

Draft Meeting Notes
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting
10:00 to 12:00 AM, Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Meeting Held via Zoom

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

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 10:04 AM

Agenda Item Additions: Bylaw changes on period of membership and annual meeting, suggestions on website suggestions and review of progress on English Point Trail improvements.

HLWID Report: Kristen Bartz reported that not much had occurred except approving bill payment in the past two Board meetings as one member was absent on both occasions. She reported that the District is cooperating with University of Idaho staff to use NASA photographs to measure turbidity entering the lake and relate these values by modeling to sediment and phosphorous loading. DEQ and HLWID will allow their recent sediment and phosphorous data to be used in this effort.

Regular Business

Treasurers Report : Bob Humiston elaborated on the treasurer's report made to the Board by e-mail. The Yacht Club fundraiser earned \$10.5K, \$700 from Avista as its support of the brochure and \$4.5K from member dues and donations.

Changes in the bylaws to address the term of dues were discussed. The general consensus was that it made more sense to have the period July 1 to June 30th rather than the Jan 1st to Dec 31st. This change necessitated three changes in the bylaws. In Article 4 Section 3 Bob Humiston moved to change January to July 1st second, Gil Rossner; motion approved unanimously. Article 4 Section 3, Bob Humiston moved

that “the annual meeting be held in summer”, second Alicia Humiston; motion approve unanimously. Article 4 Section 2, Bob Humiston moved that the annual membership term starts July 1st, second Gil Rossner; motion approved unanimously.

Recorder: Nothing to report.

Technology & Communications: Greg still working on list of on list of issues for website articles. Greg has been heavily engaged in domain change coupled with the new web address HLWAIdaho.com. The change in domain and construction of a new website is very time consuming and if an error is made the entire structure is jeopardized. Hiring a professional to help in this work was discussed. The cost is in the range of \$5,700. Greg and Alicia will search for a contractor and better establish cost and report back to the Board at the December 2nd meeting.

Greg will send out a list of possible articles for content. Greg will make the domain change but will not announce this until the new website in place. In the interim the change from HLWA to HLWAIdaho will be made seamless for website users.

Old Business

Dalton Irrigation Water Use: No further progress.

Mailings and Education:

Brochures: Super 1 and Mark’s Marina well supplied. Gil will check Tobler’s Marina and Fish & Game. He will also place a copy in the Hayden side lockbox on the Honeysuckle Beach kiosk with the list of businesses where copies can be can be obtained. When possible, a picture of the brochure should be placed on the web site with the same list of distribution sites.

Wake and Mussel Mailings: Alicia has developed an AI start on the facts to be incorporated. These mailings are planned for Spring 2026. Mary Ann reported that a DEQ staffer is working on a phone screen application for making complaints to the agency. If his work is successful the Association should consider adapting it for our constituency to be able to record complaints more efficiently.

Presentation at Four Counties Natural Resource Meeting: Presentation is Wednesday November 12th at noon at the Ironhorse Restaurant in downtown Coeur d'Alene. Gil and Mary Ann will present on the Association's efforts to inform and educate on boat wake regulations. Gil will cover our efforts to get buoy placement and the sign efforts while Mary Ann covers the educational post card efforts. Geoff will contact leadership of the other lake and river groups inviting them to attend. We will attempt to use the meeting to start a surf boat wake study coalition between the groups.

Potential web articles: Alicia has been using an AI approach to develop information for web articles and possibly for the Cd'A Press. She e-mailed results to date to Board. These are: "The illusion of a Pristine Lawn: Why your shoreline turf is killing our lakes", shoreline erosion and stabilization, Quagga Mussels and the origin of the Hayden Lake Dike and its effect on the Lake. There was some discussion on the lawn issue to include certified fertilizer applicators and proper fertilizer mixes. Jan asked Geoff to participate in the piece on the dike and the effect on the lake to include the water balance.

Community Awareness Projects:

RAC Grant to Complete Healthy Hayden Creek Work: The Forest Service is currently furloughed due to the federal government shut down. We can only hope the paper work is done by spring so we can implement the work.

Boys and Girl Scout Cleanup Aquatic Weeds: The cleanup was quite successful with roughly two tons wet weight of aquatic weeds removed to the dump. Assessed as quite efficient considering the small amount of money spent. The District is developing its own phosphorous removal numbers based on University of Idaho values in an effort to assess the efficacy in phosphorous removal. From the data developed from earlier weed harvests, a rough estimate of 2 to 4 pounds of phosphorous removed is likely a good estimate.

English Point Trail Work: Work began with the parking lot about October 1st. The work progressed to the west side trail system. Slides were presented of drains, causeway and bridge improvements. Trail work is nearing completion. Trail signing

will be the next step to occur next spring. It was noted that seeding of the drains with a grass mix approved by the Forest Service might speed re-vegetation of the drain features. (After the meeting it was confirmed the trail improvement work was completed in the last week of October. A walk through by the FONIT Board is planned for the first week of November.)

Code Violations Enforcement:

Wildcat Subdivision: Wildcat has sodded an area that appears to observers to be below the ordinary high-water mark. This was taken up with Mike Ahmer of IDL who did not think it was below the mark. It was pointed out that this can be measured as the official mark is 2239 feet elevation. It was suggested that lake level be determined at a gage at Hayden Lake Marina and then measurements made based on that data to assess encroachment or not. (Note: Post meeting Alicia received word that the county determined that the sod location was a violation.)

Lake Level: The lake level is low but has risen during October with the fall rains.

New Business:

Hayden Area of Impact: Area of impact hearings start on November 6th. The map supplied by the City of Hayden shows its impact area to include the Richards property and the two smaller holdings of the Dalton Irrigation District. Since the entire Richards Property is under a conservation easement held by the Inland Northwest Land Trust and the other two parcels are small and landlocked and the other includes features designed to pass and absorb floodwaters it is difficult to see how or why this is included. Todd will speak with the Richards family while Geoff consults with a Board member of the Trust. Based on this discussion we will develop our position on this inclusion.

Wake Surf Boat Study Group: At the Four Counties Meeting covered above we will contact attending interest groups about joining a wake surf boat study group to investigate what other lake groups are doing to address this issue. It was noted that wake education materials should be taken to the meeting.

Lakes Highway District Planning Meeting: Geoff attended. Meeting was to gather information on road improvements for their next five-year plan. While there the culvert replacements a Mokins Creek were discussed. Replacement due to failing (rusted through) culverts. Engineer assured the culverts were a foot below lake level and should not impede fish migration. Subsequent site visit indicated tow culverts replaced one carrying Mokins Creek into Mokins Slough and that the installation of the third culvert north of Mokins Bay Road did not affect the level of the little wetland behind the road.

Hayden Lake Country Club Fireworks Displays: Jan took this matter up with a club official who was positively responsive to shift to drone shows rather than fireworks. Next step is to talk with the club manager.

Bulk Postage Permit: The idea was discussed. So far, we have used card and pamphlet printer's bulk mailing permit. Alicia will discuss this matter with Barb Neal.

Next Meeting: Was set for Tuesday, 10 AM to Noon on December 2nd in a Zoom like format. This will avoid Thanksgiving week and will be the Board's last meeting of the year.

With no other business the Board adjourned at 12:20 PM.