

Draft Meeting Notes
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Tuesday, July 21, 2026
The Red House at Hayden Lake Country Club
9891 N. Lakeview Dr.

Participants: Board Members: Jan Wilkins, President presiding, Gil Rossner, Vice President, Robert Humiston, Treasurer, Shawn Hathaway, Alicia Humiston and Geoff Harvey. Kristen Bartz of the HLWID attending Katarina Roos, Coeur d'Alene High School Student and Lindsey Beachman, IWRRI.

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 10:40 AM

Agenda addition: IDA milfoils plans for season.

Presentation of Science Project by Katarina Roos: Phosphorous Binding to Fish Habitat Structures

While visiting the Bahamas she noticed the practice of placing sculpted structures in the water to create fish habitat structures. While studying the effect of nearshore fertilization on lakes the idea developed to create such structures composed of phosphorous absorbing materials. Miniaturized structures were developed made of aluminum silicate, iron oxide, biochar and concrete and tested in the water jars with set concentrations of phosphorous. A control was run and inoculated with algae demonstrating the solution grew algae. The structure made of iron oxide did the best at absorbing phosphorous and retarding algae growth.

The applications of the approach were discussed. The approach would absorb phosphorous. The problems in highly eutrophic areas (high phosphorous concentration) is that not just the phosphorous in the water but the much larger source being generated from the bed would require absorption. However, the technique might be used off developed properties to account for fertilizer use. Any such structure would require the permission of the Idaho Department of Lands.

Regular Business:

Treasurer's Report: Bob and Alicia Humiston were on the road between Missoula and Hayden Lake. Bob was unable to supply the regular balance sheets which will be issued after his return. He shared that significant funding had come in as a response to the new membership support system. RAC grant re-imbursement is on track. All the paperwork has been filed and the Association is in the line to be reimbursed.

Recorders Report: None

Technology and Communications: The new web address, HLWAIdaho is fully on line. There are some minor problems that need to be resolved but these are fairly easily dealt with.

Old Business:

Mailings and education publications and activities

Mailings and Publications:

New Membership/Donation Card: Is complete and was handed around for inspection.

New Card to Distribute at Public Boat Ramps: “Don’t Move a Mussel” card is complete and ready to distribute. Addresses mussels on the front and wakes on the back. The illustration on the back of wake distances is noted to be very effective. Cards will be distributed by the sheriff’s deputies as well.

HLWID Grant: Grant has been made by the HLWID to support printing of educational materials. The check was delivered to Jan Wilkins.

Dalton Gardens Irrigation District Customers Mailer: The mailing to Dalton Irrigation District patrons has been made. Gil will check with Dalton to see if our waterwise tips can be added to their newsletter.

Brochure Distribution: Kristine reported that brochure supply is adequate at the Hayden Lake Marina. Jan reported that she has permission to distribute free copies to all the boats at the Hayden Lake Country Club Marina. These will be distributed in a plastic bag along with a short note of explanation.

Wake Reporting Card Mailing: The mockup of the card was presented to the Board. It was noted that the illustration from the boat ramp card was more effective than the one used on this card. Using that illustration will be explored. Other comments were favorable.

Mailing to Lakeshore Owners: This brochures/card is in development. It will address the drought and watering, yard maintenance/lake protection, health threats of blue green algae (cyanobacters) and the threat of invasive mussels. It was noted that Ella Construction is now advertising as lakeshore managers and appears to be operating out of the work dock at the dike.

Community Awareness and Education:

Meeting with The Forest Service: Gil Rossner reported on the coordination meeting with the Forest Service managers. The managers were receptive to most of our ideas, restoring additional areas in the watershed, the parking area at the upper junction, the road drainage features required and additional English Point work. A meeting in the field was planned, but nothing has materialized. It likely will not until after the fire season.

Gil also provided some insights on the amount of invasive milfoil treatment IDA will complete this year based on his contacts.

Poster: Posters have been developed on the Healthy Hayden Creek restorations completed and the work still needed and the proposed English Point causeway improvements. The posters are being completed

under Mary Ann's supervision. Jan will have them printed at Walgreens. The plan is to have them together for Hayden Days and the Annual Meeting. Each has QR codes with dedicated codes for the donated funds.

