

**Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.  
July 27, 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, Shawn Hathaway, and Todd Walker. Leda Kobziar absent. Members attending, Mary Ann Stoll, Watershed Improvement District Public Education contractor; Greg Oswald participated.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Additions/Deletion to agenda: None, Barb will include information about HL Yacht Club and banner in Treasurer's Report

**Public Input:**

Greg Oswald attending. Has questions about aquatic weeds in North Arm and sitting in to better acquaint himself with the Association and its activities.

HLWID Board Meeting (7/19/21) update report filed. Primary question concerning the "Management Plan Basics and Projects workshop. Explained the idea came from the need of new members of the District's Board to understand where current project priorities come from and to develop a list of projects to implement now that monitoring has demonstrated storm water management of the south shore would not be cost effective. HLWA Board members urged to sit in on this workshop if possible.

**Regular Business:**

Treasurer's Report: The report was filed with and reviewed by the Board. No questions but remarked the report very useful. Fund raising at the Hayden Lake Yacht Club event was highly successful thanks to Jan and Barb's organizing work. It also provided a forum to explain the work of the Association. Barb proposed that that a banner be made up with the Association's logo. Cost from a local supplier for 6' x 2' banner \$69.75. Banner would be available for the annual membership meeting. Jan Wilkins moved the banner be purchased; motion seconded by Gil Rossner. Motion passed.

Recorder's Report: None

Technology-Communications Report: Will Neal reported that the wildfire preparedness video contained too much advertisement. In accordance with the Association's policy not to endorse businesses, Will is breaking the video up into logical units that communicate the message without advertisement. A sample was shown to the Board. The video of Leda Kobziar being interviewed by the BBC has been posted. Will indicated wake complaints are being filed and noted a unique complaint from a wake boarder who is being harassed, while lawfully wake boarding. The complaint has been forwarded to the Board.

**Old Business:**

Planning of Annual Meeting:

- Draft agenda sent out. Correction made that the meeting would begin at 6 PM for the mixer and presentations start at 6:30 PM. All talks moved up 30 minutes from times on draft agenda.
- We will make introductions in the first five minutes of District Board members and staff.
- Plan for fifteen to twenty minute talks followed by questions to take up the allotted roughly half hour.

- Jan Wilkins will give the State of the Lake talk; Geoff Harvey will supply her with latest lake water quality information. The talk given to the Hayden Lake Yacht Club will cover much of the rest. Noted she should add Mokins Bay Road paving.
- Todd has arranged for the sheriff's deputy. His talk will focus on the marine patrol's education and enforcement efforts.
- David Callahan of Kootenai County P&B will attend. We will ask him to address the county's reticence to crack down on county ordinance violators.
- Geoff Harvey will give the talk on the Honey-Badger Planning process. What is proposed and the Association's position and future actions.
- There will be a poster on the effects of Honey Badger timber harvests on the viewshed. A video of FSR 437 during a rain event showing erosion and sedimentation. Kootenai County Office of Emergency Preparedness will have a booth focused on wildfire preparedness.
- We will need two tables in the back and one for the Association Board members in the front. We will need a podium and a microphone Barb will check on audio-video but those planning and inviting speakers should determine if A/V required and get back to Barb Neal.

#### Boat Wake Education and Monitoring:

- Public Education for the rest of summer 2021
  - Jan Wilkins laid out the plan developed by Mary Ann Stoll and her.
    - Develop a card to be mailed out to 750 shoreline owners making it easier to report no wake and excessive wake violations. Card will have the QR code for the Association's complaint website so this can be scanned for quick access to site. Card will have the rules, but quite brief and to the point so it will be read.
    - Second card will be put on windshields of trucks with boat trailers primarily at Honeysuckle because Sportmans ramp is essentially closed by low water levels. Card will point out that navigational buoys are at 200 feet making no wake zone and excessive wake zone goes out from these an additional 100' to 300'. Will focus on effects of wakes on bank erosion, water quality and lake quality
    - Preliminary estimates \$450 for 800 cards to be mailed out and \$300 for cards to be distributed at boat ramp
    - Motion for preliminary approval of the expenditure, Barb Neal; second Will Neal approved by voice vote.
    - Gil suggested some way be found to detach the QR code so it can be handy. Mary Ann will work on the idea.
  - Make Wake in Middle of the Lake Signs
    - All four up as of this week with the one at Rockaway Bay. The one at Gil's is now poorly placed because low water is curtailing use of that part of the lake.
    - Sign at Sean's is being viewed by all launching and is receiving compliments.
    - Todd will talk with Pat Lund about hosting a sign on the south shore.
    - Plans to move signs or host children's' hunt for them shelved for this year because of poor response to solicitation.
  - Wake Monitoring Camera Platforms
    - Asked if the one deployed was taking picture? Yes. But problem with chips gave bad resolution results. Chips replaced and Todd will collect tomorrow.
    - Todd will ask about deploying second platform at Pat Lund's dock. Question about buoy at that location. Todd will check. Another site at Chicken Point suggested.

#### Honey-Badger:

- Draft decision notice issued July 20<sup>th</sup>. Given 45 days to read and if necessary, object thus 9/6/2021 deadline
- As before FSR 437 and its environs set off as separate process that will occur based on the priorities of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. We must make it a priority. FSR 437 video designed to do just that. Some discussion on objecting based on this process being put off. Possible to object to force Forest Service to schedule the process.
- The decision documents claim that the fills on FSR 206 over tributaries of Stump and Mokins Creeks dealt with in Canyon Bottoms Project. Canyon Bottoms is a project area just NE of Fernan Saddle and SE of Burnt Cabin Summit in the Little NF Coeur d'Alene River watershed that was decided on in 2015.
  - A link to the documentation was requested and supplied. A quick investigation of the implementation (post decision) documents found all those concerning road are empty.
  - More study of this documentation required to decide if work done, and we have already requested a site visit so they can show us.
  - Objection will depend on outcome of study of documentation and site visit.
- Viewshed comments agreed with by Forest Service, but state within acceptable limits to the Forest Service.
- Nutrient issues claimed dealt with by sediment reduction. In fact, Forest Service will follow the INFISH standards on streams which far exceed Idaho Forest Practices BMPs, so by Idaho law water quality met. It is state's problem if BMPs are not protective.

Memorial Bench: Todd reported the Honeysuckle work group has not met so no further progress until they do. Todd will inquire and based on reply we may need to contact Councilman Panabaker.

No reply from county on the legal opinion sent to Planning & Building and BOCC. We will ask David Callahan to address in his talk at least from P&B's perspective.

Association Leadership and Membership Development: Noted that the Yacht Club auction developed several new members.

#### Updates:

- Barb Neal issued an update on the Regional Housing and Growth Group: No questions were forthcoming. Barb did share that in a meeting yesterday the estimate that 40% of Kootenai County's workforce can be described as ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employees) when it comes to obtaining housing.
- HLSB/HARSB Reorganization: No update since last meeting. Next meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 PM when reorganization plan if any discussed.
- Jan Wilkins reported on the Hayden Lake Yacht Club Auction and her talk to the group.
- Both Honeysuckle Beach Workgroup dealt with earlier in meeting notes.

**New Business:** None brought forward.

**Any Current/Emerging Issues:** Very low (November in July) water levels discussed. Question whether this is a very abnormal year or the new normal?

**Next Meeting Set for:** Tuesday, August 17th

Motion to adjourn Sean Hathaway, second Will Neal. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 PM

Mary Ann Stoll staid on the connect ion with Greg Oswald to answer his questions concerning aquatic weeds