30-day comment period. Someone may request a comment extension.
  - We have gone through the materials and issue and proposed comments attached. Big points:
    - Issue of FSR 437 and Shooting Range deferred to another decision process.
      - FSR 437 highest risk road beyond upper criterion
      - Plan to develop film for websites on impacts of and along FSR 437
    - Although sediment impacts assessed and balanced by road decommissioning, no nutrient export analysis forthcoming on primary watershed draining to Hayden Lake. Propose 12,000 acre plus in harvest and as much controlled burning over a ten-year period, so nutrient export can be expected
    - FSR 206 massive fills not directly addressed; vague language about maintenance to essential roads.
    - Scenery changes will be significant. These alterations must be balanced against the sure scene changes caused by a stand replacing fire. Public needs to understand view changes in store. Jan suggested that Country Club be informed of the view change; she will contact them.
    - Other concerns are with size of already large cuts being increased by windthrow and that fuel abatement projects started with Deerfoot and Kootenai fuels be carried forward in time.
  - Barb Neal has made contact with Fire Wise and Fire Smart Programs.
    - Programs anxious to reach out to watershed landowners.
    - Programs have grants for fire abatement vegetation management.
    - Board resolved to invite presentations by these programs in a meeting much like the aquatic weeds meeting. Plan for June 21<sup>st</sup> zoom meeting at 6:30 PM (first choice) or alternately June 19<sup>th</sup>; plan to videotape presentations so these can be placed on the Association and District websites.
- Association Leadership/Membership Development
  - The Board discussed the nomination of Shawn Hathaway and Leda Kobziar as new board members. The recommendation of Shawn by a long time venerable former Board member and Leda's credentials were reviewed.
    - The Board is favorable about Leda's nomination, but would like to meet with her.
    - Jan Wilkins moved that Shawn Hathaway be made a Board member, Barb Neal second. Motion passed
    - Shawn welcomed to the Board.
  - Succession of the leadership was discussed. Generally recognized that the leadership of any healthy organization needs to turn over.
    - By unanimous agreement of the Board, it was decided Geoff Harvey will serve as president up to the annual meeting.
    - Jan Wilkins will assume the presidency, while Geoff will remain on the Board as emeritus president
    - A new vice president will be elected.
- Shelley Austin Director of KEA will present at the June Board meeting
  - To facilitate her presentation, the Board needs to get questions to Barb for transmission to Shelley. These questions are a top priority.
  - We also need to formulate answers to the questions she has submitted to the Board.

**New Business:**

- Regional Housing and Growth Group
  - Barb Neal reported on the group a area impact collaborative
  - The group is concerned with uncontrolled growth and the disappearance of green space.
  - The group is working through solutions and those precluded by existing law.
  - Among these is the potential to create a recreational district to preserve open space.
- Lake Highway District
  - Barb reported that Lakes Highway District may have plan that might interest the Association
  - Diane will notify HLWA if there is an issue coming up that would be of interest to the association so we can attend.

No Current or Emerging Issue identified.

Next Meeting set for Tuesday, June 22th at venue/location to be determined

Adjournment moved: Jan Wilkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barb Neal: Motion approved.

Adjourn: 9:15 PM