

**Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
May 4, 2021 6:30 PM Meeting Held in Zoom Platform**

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, President; Jan Wilkins, Vice President; Will Neal, Digital Communications Officer; Gil Rossner and Todd Walker. Members 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 6:35 PM

- Additions/Deletion to agenda: None

Public Input:

No attending public with issues to bring to the Board.

HLWID Meeting Update:

- Lake debris collection underway; two dock permits received; removal from lake in June with completion before Fourth of July. Noted one dock in very good shape left tied up for disposal.
- District had Mary Ann Stoll working on basic explanation of lake protection zone and its value to protect the lake. Mary Ann asked Jan Wilkins assistance in this development.
- District will fund the Honeysuckle Bay no-wake marker buoys.
- Issue of human waste at Mokins Sandbar and potential solutions discussed.

One additional point was suggested on the District's shoreline protection public education campaign. The content must make a compelling case why it is more important to protect the lake than to place improvements in the protection zone.

Regular Business:

Treasure's Report: The report was forgone because our Treasurer Barb Neal was absent and had just arrived back from vacation. Will Neal reported that the post office box held 83 pieces of mail with checks. These were in response to the poster campaign letter sent out. More on this subject in the notes below under Boast Wake Mailing Follow up.

Recorder's Report: None

Technology and Communications Report: Will Neal reported the web-site was down over the last weekend and asked if anyone had attempted to access it during that time. It was noted that it had been successfully accessed as recently as Monday. Will noted that the letter mailed out did not request e-mail addresses, so some work will be involved in sorting out the 83 replies.

Old Business:

Memorial bench for Gloria Lund and others:

- The Board favored the design Gil Rossner had identified. Gil had a contact who completes quality work who could build it. He will get an estimate.

- Hayden City Councilman Dick Panabaker is supportive of the idea and is taking our request to the City Manager and the Council.

Boat Wake Follow up:

- Mailing was made shortly after the last meeting (1098 sent out); as reported 83 replies
 - 79 requested posters
 - 12 included donations
 - Question on poster supply: 150 printed, 82 sent to B&B manager, so 68 remaining.
 - Eleven (11) were returned from B&B managers, so just enough 79 to fill current orders.
 - Number of new members ask; but not examined yet; since no e-mail request, it will require name comparisons.
- Summer education campaign
 - Generally Memorial Day to Labor Day, but schedule dependent of crowds and weather.
 - We have 500 flyers; both Gil, Will and Jan have left over cards.
 - The idea was discussed of a lake comparison article, between lakes with other problems and Hayden; might want to restrict to a post on the website.
- Docks Signs
 - Not much progress on anchoring device
 - Mary Ann has looked at cost of cloth signs that are perforated to account for wind; smaller likely preferred over 4x8 feet sign developed last year. Sign company has reasonable prices.
 - Discussed hiring a designer; Mary Ann has input from Academy class as well.
- Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Initiative:
 - Hearing date rumored to be Tuesday, May 11th, but no formal agenda yet published.
 - Public hearing does not appear to be included; just hearing and vote of BOCC.
 - Some legal issues to work out between the BOCC and the Watershed Improvement District.
 - Should have Craig Ely, Shawn Hathaway, Will Neal present; Will should have handouts just in case a question arises.
- Wake Monitoring:
 - Website no progress due to Will on vacation
 - Monitoring platforms complete and ready to deploy.
 - Mary Ann and Todd were on the lake earlier in the day and identified sites near Jan's place on the north and just west of Marina on south shore.
 - Jan will talk to owners of docks in her neighborhood, while Todd will seek out south shore docks to place the second platform.

Follow up on the legal opinion developed by the District on Kootenai County's enforcement authorities on shoreline and other rules.

- Kent property appears a good test case; some indication that Planning & Building was "buffaloed" by the violator.
- Draft letter to David Callahan distributed, input requested from Board.

Steele Property and SDA Church Update

- Steele property sold to a family who plans a family compound; envision 2-3 houses maximum.
- SDA Church has not appealed BOCC denial; appeal period lapsed, but church could still file legal action under RALUPA.

Honey Badger:

- Geoff met with Ranger Scaife, April 23rd.
- Planning documents not yet out promised for early May

- As of May 6th nothing on website, but talked to congressional aid that indicated they may have seen a preview of the documents.

Association leadership/membership development:

- Discussed resumption of in person Board Meetings: Plan to hold May Meeting (5/25) at Hayden Library.
- Discussed leadership turnover; president stated willingness to step aside.

No contact made on East Side Grazing; cattle are yet to be sighted south of Mokins Bay this year.

Honeysuckle Beach Working Group:

- Todd reported on their meeting goal to make beach better.
- Unfortunately far more use than parking space to accommodate users
- One idea to convert gravel pit at Honeysuckle and Strahorn Connector to parking and run shuttle bus.
- Brought out that the beach is only so big and only so many users can be accommodated.

Announcements:

- Shelley Austin: New Executive Director of KEA is scheduled for June meeting.
- Barb Neal and Gil Rossner running unopposed for the two HLSD Board seats up for election.
- Jan Wilkins announced that the HLWA will be the charity of choice for the Yacht Club this year primarily because 2020 was a washout due to COVID.

New Business: None

Current and or emerging issues: Talk of Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board reorganization

- Heard this initially at the April 28th HLSD Board Meeting from Ed Short
- Some of what was said indicated the county wants out of HARSB; also some listening heard talk that sounded like the HLSD might be melded into City of Hayden's sewer system.
- Todd Walker provided some historical perspective.
 - County is a minor player with just the airport
 - However, Hayden and the HLRSD 9(at the time) could not agree.
 - A legal case ensued and the county was made by court order the third party to HARSB
 - All three parties must agree on any action.
- The historical schism of Hayden from Hayden Lake Village based on Hayden's interest in commercial development and Hayden Lake's lack of interest was noted.
- The sense of the Board is the Association does not support any reorganization of HARSB that would put the much larger Hayden in the driver's seat for development near or around Hayden Lake.

Next Meeting set for Tuesday, May 25th at the Hayden Library.

Adjournment moved: Jan Wilkins, 2nd Gil Rossner: Motion approved. **Adjourn: 8:55 PM**