

Meeting Notes; HLWA 7/26/22

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Present: Board members Geoff Harvey, Barb Neal, Will Neal, Gil Rossner, Shawn Hathaway, and Todd Walker (by phone.). Also present for the attending public: Jim Hamm.

Barb Neal had previously distributed the Treasurer's report. Members are continuing to re-new their dues after Will sent out a reminder email.

Jan noted that we really need a recording secretary. It was suggested that we make a public appeal at the annual meeting.

Will Neal has posted the photos Barb took of the board interacting with the public at the Hayden Days event. He also reported that our website shows where the excessive wake violation reports have been concentrated. It appears that there are quite a few in the north arm. A couple of the reports included photos, which we should encourage. We discussed forwarding this report on a regular basis to the marine deputies so that they can give these areas extra attention when they are on the lake.

Old Business: FSR 437 update: There was discussion about how much of the public dialogue could reflect lead residues in the water possibly triggering the Clean Water Act enforcement. We will bring it up at the forest service meeting planned for 7/27. Geoff thinks we should continue to pressure the forest service to berm off the shooting pit so that lead does not make its way to the surface water that drains into Hayden Creek. If they cannot figure how to do it, maybe the WID would be willing to find a contractor to do it. We will see if the forest service has it on their schedule.

Tracking code Violations: Jan did not hear back from David Callahan about what he learned from the consultant he hired to evaluate county stormwater policies. There is a new situation on Upper Hayden Creek Road where the owner is re-routing a class 2 stream, which has defined bed and banks. Water is flowing through it now. Todd will be in touch with Craig Davidson to find out what if anything can be done about this. Will is going to submit the pictures he took to Craig to help clarify the situation.

Lake water levels: normal for this time of year.

Wave monitoring: Todd will replace batteries next weekend. Jan has only had it running on the weekends. We hope to have a report at our next meeting.

Excessive wake reporting: There was discussion about how much information to give the sheriff's office. There is a need to protect our members private information. We would need their permission to use names/addresses. We can give the marine officers the map that shows the problem areas without violating anyone's' privacy. A couple of the submissions show the registration numbers of the offending boats.

Mailing and public education publications and activities: Jim Hamm has developed a reporting template so that we can formally track our numbers and the number of out of state trailers. Gil reported that there are more tow boats putting in at the Sportsman's launch than in the past. We will continue to put out the flyers at both input sites through August. Many thanks to Jim and Barb Hamm and Shawn Hathaway for getting those flyers out.

Barb showed a laminated Idaho plant id brochure. She suggested that we can highlight the specific plants shown on the card that can be found in our watershed, instead of us originating a whole new guide. She will order one from Amazon and see how many can be identified.

Welcome to the neighborhood letter: Barb will print the letter, the envelopes, stamp them and get them ready for Jan to sign and send. We decided that we would not print envelopes through MinutePress, as they will only do quantities of 500.

Jan suggested that we have HLWA t-shirts or polo shirts. Jan and Barb will check out pricing.

Hayden Days Recap: The board considered our event very successful. Many kudos to Gil Rossner for his staging efforts. Our booth functioned very well, and the location was excellent. We had a lot of questions and education opportunities. Gil reported that there weren't many lake people attending, which gave us lots of opportunities to explain who we are and what we do. Shawn spoke with all the city council folks who stopped by, including the mayor. Barb also spoke to Councilwoman Sandra White who was very supportive and appreciative of our input on the boat launch proposal. We decided to participate in the event next year, as we have done for several years.

City of Hayden Honeysuckle Bay boat launch proposal: The proposal was unanimously rejected by the city council on July 11. Portions of President Wilkin's letter to the city were read into the record by Councilman DePriest. The work group required a lot of effort, but it was worthwhile, as we were able to raise important questions about the viability of the plan and the cost of the studies which needed to be done. Many thanks to Shawn Hathaway and Barb Neal for representing our Association so well.

Housing Report: At the last meeting, the President of the N. Idaho Builders Association stated that the study showed that development pays for itself. Hayden council member Ed Depress and KiKi Miller from the CDA city council questioned this and asked that the study be reviewed in more depth.

HLSD update: Sewer service rates will increase soon, about \$6/month. HARSB had requested a large chemical disaster contingency fund which was rejected twice by the HLSD board. The HLSD annual budget will be reviewed at the August 10th meeting.

Gloria Lund Bench: It was decided to re-approach the City of Hayden for a Honeysuckle Beach site now that the beach will remain where it is. Gil will reach out to his contact Ron.

Avista Letter: The board reviewed the response to Jan's letter. We decided to post it on our website, and to circle back to them in a few months to check on their progress in our neighborhoods.

Annual Meeting Update: The Hayden Lake Country Club has given us a few dates for our annual meeting: We decided on Friday, September 23, as there was nothing available in August. Barb suggested that we set up tables around the room with representatives from members' areas of interest: David Callahan from Planning and community development, Fish and Game, Marine Patrol, ISDA, and the WID. Barb will ask Jim Ekins of U of Idaho to speak about water issues.

Fundraising: The Hayden Lake Yacht Club event to support the HLWA is on August 13. We brainstormed about ideas for items. Geoff will check on "To the Beach" signs. Photographer

Linda Lantzy is contributing books to the event. Barb and Will purchased one of her remarkable photographs to contribute to the auction and Barb will reach out to Joe at the marina to see about getting a donated gas card. Gil is going to approach local restaurants for contributions, as well as a friend of his who is in the wine business. This is our major fundraiser of the year.

Natural Resources meeting July 6: Sandy Emerson, the chair of the committee was very complimentary about our presentations. Geoff discussed water quality, Gil described the Honey Badger project, Mary Ann Stoll explained erosion threats and Jan Wilkins outlined our concerns about the Hayden boat launch proposal. All the posters except for the boat launch poster were used for Hayden Days on the 22 and 23.

Marina purchase and rumors of expansion and building plans: The marina was purchased by an international corporation that owns marinas, hotels, and resorts. They also own the Davenport Hotel in downtown Spokane. Barb has been in touch with the manager, and he says that they have no plans for expansion, due to space and zoning limitations.

Moorings on the lake: The county waterways committee has not met for a couple of months, although this subject is on their agenda. This cannot get on the commissioners' agenda without going through the waterways committee, and Will is going to watch it closely. Among our concerns: no way for these boats to dispose of wastewater, leading to negative impacts on water quality.

Executive Session: Jim Hamm left the meeting at this point and the board discussed the future of our relationship with the WID going forward.

At the end of the session the following motion was approved:

The HLWA will no longer co-brand with the WID. We will fund, print, mail and distribute our own educational materials. If they wish, the WID may continue to pay Mary Ann Stoll for her design work on our projects and we will recognize this funding, as we do any other funding we receive, by acknowledging them in our newsletter, website, and annual meeting.

We will continue to collaborate with and support the efforts of the WID, as our joint efforts have been very successful. We are all working for the healthy future of the lake.

Derelict Docks: Shawn said that member Dennis Kerr reported derelict docks floating loose in Honeysuckle Bay. They suspect that they were from the Congdon operation. This led to a discussion of how to secure the derelict docks at the back of Mokins Bay until next spring when they are removed. Todd will investigate the mooring situation, since tying docks to trees has not worked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.