

Draft Meeting Notes
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting
10:00 to 12:00 AM, Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Meeting Held at the Hayden Library

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 Barb Neal

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 10:05 AM

Agenda Items: Greg Hill had a set of additional thoughts to add to the agenda concerning public outreach and member recruitment. The treasurer of the Hayden Lake Yacht Club is still holding all the proceeds from pledges made at the annual Yacht Club fund raiser. These will be gathered together and sent to the HLWA treasurer in one batch.

Regular Business

Treasurers Report : Bob Humiston made the treasurers report. The 319 funds from DEQ were forwarded by that agency. The final graphics bill for the kiosk was \$3,080, but Mary Ann Stoll has donated \$1540.00 as an in kind contribution. The other half is a contribution to the Association. An in-kind contribution letter will be sent to Mary Ann to recognize this contribution for tax purposes. The final cost of the kiosk to date is \$5,855. A contribution was made to Gil at the dedication of \$100. Efforts are underway to identify the donor.

The recorder: Nothing to report.

Technology & Communications: Greg discussed the need for new programs designed to streamline membership management and due and contributions. Alicia noted that bylaws need to be changed so that dues are also considered contributions. Many tools designed for nonprofits examined. The two best identified and needed are Donor Snap and Constant Contact. These will allow better response to subscribers, interest tracking, and knowledge to what should be sent out in responding e-mail or letter. Overall cost of these two programs is estimated at \$1,000 per year. Motion was made to acquire these two programs by Todd Walker, second Bob Humiston. Motion passed. Association will try the programs for a year and assess their effectiveness before renewing.

The e-mail address was discussed. It should be shorter. Unfortunately, HLWA is not available. Can be any combination with couple additional numbers or letters. There is no preference just shorter. A list of possibles will be sent out. We will retain the older longer e-mail address due to its use on brochures and QR codes. The Association is enrolled in Google nonprofits which is free so additional address should not be an expense.

Membership Recruitment Ideas: A list of what we have done and might do to recruit new members.

- Next Door is most appropriate local portal into social media- Gil uses this often.

- Monthly newsletter with article concerning lake or watershed.
- Reactivation list of non-resubscribing members. "Missed you at the lake" or other message by e-mail or letter.
- Speakers' series on the lake on topics like water quality, history or longtime residents.
- Movie nights at Hayden Cinema: Lookout Ski Patrol does this a few times a year.
- A newspaper series like the "Our Gem" news articles in the Cd'A Press concerning Lake Cd'A.
- Build simple shopify site to sell logo ware, bathometric map etc. Need to look at income tax implications and whether the bylaws would prohibit this.
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Greg will send out a list of these ideas written out.

Citizen Input: Barb Neal attended to bring up the issue of fireworks displays at the Country Club. These are no longer restricted to Fourth of July but are a feature of many weddings. A paper was supplied that demonstrated perchlorates are a lingering contaminate in water after fire works over them. Perchlorate is the active ingredient in most bleaches. Believe the club could explore drone shows rather than fireworks and suggest this approach to those planning weddings. Any plan to take this up with the club should be taken to the Club's Board.

Old Business

Dalton Irrigation Water Use: Todd and Shawn are still working through the engineering reports. Plan to meet with the District's Board this winter. The situation appears to be that the irrigation district will be financially strapped to make the required improvements.

Mailings and Education:

Dalton Irrigation: Gil and Mary Ann Stoll plan to work on a brochure over the winter to address water use by Dalton Irrigation customers.

Wake Mailing: Jan and Alicia plan to work on this project over the winter for a projected spring mailing; mussel threats to be emphasized.

Flyers at Public Boat Ramps: A fresh idea is needed for new cards to be distributed next year at Honeysuckle and Sportmans Boat Ramps. Jan noted that over the Labor Day distribution 40% of the boat trailers were from out of state (primarily Washington) and a significant number had no proof launch fees were paid. Bob related that no large boats launched at Sportsmans because of low water. The discussion turned to the idea of having an inspection station on Honeysuckle Road as it approaches the boat ramp or the city having an attendant on ramp to assure boat launch fees paid. It was suggested that during next year's distributions more information concerning users state, invasives inspection sticker and payment of launch fee be collected. The Hayden City Council can then be approached with this information to guide changes to the boat launch operation.

Vacation Rentals Number: Alicia was tasked with determining the number of these rentals operating on the lake. She found around thirty based on advertised lakefront and dockage. This list will be combined

by the WID. Also noted; A majority of rental owners around the lake do not use services like VRBO. These are much harder to identify. The vision for education is a poster that could be framed and hung in the rental unit to educate the renters on the lake rules. The issue of cabin loans was raised, but these are much more difficult to identify

Community Awareness Projects:

Write Ups of Annual Meeting Reports: Those on English Point Trails and Healthy Hayden Creek activities have been submitted. The write up on the Kiosk is still required.

RAC Grant to Complete Healthy Hayden Creek Work: Inquiry was made about the \$25,000 RAC funding pending, but no reply from the Forest Service Official working on the funding has been received. The official has been identified and her contact information forwarded to the Treasurer. The idea of addressing smaller sites in the watershed like illegal roads and ATV trails or where vehicles venture off road on road curves was suggested. These would be small projects again using logs from the Watershed Improvement District's dock removal program to address erosion issues in the watershed. Such projects would be sufficiently low in expense that donors might support them.

English Point Trail Work: Due to a health issue of the contractor the work was moved back. It is currently planned to start October 1st.

Boys and Girl Scout Cleanup Aquatic Weeds: Will occur this coming weekend (Sept 27th). Roughly \$1,000 to be contributed to the Scouts shared by WID and HLWA. The effort led to a discussion of the amount of phosphorous in aquatic weeds. Todd took samples and this was estimated years ago. Since the weeds are 96% water and they contain small phosphorous concentration (ug/g) , it takes 100 tons of wet weeds to get a ton dry weight which removes about 3.3 kilograms of phosphorous. So, lots of aquatic weeds for small increment of removal. Kris Regele from WID issued a press release.

Code Violations Enforcement:

Nothing heard on the "boathouse" legal case.

Wildcat Developement appears to have gone dormant possibly because lake levels are down and it is not advantageous to sell the sites right now.

Lake Level: The lake level is quite low and declining due to lack of rain.

NFS Quarterly meetings: Jan/Kris will speak with Tom about starting those again.

Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Activities: Sediment cores from the lake bottom in the North Arm are to be collected this week. Engineers will be in the field on the Norris and Hancock Timber Properties to survey and assess the feasibility of creating "beaver dam like" structures to allow sediment to deposit before reaching the lake. It was noted that such structures must allow fish passage.

Natural Resources Committee: Jan will attend the 10/1 meeting to discuss HLWA'S proposed wake boat impact study and to start collecting interested names and contacts from the other N. Idaho waterways. Gil and Mary Anne will give a presentation of or educational efforts at the November meeting.

Next Meeting: Was set for Tuesday, 10 AM to Noon on October 24th in a Zoom like format.

With no other business the Board adjourned at 12:10 PM.