

Draft Meeting Notes  
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting  
6:01 to 8:50 PM, Tuesday, April 22, 2025  
Meeting Held by Conference Call

**Participants:** Gil Rossner, Acting President presiding, Jan Wilkins, President, Bob Humiston, Treasurer, Greg Hill, Shawn Hathaway, Alacia Humiston, Todd Walker and Geoff Harvey. Mary Ann Stoll, member and Watershed Improvement District Contractor

The meeting was called to order by Gil Rossner at 6:01 PM.

Gil asked for additions or deletion from the agenda. An executive session at the end of the meeting was requested.

### **Regular Business**

Treasurers Report : Financial reports were sent to Board members. Two memberships came in this past three weeks. We now have the old data base, only difference was that billing was out by this time last year. PayPal is set up. Concentration will be on getting the membership billing out.

The recorder: Nothing to report.

Technology & Communications: Greg is engaged in site updating and construction. Will Neal did a good job with the site. E-mail on Healthy Hayden Creek was sent out. About 65% of e-mails opened. Many web site hits, 78. The PayPal account is linked into the website. Membership email will be sent out Thursday 4/24. All website set up is currently on backup. Has most pictures and bio sketches. Looking for pre-site pictures of Hayden Creek restoration site. Todd has pictures and will send.

### **Old Business**

#### *Mailings and Education:*

Hayden Lake Kiosk: The kiosk is up at Honeysuckle Beach. Some touch up still required. Metal roof still to install. Some additional staining. The routed signs on either side still to be prepared. Waiting for wording. The suggestion verbiage for "signs" was "Hayden Lake Watershed Association" on the three-panel side (north) and "Welcome to Hayden Lake" on the south side. Motion to use this wording, Jan Wilkins, second Shawn Hathaway. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kiosk Content: Middle panel will have the Bathometric Map with inset of Honeysuckle Bay and text explaining the no wake rules on that bay. A second inset will be of Sportsmans Access Area with text on that area. The left panel will contain information from brochure with explanation of buoys, wake rules, safety information and likely more. The right panel will contain tribute Gerry House, Gloria Lund and Todd Walker. The language for these is nearly worked up. There will be a cover of the Hayden Lake Book

with a QR code leading to the point of purchase with Amazon and a QR code leading to bathometric map. A statement will be included with special thanks to donors, but no names will be used. The goal is to have this completed before the boating season picks up in June.

As temporary placeholders, the “Hayden Lake It’s Extraordinary” poster placed in the left panel and the list of boating rules placed in the middle panel was proposed. Motion to approve poster and rules placement, Geoff Harvey, second Jan Wilkins. Motion passed by voice vote.

Once all the materials are in the kiosk a ribbon cutting event is planned with press release on the kiosk and the event.

Dalton Gardens Mailer: Little work completed on the language, however now that kiosk work completed this is Gil’s next priority in the May-June time frame. Gil has learned that Dalton Irrigation District has received a report from his engineering firm that their entire system **of moving water up the hill from the lake and back down to town from the storage tank** is aged and **requires repair or** replacement. This would be a multimillion-dollar project. The Irrigation District has this incentive to decrease water use. It is not known whether they have any public outreach plan. In addition, to Dalton Gardens, the mailer will be sent to Gem Shores water users as well. Gem Shores draws it water from the lake like Dalton Irrigation, just not as much.

Lake Brochure Status: We have received materials from Idaho Fish & Game and the Idaho Department of Agriculture for inclusion in the brochure. The Forest Service wants to participate, but administrative changes have adversely affected their response. The goal is to have the brochure printed and in hand by May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Hayden Lake Marina open house to give out at the Table the Association plans to have at the event. This may not be feasible. Jan will check with Minute Press on how much lead time the printing step will require. The original estimate is \$2 per copy. Avista has granted \$700 to print the brochure which is 350 copies at the \$2 rate. We also plan to ask Toblers and Mark’s Marina to hand them out with new boat sales and Hayden Lake Marina to hand them out.

Wake Mailing: Jan plans to get this mailing out earlier to lakeshore owners. Last year it was later going out and we received no wake complaints Getting it out sooner may create more complains. The point should be made in the message that reports of excessive wakes focus law enforcement efforts in those areas where these are reported.

