

Draft Meeting Notes
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM PST, Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Meeting Held at the Hayden Library Meeting Room

Participants: Board Members: Jan Wilkins, President presiding, Gil Rossner, Vice President, Robert Humiston, Treasurer, Greg Hill, Shawn Hathaway, Alicia Humiston, and Geoff Harvey.

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 10:10 AM

Agenda addition: A review of Hayden Days assignments was added to the agenda.

Regular Business:

Technology/Communication: Greg Hill reported that as a part of the migration of the website to its new domain, Godaddy placed the website in the wrong service. This caused a problems that caused the website to crash once or twice per week. It also triggered the large \$1300 charge from GOdaddy. The company has now recognized the error, placed the website in the correct service and will be refunding a large part of the \$1300 charge.

Greg plans to post a brief history of the Association and a couple of additional articles on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Humiston supplied the Board with a current financial statement prior to the meeting. He believes we have supplied the Forest Service's RAC funding administrator all the information requested, but has not heard back in about a week. The RAC project funding is on budget with current match by the Association at the 22% level. There is enough in the general account to cover both the log placement and excavation costs for the Healthy Hayden Creek area 2 restoration and to cover the Associations share of the Lake Host position until the reimbursement from the RAC grant is paid.

There was a discussion of fund raising. The Hayden Lake Yachat Club has been the largest fund raiser in the last four or five years. This source is diminishing. The Innovia Foundation funding was discussed. A member makes this grant application annually. The concept of having projects on the website that members can support (Watershed Restoration Fund, English Point Fund, and Lake Host Fund) was discussed. Greg indicated that webpages can be dedicated to each fairly easily. Jan plans to approach specific donors to assist in funding a second Lake Host position. The Association will apply for a HLWID mini-grant of \$5,000 to support printing of the Association's educational materials. Increasing the membership fee was suggested.

The issue of dues was discussed in view of raising the fee to \$50. Dues are not tax deductible like contributions, sponsorships or scheduled donations would be. Bob noted that most members donate over and above the \$25 basic dues. While Bob was checking the tax deductible issue, Alicia Humiston moved that membership fee be raised to \$50. Greg Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bob then clarified that all contributions are tax deductible. He further stated that a tiered "sponsorship" or "contribution schedule" would be a better option given that all fees are tax deductible. Tiers might be

friend, sustaining etc. Based on this information a second motion was made by Greg Hill to create a tiered donation contribution schedule. The motion was seconded by Gil Rossner. The motioned was passed unanimously.

Recorder: No Report

Old Business:

Disposition of the CAHLME Legal Defense Funds to oppose the proposed Hayden Lake Marina Expansion: Jan Wilkins reported on the legal fee incurred (\$1422), which was lower than expected and the post card mailing that was \$376. Hence cost were less than \$2,000 while significant more is in the legal defense fund. Jan wrote the letter to the CAHLME leaders informing them that HLWA cannot give the funds to an organization that does not have section 503c designation, that we plan to pay all outstanding bills and then refund the remaining balance to the contributors proportional to their donations and urging the group to form a Friends of Cooper's Bay organization. A motion was made by Geoff Harvey to pay the legal fees and seconded by Gil Rossner. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Ahmer responded to Jan's follow up letter on the Hayden Lake Marina expansion application. He indicated that he would try to inform the Association if and when reapplication is made. Jan urged IDL to better inform other affected entities like Lakes Highway District and Kootenai County.

It was asked if there was any update on the Zimmerman Dock legal case. Mike has not been informed of any change but will inquire with IDL legal staff.

Community Awareness and Education:

Mailings and Publications:

Dalton Gardens Irrigation District Customers Mailer: Minute Press has set up the post card making a few format changes to accommodate printing. Gil has the proof and will approve it for printing and mailing.

Wake Reporting mailing and Flyers for Boat Launches: Jan and Alicia will complete these soon.

Brochure refills: Super One stocked, but Mark's Marina and possibly other places require checking.