RAC Grant Area 3 Implementation: The road permit has been obtained to complete this work. Rogue Excavating will complete the log placement and excavation work as soon as their schedule opens up, but definitely this construction season.

RAC Parking Lot Proposal: The proposal is written and ready to go. It only requires cost information as we are waiting on an additional bid from Rogue Excavation. The plan is based on logs rather than rocks to place boundaries on the parking area and to block off three to four illegal roads (traces). Use of logs allows the Association to make a match using the logs from the HLWID and Mivoden storage area. Otherwise the Association cannot afford the match. Inquiries are in to the District Ranger and hydrologist if this is ok with them. No reply has been forthcoming. We will submit the grant before July 31st no matter if we hear back from the Forest Service or not.

Lake Level: The level of the lake is declining but remains about normal for the season. The idea of placing an electronic output gage and thermal sensor was discussed. These could then be daily placed on the website. Other lakes are supplying such information on their websites. The information present on the site could bring more visits to the website. The cost of the equipment will be investigated.

Wake Surf Boat Impacts: A study group has developed concise information on these impacts, but no budget to publicize it. Discussion of a poster or a web page to disseminate this information.

English Point Trails: Received a very high bid to build causeways. Working on an alternate plan where we would build the causeway frames with the help of the Backcountry Horsemen and pay a contractor to buy, place and compact the gravel. Obtaining bids based on this approach. On all specific projects funds will be dedicated to that project, but no refunds if we cannot do the work. Greg will post a disclaimer on the page where donations are made.

Hayden Days Planning: Have the two mussel posters and will have Healthy Hayden Creek and English Point Posters. Alicia has the nametags and will get these to Shawn. Shawn has canopy. Greg will get tables to Shawn. Mary Ann has 4 easels and Shawn has additional. We will have buoy and old stage measure from Hayden Creek Gaging Station. Set up is Friday (7/24) at noon. Shifts to man tables assigned.

Small Waterbodies (Lakes) Organization: The next meeting of this group is Thursday, July 30th. It will be held at the University of Idaho's Riverview facility. The format will be brown bag lunch and an effort will be made to mix participants from different lakes to get cross feed of ideas and their feasibility on the various lakes. All Board members are urged to attend.

New Business:

Annual Meeting Planning: A post card will be sent out announcing the meeting: August 5, 2026 at the Hayden Lake Country Club's Bozanta Room. The card will be sent to the largest list of the Association's supporters. Jan will give a short PowerPoint presentation on the Associations achievements for the year

1) help to organize marina expansion opposition for Cooper Bays shore owners, 2) work cooperatively with the HLWID to educate boating public on wakes and Lake Hosts, 3) wake reporting system, 4) healthy Hayden Creek work and 5) English Point Trail improvement work. Speakers will be the new Kootenai County Planning & Building Director, Idaho Department of Agriculture Representatives and the Sheriff's Deputy. Each speaker will be given a short five minute time to speak with five minutes each for questions. There will be displays around the room concerning activities the Association has taken on e.g. poster stations. A session of engaging with the members on their major issues will be held with issues elicited listed on three separate charts. The meeting participants will be given 5 dots when they enter. Once all the issues are listed the membership will be asked to vote with the dots on the most important issues to them. Poster stations will be manned by Board members to answer questions.

Hayden Lake Yacht Club Fundraiser: This year will be a party at the Country Club's Red House. They plan a party with food, dance band etc. with an admission price covering the food. Will invite in the general public. Possibly sell tickets on website. Several money raising ideas suggested.

Next Meeting: Will be September 22, 2026 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Hayden **Library (?)**. The meeting will be have a wrap up of the annual meeting but primarily address strategic planning for the Association with a facilitator and using the membership's input from the meeting. Potential facilitators suggested.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

Following the meeting Greg Hill provided Venmo use training for use at Hayden Days.

Suggested annual report on a card but better on video. Video annual report strongly supported.

The next meeting will be held at the Hayden Library. There will not be a regular monthly meeting in August due to all of the other HLXA engagements. Noted: the September meeting will include a wrap up of the annual meeting and a strategic planning session with a facilitator scheduled for Sept 22, 2026 10:30am-1:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

