

**Draft Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
February 23, 2021 6:30 PM Meeting Held in Zoom Platform**

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, President; Jan Wilkins, Vice President; Barb Neal, Treasurer; Will Neal, Digital Communications Officer; Gil Rossner and Todd Walker. Members attending: Mary Ann Stoll. In our response to the COVID-19 health emergency and an abundance of caution, the meeting was conducted as a teleconference using the Zoom Platform arranged by Will Neal the Association's Communications Officer. A means was provided on the web-site to include public participation.

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

- Additions/Deletion to agenda: None

Public Input:

No attending public with issues to bring to the Board.

HLWID Meeting Update: Geoff Harvey missed the meeting, Will Neal attended; report by Will and Mary Ann Stoll

- The District had produced by legal counsel a report on the county's authorities to enforce its building and resource protection codes. The county had authorities far beyond its "notice of violation" typically used to enforce its code. Yet habitually does not resort to these. The District suggested the Association take on a public education program to raise public awareness about the county's enforcement authorities. Members of the Association's Board resisted this approach. The sentiment was that the Association does not need to be the one telling people what they can and cannot do or being the cop on the beat. Counter proposal was to put the Districts document from its counsel on our website. As the Association receives complaints from the public this is one document we steer them to hold the county accountable. Point made that the Commissioners always have the building community whispering in their ears to be liberal, we need the general affected public telling them that they degrade our property when they allow the rules to be ignored or loosely enforced.
- District is planning a photographic inventory of the shoreline, so that future alterations can be documented pre-effect.
- District planning the fourth annual invasive weed meeting in a May timeframe. Will be on a Zoom format. Exact timing will depend on the Department of Agriculture's plan to address weeds this year.
- District will have its annual dock and debris collection and disposal between May 1st and June 1st with possible extension into mid-June. Plans are to have all debris removed from the lake by July 4th holiday. Question if we are getting handle on problem. It appears yes but noted still a number of abandoned docks on shore near Gonzaga Point and wind storms may have created a great deal of fallen tree debris.
- Finally Board is looking for a way to stagger its election of members. All up in 2022. Pointed out that this is the result of all current directors being appointed rather than going through election

cycle. Barb will send Mary Ann the information about election term cycles, as this has also been an issue with the HLSD.

Regular Business:

Treasurers Report:

- Budget spreadsheet provided to the Board. Two new members and many prepaying their dues. A number of contributions noted. Barb suggested that the HLWA gift a copy of "Hayden Lake: A Brief Primer" to each member contributing \$100 or more.
- Jan made a motion that "Hayden Lake: A Brief Primer" be given out with every \$100 plus contribution. Will seconded. Motion passed. Geoff will order ten at author's rate making them less expensive and the Association will reimburse the lower cost.

Recorder's Report: None

Technology and Communications Report:

- E-mail addresses were created for each Board member on the website. Board members urged to check the e-mail websites. Advantage of the approach is that the contents can be given to another once a director is no longer active.
- On Line Survey Test out to Board members in their e-mails. Most had seen but not replied. This is a test. The method is a method to create interest and guide users to the website.
- Newsletter Feedback: Not too much to date, but a corresponding increase on the website indicates the newsletter peaking interest. We have one wildlife photo so far, but woodpeckers and pine siskins coming into feeders may generate many more.

Old Business:

Proposed memorial bench in Honeysuckle Park to commemorate contributions of Gloria Lund and others.

- District did not discuss.
- Two issues cost and agreement of City of Hayden to allow.
- Subcommittee appointed. Mary Ann Stoll will explore cost, Geoff Harvey will approach city councilman.

Boat Wake follow up:

- Posters and letters sent out for Board's review; general consensus of approval.
- Jan proposed with Mary Ann's agreement the following plan.
 - The Association will do all the printing. The District will pay for the postage, large envelopes and do the mailings for all the posters and laminated cards sent, both to the rental agencies, rental owners and whatever requests are generated by the association mailing.
 - A hundred posters will be printed; 85 for the owners and managers of Air B&Bs and 15 for potential Association recipients by the District.
 - The Association will mail the offer of the laminated card and if requested the poster owners in the watershed. Members will get them free, new members receive them,

and others at a cost of \$5. The cost of the printing, laminating and postage for the Association would be \$1,766.

- Discussion of amount left in grant from the Watershed Improvement District: \$3,317.58. The support of the outreach with cards would leave \$1551.58 in the grant for a potential second workshop.
- Gil brought up costs associated with dock banner work. Four 4 by 8 feet banners \$442 (This appears cost from estimate provided, but Mary Ann will clarify.)
- Barb moved the Association take on the homeowner printing and mailing costs based on the \$1766 estimate and based on approval from the HLWID that this will be a reimbursable expenditure from our grant which Geoff will confirm at the next HLWID meeting in March, Gil seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion took place about the cost of the banners and all agreed that this is a good use of our HLWA funds for education.
- Jan brought up a way that data can be collected to support damage by dock owners. None reported to date. Need to make this a subject of an e-mail to the membership making point that if we do not have proof of damage new sheriff not likely to responds.
 - Both such qualitative information needed along with quantitative to make case for enforcement and/or larger excessive wake exclusion zone.
- Honeysuckle Bay No-Wake Zone Proposal
 - Will presented the Association's case at the early February meeting of the Waterways Advisory Board, including petition proving who the Board was hearing from; all shoreline owners and others
 - Two other no wake proposals from Lake Coeur d'Alene Bays. All were tabled for the late February meeting where the Board will discuss and decide which to move on to BOCC. There will be no public input.
 - Of the three proposals the Sheriff's Department is only supportive of the Honeysuckle Bay proposal. However they want it from the point rather than an extension of the 200 feet buoys off the Honeysuckle Boat Ramp.
- Wake Monitoring: Todd working on means to mount cameras in planters.

Forest Service Honey Badger Planning project: Contacted Ranger Scaife. Stated documents out in late February or early March.

Association leadership/membership development: Potential new Board member in Carol Maloney. Her interests are in education and monitoring development.

East Shore Grazing Issue: Todd Has not been able to contact Bud Vanderbelt. He may be gone for the winter.

Honeysuckle Boat Ramp safety issue: Letter sent to Hayden City manager Recommended Todd Walker, as the lake manager be put on any committee considering safety upgrades also suggested concerned citizens Rebecca Stevens and Elaine Cernera be included.

SDA Church Hearing before BOCC for CUP: slated for March 11th

- Send out e-mail alerts to get large citizens turnout opposing.

- Jan will put out separate message to HLCRD; Lancaster Group developing own separate response.
- The Association's letter of opposition has to be in by March 1st. Geoff will draft from testimony and get out for review. Letter will reflect our earlier testimony before the hearing officer.

New Business: None:

Current/Emerging Issues: None Todd reports pretty quiet on and around the lake.

Special Business:

HLSD Name Change:

- The board discussed the attorney's preliminary findings and discussed several different approaches going forward in regards to the Sewer District name change.
- Todd reported that he responded to a request to remove the Association's materials from Hayden Lake City Hall in preparation for a remodeling project there. While at City Hall, Todd sensed some animosity possibly due to the Association's position on the sewer district name change.

No further business being heard a motion of adjournment was called for.

Will Neal moved adjournment, Jan Wilkins seconded. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM.