

Draft Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc. Board Meeting, August 27, 2019 Hayden
Lake City Hall 9393 Strahorn Road, Hayden Lake ID

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, Acting Chairman, Gloria Lund Treasurer, Barbara Neal, Will, Neal, Jan Wilkins, Todd Walker. Attending: Leo Simpson and Mary Ann Stoll Absent: Chris Meyer.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Additions to the Agenda: Under Association Leadership: 3 potential Board members

Under Sponsored projects: Sheriff Candidate forum

Under Current & Emerging Issues: Mandatory boater education & pre-emptive prohibition of six foot wake boats

Public Input:

No members from public attended. Clark Richards has asked to speak on lake levels and irrigation withdrawals but did not attend.

Watershed Improvement District Update:

An update was given on the Watershed Improvement District's activities. The major development is that the District has the permit in hand to install 14 navigational buoys. Given the lateness of the boating season these will likely not be placed until next spring. There is an indication on IDL's part that the District can apply for additional buoys. It is unknown where the county's lawyers stands on such an arrangement. The appropriate number of buoys was discussed. Rather than a set number the District should be encouraged to develop a process allowing the public boaters and shoreline owners to come to the district and petition for additional buoy placement. Jan will check with Commissioner Duncan on her position on buoy numbers.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that a substantial number of members paid dues at the annual meeting. Arrangements are being made to get signup sheets to Will, Chris and Mary Ann.

Old Business

Hayden Days follow up:

Follow up remarks and lessons were discussed on the Hayden Days presentation. The booth was a success and allowed considerable outreach to the public. Those who participated in earlier Hayden Days indicated a much better response likely due to the booth's location. However the joint booth still seeded confusion with the public between the Association and its role and that of the Watershed Improvement District. The board agreed we should have a booth next year, but that there should be two booths side by side, one the Association's and the other the District's. Next year possibly boater education should be an emphasis.

Annual Meeting Follow up:

Follow up and lessons from the annual meeting was discussed. The move of the Treasurers from Gloria Lund to Barb Neal was discussed. The presentations went well. However, again there is the issue of

whose meeting, the Association's or the Watershed Improvement District's. It was clearly stated to all that this was the Association's Annual Membership Meeting, but the table arrangement in the front with District Board at one table and speakers at the other partially confused the message. Next year we should have a speakers table with District personnel at it if speaking and an Association table with its Board seated. The Association also needs to develop a banner complete with a logo this winter to have it ready for all upcoming events and possibly have its Board members attired so easily recognized by its members.

Another outcome of the annual meeting and a subsequent meeting was resistance from North Arm Groups to the navigational channel idea. It was stated that they wanted to travel unimpeded to their docks and sensed they need additional education on the unique problems in their end of the lake. It was also sensed that they believe the most recent weed treatment has solved their problems with weeds. It was suggested that the Association pursue a educational meeting for this group of lakeshore owners. The meeting would provide a more in depth of the lake chemistry and the role of bottom stirring in the shallow North End of the lake. Suggested at Bob West's home either this Fall or next Spring. Todd will pursue this possibility with Bob West. Todd also shared that he received a communication from Bob Steed of DEQ that a blue-green bloom was underway in the North Arm.

Wake Education Program Update:

Jan and Mary Ann provided an update on the Wake Education Program. The handout has been modified to highlight the wake regulation. The printing has not been completed, but this needs to be done by this Thursday. We are waiting for Chris Meyer to print. Need these to place on vehicles at the boat ramps with trailers attached. Concern stated about these being just thrown away causing a litter problem. Todd will coordinate with the City of Hayden and Geoff will police the area after the holiday weekend to pick up any cast off. Jan will put these on vehicles with trailers at Sportsmans and will police afterwards. Most of the posters were taken at the annual meeting. Todd feels we can place poster at Honeysuckle post board and will coordinate with the city's manager. Geoff will follow up again with Fish and Game on posting at Sportsmans Access. Follow up with Hayden Lake Marina required as well. Poster should be in place next Spring.

Highway District Board:

The issue of Highway District seats was discussed. The next seat open is the one to our North. We need Highway District Board members sympathetic to our lake's needs but this seat does not geographically encompass Hayden Lake. It was suggested we partner with groups from Twin and Spirit Lakes to work on getting good representation on this seat. Possibly we could arrange a meeting this winter on the issue.

Honey Badger Update: Informational meetings currently being held. Meeting at Hayden City Hall 5-7 August 28th.

Bylaws Review & Officer Election:

The Bylaws and possible name change were discussed. Will Neal passed out copies of the Preamble to the bylaws. He asked each Board member to edit the existing two paragraphs and shape them more towards a Mission Statement and Purpose. It was also suggested by Leo that the officer title secretary be changed to Recorder. An additional officer in charge of Digital Communication was suggested. The

only committee currently indicated in the bylaws is a nominating committee. Education and Membership/Outreach Committees were suggested. Currently Geoff is acting as liaison with the Watershed Improvement District. An officer should always be designated as that liaison. It was decided the September meeting would include a vote on a slate of officers and the change of the office name from secretary to recorder in the agenda. As the fall and winter seasons proceed additional bylaws housekeeping items will be placed on the Board's agenda and voted on. We will put off the name change for now and concentrate on rebranding as "the voice of the watershed." Current Roster of Officers is President, Geoff Harvey, Vice-President, Jan Wilkins, Treasurer, Barb Neal, Recorder, still open, Digital Communications: open.

New Board Membership:

The discussion turned to Board membership expansion. Leo Simpson was present and stated his wish to serve on the Board. He provided the Board a brief resume of his training and experience. Barb Neal move Leo be placed on the Board, Seconded by Jan Wilkins. Motioned passed by voice vote. Leo welcomed to the Board. Two additional Board recruits Gill Rosner and Kathy Sitaway. Jan and Geoff will meet with Gill Rosner and Jan, Todd and Jan will meet with Kathy Sitaway.

Potential Project List:

The Board discussed potential projects. These can be hands on or informational. Hands on projects suggested are fire hazard reduction from wood cutter slash along roads this fall and possibly a replanting project in cooperation with the Forest Service next spring. A bay cleanup was suggested. A Sheriff candidate's forum was suggested. This would occur before the primary and be designed to elicit candidate's views on policing out lake and increase in resources. Such a forum can be planned over the fall and winter.

New Business:

Current and Emerging Issues:

The current and emerging issues identified was the need to require mandatory boaters registration. The fact that this is a service needed in North Idaho but little appreciated elsewhere in the State was mentioned. It is need the Association should push with elected representatives. Possibly a county option approach could be taken by the State.

The other issue emerging is the impending introduction of wake boats capable of creating a six foot wake. Jan will investigate with Merlin how close such technology is to showing up in Kootenai County. Efforts may be required to push for a ban on such boats on North Idaho Lakes as the current wake boats are already causing problems. Valley County unsuccessfully attempted to ban wake boats on its lakes (Payette Lake).

Next Board Meeting:

The next meeting date was discussed given the travel plans of Board members. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 1st with the understanding Jan and the Neals will participate by telephone link.

The board adjourned at 8:35 PM.