### *Community Awareness and Education Activities*

Healthy Hayden Lake Initiative: We have 250 larch seedlings reserved for the planting part of the project. The Coeur d’Alene Nursery staff is searching for a source of alder seeds and we are yet to hear back from them. Geoff will pick up the seedlings from the nursery. The possibility of buying alder seed from another source was suggested. We can do that but they must be the species of alder found on the local forest. We cannot locate planting tools, but tile spades will work as well as will shovels. Urge participants to bring along their own shovels. We have the seedling protectors and stakes; no other planting supplies should be needed.

Todd is working with the contractor to place logs. Five loads have been delivered to the site. We are short of logs. [ It was subsequently learned that Mivoden, the landowner where logs are stored, burned many of the small logs resulting in the shortage. Todd identified a source of logs that we can use and these will replace those burned.] Given the lack of logs initial efforts will focus in the area immediately along Hayden Creek especially where driveways have been created into the stream and the mud bogging area. Todd will manage the log placement. Gil will get **announcements out to social media outlets and Jan will send a copy of our press release regarding the event to the Cd'A Press.**

Mary Ann is working up the materials for the booth. These will include the Hayden Lake Poster, Good and Bad practices on erosion, and the Honey Badger Viewshed Effect Poster. There will be a poster showing basic tree planting technique as well as the common error that put a seedling at a disadvantage. The group decided it would be a good idea to demonstrate planting technique and to have a second poster out in the planting area for reference of those planting. Final assignments for roles out on the site will be made as we organize the morning of the event. Shawn is furnishing easels for the posters.

FONIT English Point Trail Work: FONIT still needs the cooperative agreement from the Forest Service to begin the work. The current administrative changes in the Forest Service are holding this up. FONIT's contractor is busy until mid-May so there remains time to get an agreement in place.

#### **Code Enforcement Issues:**

*Zimmerman Dock Lawsuit:* Nothing to report.

*Wildcat Project:* The project continues to advertise lake dockage and a community center on the lake. However, they were admonished to stop advertising by the county at least on the clubhouse because the plans are not approved. So far so good on their erosion control during this Spring. The development does have three lots on septic systems and a road located at the drain field location. Panhandle Health District has taken issue with this arrangement. **Board members are urged to make friendly suggestions to the developers as the project proceeds.**

*Hayden Lake Level/Snowpack:* This past week the lake level was about four inches under where it would spill into the lowest elevation (smaller) outlet structure. The high elevation snowpack is beginning to melt, but was substantial. It can be seen to be starting to melt on Chilco Mountain. **This** Spring has been cool to date preserving a good bit of the high elevation snow.

#### **New Business:**

*WID and North Arm Update:* The meeting with the Forest Service again highlighted their current administrative paralysis. They are moving to implement the initial Honey-Badger Timber Sales. These will be on Treasure Mountain and Huckleberry Mountain on either side of Fernan Saddle. The Huckleberry Mountain sale dependent on its layout may affect the Hayden Lake Viewshed at the far-right side. **The WID Is working to negotiate easements with private landowners on the section of Hayden Creek between USFS land and the mouth of the creek where it enters Hayden Lake.** A request for

proposal is being currently developed towards retaining an engineering firm to assess the possibilities of altering the alignment or flow of the stream in order to retain sediment and nutrients.

*City Area of Impact:* Area of Impact are those areas outside a city's limits where the city may annex land into the city in the near future. Such annexation would require landowner approval. The concern is the City of Hayden. It currently is nearly to Strahorn Road going North of Lancaster Road up to **Dodd** Road. It might attempt to move its influence east to at least Rimrock Road flanking the Hayden Lake Community to the North. The Board generally agreed that it wants no part of Hayden and its sprawl to the north of our community and certainly not in the lake's watershed. The process of designation is underway and scheduled to wrap up by the end of 2025. It was suggested that the chairs of the Watershed Improvement District, Sewer District and President of the Association ask for a meeting with the major of the City of Hayden Lake to urge them to fill any void that Hayden might attempt to occupy.

*Annual Meeting Planning:* Two potential meeting times suggested, first Monday in August and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Alacia will contact the Hayden Lake Country Club about room availability. The club is closed on Mondays so these days suggested. Mary Ann noted that the Watershed Improvement District was planning a May Community Meeting to restart these meetings that were cancelled during the COVID Crisis. The possibility of booking the "Red House" at the was a possibility for both events.

The Associations' Board went into executive session to discuss **an** issue.

The Board ended its executive discussion it was moved by Geoff Harvey that Mary Ann Stoill be asked to bill the Association for the work she is currently doing on the kiosk content. Alacia Humiston seconded the motion The motion passed by voice vote.

**Next Meeting:** Was set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

With no other business the Board adjourned at 8:50 PM