

HLWA Board Meeting Notes, March 30, 2023

Submitted by Jan Wilkins

Present: Will Neal, Barb Neal, Geoff Harvey, Shawn Hathaway, Gil Rossner, and Todd Walker.
Also present: Mary Ann Stoll.

Treasurers Report: Barb reported that we received another donor advised grant. She has been busy acknowledging additional contributions coming in with dues payments. She re-affirmed that dues notices sent via US mail have been very effective. She has purchased supplies for the code enforcement workshop scheduled for May 9 in advance.

Technology report: Through the video recording and transcription app, Fathom, our board meetings are available for review. Many folks opened the Spring newsletter from the new website. Unfortunately, the site has had a "critical error," so while we can communicate directly with our members, the website itself is not showing. Will Neal will send out a message informing members of our problem. Fortunately, Will had backed up our data base.

Old Business: 437 update- There is a new District Ranger, her name is Holly Hampton. The USFS has been going through an internal process of evaluating the decommissioning of the road. Their fire colleagues have resisted any road closures in the forest in the past. Geoff said that this is common, but the closure of a road in the north fork of CDA resulted in reviving a dying cutthroat trout fishery, so it has been done with some success. A meeting is scheduled for April 17.

Code Violation Enforcement Workshop on May 9- Jan will send a note requesting name spellings and titles, as well as dietary restrictions. We had an excellent response, with only one person who can't attend due to other commitments.

Water Level- Geoff says it looks pretty normal, with still a lot of snow left for the melt. Spring has been cool, so the melt is slower this year than last.

Wake monitoring- An alert was sent out to our members about the need to write letters asking that the BOCC not rescind the 300 foot no excessive wake zone on Hayden Lake. The BOCC communications specialist informed Barb that the April 5 hearing will only consider the ordinance as it applies to the Spokane River. The recording from the last BOCC/ Waterways meeting has been taken down and the link from our website disappeared.

We will send a follow-up alert letting our members know that while the meeting appears to be for the Spokane River only, we feel that their letters have been important, and may help keep our lake ordinance from being rescinded.

Mailing and Education publications and Activities: Hayden Lake Fundraising and awareness proposals- HLWA has been adopted by the Marina Management as the designated charity for the year. They will underwrite a kiosk near the restaurant entrance where we can post information about the association and our activities. Geoff suggested that the WID Bathymetry map be displayed too. A Pike Fishing Derby was suggested as a fundraiser. We need to contact Fish and Game. Shawn volunteered to host a pike filet demonstration.

Mailings and publication- waiting for decision from BOCC before we know what can be printed and circulated this year re: no excessive wake zone.

Community awareness and education activities for 2023- Geoff identified the area he is proposing for reclamation and the tree types we'll need from the forest service nursery. Jan will reach out to the forest service to get their approval. We will need to have all volunteers sign a waiver. Tentatively set for May 27, depending on approvals.

English Point Trails rebuilding project- Geoff reported that the back country horsemen association may be able to get a grant for this expensive undertaking. (It may cost about \$60,000.). In addition, we may reach out to local residents, the North Idaho Trail Association, and do fundraising and awareness days at the English Point trailhead this summer. This will be ongoing and may take some time to accumulate the necessary funds. Runoff from the poorly designed trails eventually finds its way to Cramps Bay in the Lake.

Avista- surveying is being done now for the improvements. Jan wrote a letter of appreciation.

County enforcement- Jan will circle back to Callahan and see if there has been Planning Commission action on his recommendations.

DEQ enforcement action for Wildcat subdivision- the DEQ is asking for comments regarding the proposed settlement with the developers re: a spring 2022 flood event which resulted in excessive sedimentation reaching the lake. There is a negotiated consent decree which involves an agreed upon fine of approx. \$9,000.00. Jan will investigate and write HLWA comments. Specifically, we want to know if the fines will go to remediation or education efforts, or into the DEQ general funds.

HLSD- Geoff Harvey and Will Neal ran unopposed for the two vacancies on the Sewer District Board. They will take office on June 1. At a recent workshop re: the future of the JPA governing the waste treatment facility, the county indicated its interest in withdrawing. The HLSD has significant investment in the facility and would need to negotiate with the city of Hayden, to protect future interests, if Hayden takes over the facility and HLSD becomes a paying customer. It is complicated and important as to who controls the sewer service for future development within the watershed.

New Business: WID report- The Spring Debris removal will go from May 1-June 1 with the option to extend it one week if necessary. Docks will have a number on their permits, but no names. The WID will be installing cameras to monitor the drop off site. There will be an effort to salvage the cedar logs for the re-forestation projects planned in the watershed before burning the rest of the debris. There are several other changes, which will be spelled out on the WID website.

WID Board member Tom Yount has formed a committee to investigate water quality issues in the lake's north arm. Gil Rossner will represent our group at those meetings.

Jeremy Varley of the ISDA will not be surveying weeds in the lake until May. There are no plans for a curly leaf weed treatment this year based on last year's surveys. Eurasian Milfoil will be treated in July.

Steve Meyer and Tom Yount were the only candidates for the two board vacancies.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 27 at 6 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.