

HLWA Board Meeting Notes - May 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Wilkins at 6:35 pm. Present: Board members Barb Neal, Will Neal, Shawn Hathaway, Gil Rossner Todd Walker and Geoff Harvey. Attending Public: Member Mary Ann Stoll.

UPDATE FROM THE HAYDEN LAKE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

*The lake bottom mapping project is 99% complete. Six volunteers coordinated by Aaron Thykeson spent 40-50 hours on the water. Mary Ann hopes to have a shareable map soon. The north arm was the most difficult.

*The WID is updating the ordinance signage for the public marinas and input sites around the lake.

*Debris collection started May 1st.

*The lake level was 13.5 inches below normal high-water mark and levels are still rising.

*June 20 is the WID budget hearing. Anyone who has a request for grant funds should submit them ASAP.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Treasurers Report- Barb Neal: Monthly activity sent out to the board prior to the meeting. It was agreed that we would do an on-line auction for the Spokane Valley Theatre tickets donated as part of the Winter Blessing grant process. Will N will put it online.

OLD BUSINESS:

Honey Badger update- Geoff Harvey. Reviewed field trip report previously sent to board. Geoff will do a brief summary that can be added to the Honey Badger page on the website. Jan asked if forest service group was committed to temporarily stemming erosion now, instead of when planning process is complete. There appeared to be support for some short-term solutions. Jan will email Dan and confirm date of next meeting and ask about stopgap erosion control efforts.

The water testing they were conducting is for sediments and nutrients only. No testing for heavy metals etc. which may be coming off the shooting range.

System to track violations of county and IDL regulations- Discussion re: strengthening county regs for more rigorous erosion control devices in order to get building permits for sites around the lake. Geoff feels that R tanks should be required. If they fill up, the site should be red tagged until they are emptied or replaced. Disc. Re: going to Planning and Zoning to get regulation change recommendations to commissioners. Jan will contact David Callahan and get his input on how we should get the process going. Will, Jan and Geoff will be on the ad hoc committee.

Hayden Lake Water Level Inquiry:

Monitoring outflows to Dalton Irrigation District- There is no one to monitor outflow, we would need a water master. The old Hayden Lake Water District would have to be re-formed or reactivated. Dalton has no reason to keep track of their usage, since they take whatever they want, and no one monitors it. Mary Ann volunteered to check and

see what would be involved to get the water district going again and getting a water master to try and keep track of things.

Dalton's outflow is not an issue most years, but in drought conditions the quantity of water taken becomes more critical. Does Dalton monitor what they deliver to their users? There is the perception that users are charged a set fee whether they actually use the water or not. This needs to be checked on. Kristin Lowell strongly recommended that we get the state to assign a minimum water level for Hayden Lake.

Wave Monitoring-2022 plan:

Geoff reported that we collected lots of data last year and learned a lot, but since there were no time stamps, it was not usable data. This year, the cameras should only operate on weekends, and time stamps will be set. We will have two locations this year. Again, at Rockaway point, (Jan to check and make sure its ok again this year,) and the old Bear Creek resort, (Geoff will get permission there.). Jan will do planting on Rockaway and turn camera on and off on the weekends, and Geoff will do it for the other location.

Spring Mailing and Education Publications and activities:

New property owners around the lake will get a Welcome mailing and an invitation to join the HLWA. Jan will contact Mitch to find new names and addresses, and will write the letter, etc.

New Brochure:

Barb proposed a card, front and back with info about the HLWA on the front and membership info and application on the back. She will contact Allegra, the company that did our logo and has been very helpful with our PR materials in the past.

Flora and Fauna guide:

Gil is going to try to find his contact at NIC in the graphic arts department. Barb will reach out to Leda to see if she knows of a student who would want to compile the "field guide."

Other mailings: Jan and Mary Ann will do the wake violation reporting postcard with the QR code to be sent to property owners around the lake. A variation of the postcard will be printed for windshields at the input points.

Weed and wildlife workshop: Proposed event would occur at Sportsman's and could involve families and residents to identify invasive weeds vs. native weeds. Would explore benefits of weeds for fish and wildlife, and address erosion and wave action as well. Kim Holzer will participate from ISDA. Jan Will try to find fish and game rep. Handouts and printed material could be used at Hayden Days as well. Would happen in August after the 15th.

Hayden Days- Will use "Keep your Wake in the middle of the lake" signage. Shawn and Gil will create a story board to explain the effects of erosion. We will use the WID erosion video of FSR 437. The Association banner will be displayed. We plan to do a weed identification play exercise for kids with a tub of water filled with weeds and have

them identify the invasive ones. Same weed ID handouts can be used for Hayden Days and Weed workshop. Jan and Mary Ann will get them printed.

City of Hayden Honeysuckle Boat Launch- There is a new mayor for Hayden. Still no word on what will happen. Will N will send an email to members if we hear anything.

HLSD- Barb Neal- District still having issues with audits; quick books and bank records not reconciling. Board approved extending sewer to larger lots within existing sewer service area at the last meeting. Geoff cautioned that we watch for “sewer creep”- (quietly expanding the service area without board discussion or approval.)

Gloria Lund Bench: Todd will take photos of proposed site. Everyone felt it would be safer in front of the restaurant. There may be problem with a pre-existing electrical box.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Planting May 28th:

Forest service has released a number of Western Larch for seedling planting. Geoff has identified a site above Windy Creek, about 1 acre overlooking Windy Bay, unfortunately, that location is not suitable for Larch- more suitable for Ponderosa. Geoff will reach out to ranger and see if they have another location. Barb will check with Aram to see if he has any ideas. If a suitable location is not found, we will have to postpone the planting until next year. The board authorized spending \$450.00 for supplies.

Annual Meeting:

Barb will reach out to her contact at club for a possible date in August.

Avista Electric Company:

Members are experiencing frequent outages due to power lines being damaged by trees falling in heavy winds. Other utilities are spending a lot of money to make changes in high-risk wildfire areas like ours. The board authorized Jan to write a letter to Avista pressing for action. Geoff observed that there has been extensive clearing for a power corridor (or a fire break,) in Mokins, O’Rourke and Windy Bays.

The next meeting will be on May 31, via zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.