Membership Alert: A membership alert will be sent out via e-mail covering the change in the fee structure, annual meeting date Wednesday, August 5th, Hayden Days and the Lake Host at Honeysuckle Boat Launch.

Healthy Hayden Creek Event Report: The event wet well. The contractor had the site ready for planting, and plant sites were located. The only problems was the Forest Service Nursery gave us nearer 200 tree than to 100. Most trees were planted on site, but some were taken home for planting and those remaining planted on nearby Hancock Timber Land that was recently harvested. We had a good volunteer turnout, including children.

Work will begin soon on the third area. We have the budget to do the work and Norris is contributing more logs with additional logs coming from the HLWID dock removal program. We may well have enough logs to complete area 3 this year with planting scheduled for next spring.

Watershed and Road Improvements: A discussion of what is next in watershed improvement after the three areas in the Healthy Hayden Creek restoration efforts are complete. There are many small problems areas where motorized traffic gets illegally off road in the watershed. These all contribute to some unnecessary erosion and resultant accelerated sedimentation in the watershed. As long as logs come out of the lake from under derelict docks these can be addressed creating hard sideboards that keep motorized users on the designated roads and trails. A draft for a webpage to solicit funds for this restoration was provided as was one to solicit additional funds for English Point causeways.

Over and above this there are two sections of road identified that drain directly to Hayden Creek. Methods to address these were discussed with Eric Shanley of the Lakes Highway District and illustrated for the Board. Eric provided figures to estimate the costs, which are suspected to be higher than a RAC project might support. Costs will be estimated. These solutions will also be discussed with Chis Robinson of the Forest Service and the possibility of timber sale KV funds being used to address at least one site.

Lake Level: The lake is near full. Nobody has checked whether it is spilling over the outlet.

Hayden Days July 24th and 25th: Shawn went over the assignments discussed at the last meeting.

English Point Trails: The trees remain down across the west side trails making travel across them difficult. A contractor has been chosen by the Forest Service to remove them. Once these are gone it will be possible to assess the number and length of causeways still needed. A draft webpage to appeal for funds to place the necessary causeways was provided to the Board.

Boat Launch Lake Host(s): Tentative approval has been obtained from both City of Hayden and Fish & Game for Lake Hosts to operate at Honeysuckle Boat Launch and Sportsmans Access respectively. Kristen Bartz of the HLWID is working on the MOUs to make this possible. The Lake Host(s) will be employed by the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil Conservation District. Trained volunteers will be sought to help out. Jan is seeking contributors who will be willing to donate to support a second lake host. Another \$10,000 would be needed. The HLWA and HLWID will jointly pay for signage to inform the ramp using public of the lake host. This will be a sandwich board device. The signs are a work in progress. There will also be a table with flyers and other information. The location at the Honeysuckle Ramp was discussed. Between the pay station and the kiosk was suggested as the best location.

New Business:

Meeting with New Marine Sheriff: Jan met with Chris Fresh the new supervising marine sheriff' deputy. The sheriff deputies patrolling the lake will be happy to hand out flyers covering the lake navigation rules during their routine safety stops. Chris urged the Association to have a greater presence on social media because that is where most people get their information now. He suggested that we have the onX

Application, a geographic information system typically used on cell phones. place the no wake and no excessive wake limits on their coverage of the lake. Many boaters navigate using the onX application.

On the issue of excessive wake complaints he recommended that injured parties take photos of the damage and the boat if possible. Their location on the lake should include the dock address if possible. It was suggested that the geographic coordinates that can be easily obtained on Google Earth might be a better alternative. He strongly encourage complainants to provide their names. We will add this info to our postcard to lakeside owners.

The sheriff deputies will be on the lake two days each week this summer. As in the past the limit is manpower because a sufficient group of candidates cannot be found. The boat will remain on the lake all summer.

The next meeting will be held at the Hayden Library. The meeting would be scheduled for 10 AM to noon, possibly 10:30- 12:30 PM, on Tuesday June 23, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.