

HLWA Board Meeting Notes, 2/22/22

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Jan Wilkins. Present: Board members Geoff Harvey, Barb Neal, Will Neal, Gil Rossner, and Shawn Hathaway. Mary Ann Stoll was also present. There were no proposed changes to the agenda, nor any attending public.

HLWID update- Geoff Harvey: The WID is pressing ahead with the application for 17 more buoys directly with IDL. They plan to keep the county and waterways apprised, but do not anticipate going through them for approval. There was also discussion about the city of Hayden's boat launch relocation. Their board favors moving the beach, instead of the launch. Questions were raised about the dike which is owned by the Richards family. Need to find out if it is part of the conservation easement.

Geoff gave an analysis of the WID's water quality monitoring for the past two years. The main basin of the lake maintained very high-water quality. Mokins and O'Rourke Bays were also monitored. As the water levels dropped in 2021, phosphorous activity increased dramatically in Mokins, which can lead to lower water quality. The WID decided to continue monitoring Mokins Bay, and added Bergen Bay, Windy Bay and Cramps Bay. The oxygen calibration appeared to be incorrect in mid-lake, so those stats will have to be re-evaluated.

WID tabled consideration of Yellowbanks and FSR 437 for this fiscal year. They also decided not to pursue funding a carrying capacity study. Mary Ann reported on a citizens study to metrically map the lake bottom.

Regular Business- Barb Neal -Treasurer's report: Barb submitted a photo of the lake in winter that will be sent to donors over \$75 that have already received a thank you book for previous gifts. Barb did get a debit card in the Associations' name. There was discussion of how to use the two tickets from the Spokane Valley Summer Theatre. We will probably do a two week on-line "auction" and tie it to a press release that is being written. The first performance starts on June 17, so it would have to be in April or May.

Old Business: Geoff Harvey- Honey Badger update: The decision notice was issued 1/27/22, which denied our objections based on FSR 437. The Forest Service did commit to a separate process to explore the problems associated with FSR 437, and several members of the board took part in the first meeting held on 1/26/22, with plans for a second meeting on 2/23/22.

At the first meeting, District Supervisor Carl Patrick expressed his concerns about rogue shooting ranges, and both he and District Ranger Dan Scaife seemed supportive about eliminating the runoff issues. There was discussion about decommissioning the road, looking at existing easements and other constraints. Geoff said that we would put together a survey to our members to evaluate how often our members use the road, and for what purposes. We are not concerned about the private roads.

The board reviewed the final version of our survey and will give it to the Forest Service at the next meeting.

Biannual Update: The Board will review and make suggestions for Geoff's draft which he did in December. Jan has submitted an intro and will add it, in addition to Barb Neals Treasurer's report. We are hoping to get it on the website at the beginning of March.

Gloria Lund Bench: It was moved and seconded that we table the bench project until the city of Hayden has finalized its Honeysuckle Beach plans. Geoff will go by Pat Lund's and explain our timing issues.

System to track violations of County and IDL regulations-update- Will Neal and Todd Walker: Todd spoke with Craig who said that Ela is now in compliance. The prosecutor did not actually sue him, but wrote a strong letter, which apparently got Ela's attention. He did get a C.O.O. for the first property but there has been no inspection of the second property. It was noted that Ela is now the builder on a 10K sf property on Coopers Bay, and probably bears watching.

Craig is still working on the violations tracking chart and is trying to get it more specific to the lake.

Hayden Lake Water Level Inquiry- Jan Wilkins and Mary Ann Stoll: The state hydrologist would like to have a water level monitoring site at the marina. Mary Ann is trying to get the owner, who had previously agreed to this to call her back so that it can proceed.

The state is working on relating weather to water level data. They are contacting abandoned well permit owners to see if they can set up a network of data points around the lake to monitor water levels.

There was a discussion about Dalton Gardens not keeping records of how much water they are taking out of the lake. It would be especially helpful when trying to explain significant water loss in years like 2021. We have no way of knowing if they are exceeding their entitlements.

Hayden Days: Gil Rossner and Shawn Hathaway- Barb Neal sent records of what was done in previous years. Nothing else to report.

City of Hayden Boat Launch relocation proposal: Shawn Hathaway and Barb Neal reported on the final work group meeting. Melissa Cleveland showed Leda's film of water spilling over the dike and into the spillway. Andy from fish and game said no bridge either. The committee noted that Honeysuckle Bay is frozen 3-4 months a year, which would prohibit winter launches. Alan Soderling said that the city would not maintain two boat launches.

Melissa had read Geoff's book and told the committee that significant sampling would have to be done to assess suitability. This could also involve lots of \$\$\$. KEA was present at the open house meeting and expressed a "no negotiations" position on dredging the bay.

There was discussion about moving the beach. Apparently, Andy from fish and game didn't say anything about the sand. He also said that Sportsman's will not be expanded, and it is too shallow and freezes in the winter. Geoff reported that fish and game is not concerned about the impacts of the launch to the Kokanee spawning area, as they're not concerned with the Kokanee population.

Barb encouraged the group to explore alternatives given that there are so many hurdles to overcome with this plan. Gemma will let us know when it will be presented to the city so that we can let people know to attend. Will will post it on the website.

There was also discussion about limiting access and making the current launch more efficient.

The deputies felt that city ordinances would have to be changed so that a no parking tow away zone can be enforced when parking reaches capacity. Apparently, the city doesn't intend to expand current capacity, just to separate the uses. Shawn is hopeful that the city will reconsider moving the beach instead of the boat launch, (with a 25' buffer). The Richards family would probably have to approve some type of access from the dike to make this possible.

Shawn will forward the meeting summary to the board when he gets it.

HLSD update- Barb Neal: They have located the signed agreements giving HLSD ownership of the land under the admin building in exchange for paying for half of the building. Barb also found supporting documents in the minutes from the city council. It is unfortunate that the legal was so sloppy, it could have prevented a lot of tension and disagreement with the city and the mayor.

Wildcat Creek-Gil Rossner: Gil said that it feels like this project has gone on for decades, with different owners and engineers. Jim Coleman is now involved in the design of catch basins and in the filtration of water coming off Hayden Lake Rd. Jim feels that it will be safer going into the lake now than it has been previously. The public comment period ended last week.

Gil also said the water source for the additional development will come from wells, and that he also noticed that they had applied for water rights for two existing springs on the property. The owners are attempting to bury electric lines, including those that will run under Bob's Bay.

There was no new business or emerging issues. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.