

Draft Meeting Notes  
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting  
10:00 to 12:00 AM, Tuesday, June 29 2025  
Meeting Held at the Hayden Library

**Participants:** Board Members: Jan Wilkins, President presiding, Gil Rossner, Vice President, , Greg Hill, Shawn Hathaway, Alicia Humiston, Todd Walker and Geoff Harvey. Attending Mary Ann Stoll, and Kristen Bartz (HLWID)

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 10:02 AM

**Regular Business**

Treasurers Report : Bob Humiston was away on vacation, so no formal report was made. The final report on the Hayden Creek 319 project was made to DEQ's Ampifund System.

The recorder: Nothing to report.

Technology & Communications: Several illegal wake reports have been made and are being mapped. They appear to be located in a distinctive area.

Greg provided some ideas to re-engage members. Barb contacted members by mail while Greg and Bob used e-mail. Later in the summer a mailed solicitation of dues will be developed.

Another Idea to further engage members and get them on the website is to provide articles on the history and other issues concerning the lake. Pieces would be drawn from book on the lake and Susan Lee's book on Matt Hayden. Mary Ann suggested the natural history piece developed for the brochure but not used.

Means for members to pay using cards and phones were discussed. A square used to read credit and debit cards costs around \$100, but there is considerable account and accounting labor and costs. Alicia has access to swipe system. Will need a system prior to the annual meeting. There was much discussion of the merits of a swipe system versus PayPal and Venmo.

**Old Business**

*Annual Meeting Monday, August 18, 2025 (Discussion was moved forward on the agenda while Greg Hill still present) Alicia and Jan will work on the bulk mail invite post card. Gil and Mary Ann will put it on facebook and next door.*

Plan is for a short introduction by Jan followed by most board member giving a short five-minute presentation on progress or a project the Association has implemented in the past year(s).

Gil Rossner would address the Kiosk and work with Dalton Garden Irrigation to address water withdrawal from the lake.

Todd Walker will outline the Healthy Hayden Creek work and the RAC funding in the pipeline to address other areas.

Geoff Harvey will outline the English Point Trail work and the Association's hand in that upgrade.

Shawn Hathaway will cover Hayden Days

Bob Humiston the transition of dues to more electronic means.

Greg Hill the monthly information columns on the website and the wake reporting system.,

Jan Wilkins will cover the brochure and the wake education program. She will also honor Will and Barb.

These reports held to five minutes should take thirty-five minutes.

Agency personnel have been asked to attend to answer questions. They will be provided five minutes to address hot button issues.

HLWID: Tom Yount to review research work and potential plans to address the North Arm.

Dept. of Agriculture: Aquatic weeds treatment this year and over the past 10 years; ask for short treatment of mussels surveillance.

IDL: Mike Ahmer to address boathouse; has the agency filled loophole that was exploited. Also the issue of boathouse leases from Hayburn Park.

Planning and Zoning: David Callahan to address question of will-serve letters.

DEQ: Bob Stead to address cyanobacter blooms.

Sheriff's Deputy: Requested participation: looking for staff to attend....

One meeting notification has been made and a second will be made prior to the meeting. We will need a dry run the day before on the Audio/Visual System. Shawn will bring the easels for the posters.

During the discussion of the planning and zoning piece of the program there was side discussion of the issue of will serve letters issued by the Hayden Lake Sewer District that state that it cannot guarantee sewage treatment at Hayden Area Regional Water Reclamation Plant. The Sewer District cannot because it does not solely manage the plant and currently Hayden building is constantly lowering the residential treatment units available. County planning is not accepting the District's will serve letters. To go forward with subdivisions PHD is permitting septic system where in the opinion of many they should not. It is this problem the director of planning and zoning will be asked to address.

#### *Mailings and Education:*

Honeysuckle Beach Kiosk: The routed signs are up on the kiosk. Mary Ann previewed the panel acknowledging the contributions of Gerry House, Gloria Lund and Todd Walker. The format and verbiage were approved. After considerable discussion Mary Ann was tasked with nudging and moving lines to include the final line soliciting members and a larger space at the top. This would better fit the 36 and three-quarter inch vertical panel than the current 36 inches print. The larger print will cost \$60 an

amount approved. A joint dedication with the City of Hayden will be planned for late August or early September.

Dalton Gardens: Shawn spoke with a member of the Dalton Irrigation District Board. He learned they had engineering reports covering two alternatives to restore their water procurement and transmission system. A \$5 million alternative would concentrate on slip lining the current system, while a second alternative to drill production wells would require \$15 million. Todd spoke with a well driller and is suggesting a hybrid alternative. Production wells into the aquifer would be drilled on land the Irrigation District already owns in Richard's pasture, the site of its pre-dike pumping station. Water would be pumped by those pumps currently in the Honeysuckle Beach pumphouse to their line up to the Highlands Tower. This alternative would require far less slip lining. Todd's source put a well at around \$200,000 each. Shawn will review the engineer documents on the Irrigation District's website and if no flaw is discerned Todd and Shawn will meet with the Irrigation District's Board at their August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lake Brochure : The brochure has been published. Copies have been distributed to Mark's Marina, and Super 1 Foods in Hayden. Gil will distribute them to Tobler's Marina and the joint office of IDPR and IDFG on Kathleen Avenue in Coeur d'Alene. Jan will distribute them to the Hayden Lake Marina. Jan is exploring distribution at the Country Club, possibly with a dispenser down by their docks. Distribution to Mivoden was discussed but it was decided to give them two posters of the lake as thanks for their assistance in the dock and debris removal program over the years. There was considerable discussion of how to get the brochures into the B&Bs around the lake. Alicia volunteered to contact the large property management concerns to get at least a start on identifying the B&Bs associated with the lake. Another idea was to reach realtors on PHD's training day. Jan will write a letter to Avista with a copy of the brochure and with an invoice for the \$750 in printing Avista pledged.

Wake Mailing: Jan plans to work on this project next with the hope to have a mailing to go out still this year.

#### *Community Awareness and Education Activities for 2025*

Hayden Days Generally felt by those who participated that the effort was a success and worthwhile although traffic seemed off a bit this year. It was agreed we would participate again next year. Bob (or Greg?) created a handy membership form for the event we plan to keep using. It was noted we have name tags for senior Board members but not the new members. We need to get these prior to the annual meeting. Alicia will order.

RAC Grant to Complete Healthy Hayden Creek Work: The Forest Service confirmed that the \$25,000 grant was awarded to address the two additional sites along lower Hayden Creek. If the Forest Service gets the paperwork required completed, we hope to do the log placement at the second upper junction site this Fall with planting in the Spring. We will need to build up additional logs to do the lower junction site, but, if possible, this would be completed next summer with planting the following Spring.

English Point Trail Work: Friends of North Idaho Trails' contractor is expected to start work in August. Work will begin with the parking lot regrade and gravel application. Work would then move to the west side trails. We cannot get a permit to seek more matching funds from the public because the Forest Service lost its personnel that process those permits. The solution is that the Idaho Parks & Recreation's brushing crew will do the brushing covering the \$1,500 match deficit created by those who pledged but never paid. This measure will complete the required 20% match. Work on brushing trail tread improvement and drainage structures will continue likely into early October. Additional signing will occur next Spring

Annual Meeting: This is recorded above out of order to obtain maximum Board input.

Code Violations Enforcement:

Nothing heard on the "boathouse" legal case.

The Wildcat Dock was moved to its proper location. No permit has been issued for the Wildcat Community Center.

City Area of Impact: It has been decided to go ahead with the meeting with out HLWID representation. Tina West has been made aware of Jan and Geoff's desire to meet with the mayor on this issue and is arranging a time.

Lake Level: The lake level is declining and is fairly low for late July.

**Next Meeting:** Was set for Tuesday, 10 AM to Noon on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at a Hayden Library Meeting Room.

With no other business the Board adjourned at 12:00 Noon.