

Draft Meeting Minutes
Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2020 7:00-9:00 PM Via Zoom

To-Do 9/21/20

- MAS - check w W Klinefufus re KCSO's need to confirm buoy locations
- TW - confirm correct buoy locations
- TW - Notify IDL of 3 new illegal buoys at Chicken Point
- SM - will write the Sheriff to acknowledge their presence on HL over holiday weekend and HLWID's appreciation.
- MAS - circulate vacation rental outreach project literature to board members
- LN - do preliminary checking with rental-boat owners regarding their interest in sharing lake-rules information via brochure or some other durable media.

Call to Order: 7:03

Conflicts of interest: none

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2020 – **action item**

LN moved to approve minutes; SM 2nd; all approved

Opportunity for Public Input: none

New Business: none

Treasurer's Report

- Review of Aug's Financial Reports - action item
note that \$21k is mostly associated with the buoy installation;
LN moves to pay the bills as indicated; SM 2nd; all approved
- Assessing the total cost of the buoy installation, approx \$1500/buoy; some parts may be returned for reimbursement; some inventory of parts remains for future repairs.
- Frey's bill - original bid covered installation only; additional costs associated with removal of illegal buoys = approx \$1500

Lake Manager's Report

- TW and Sgt Klinefufus may still need to confirm buoy distances;
- TW should notify IDL about the new illegal buoys;
- Aug-Sep activities
 - Construction near Windy Bay.
 - TW has negotiated communication protocol with C Davidson (CD) at KC Planning: when Todd calls to confirm that a permit for construction activity is in place, CD follows up by checking for compliance. Noted that CD has been very responsive.
 - Smoke in the area has quieted lake activity; Labor Day wind brought excessive wakes!
 - Multiple reports of Sheriff activity on the lake over Labor Day weekend - random stops, safety checks, registration checks
 - RE wake activity - homeowners have expressed frustration with wake activity, relating it to loss of private buoys; compliance with the 300-ft. no-excessive-wake ordinance will not stop wakes from reaching the shore, neither would more buoys; going forward, messaging to boaters: make wakes in the middle of the lake; messaging to homeowners: document damaging and dangerous interactions between excessive wakes and property via the Association's online complaint form; also document non-compliance of boaters.
 - RE buoy durability - insurance covers buoys for liability, damage coverage unknown; buoy durability to ice damage is unknown; cost of picking up vs cost of replacing are estimated to

be equivalent; TW, SM, LN agree to leave the buoys in place through the '20-'21 winter and to assess results in the spring.

Communication & Public Outreach Manager's Report

- CPO activities
 - Vacation Rental Outreach Project (VROP) - team of three residents and J Wilkins (HLWA) has developed 1) a letter urging vacation rental owners to provide lake-rules information to renters, 2) a letter urging vacation rental management to provide lake-rules information to renters, 3) a lake-rules information page for owners/managers to insert in rental literature, 4) an infographic summarizing lake rules to be available in poster and page formats for posting in rentals, and 5) a database of vacation rentals around the lake. Will integrate perspective of safeguarding renters from Sheriff's ticket for non-compliance.
 - Future second wave of VROP - approach rental-boat owners, propose a brochure handout.
 - Weeds in the North Arm - with the help of Gil Rossner (HLWA), we assessed weed growth and communicated to ISDA. ISDA surveyed the North Arm and confirmed the presence of Hybrid Milfoil. Background: Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian/Hybrid Water Milfoil (EWM/HWM) infest the North Arm in concentrations that hinder beneficial use (recreation and transportation). Their growth cycles do not coincide, but do overlap somewhat. In the spring, CLP was treated at the height of its growth with Galleon. At that point, some but not all EWM/HWM were beginning to emerge and were likely killed. No further treatments took place in the North Arm in 2020. By removing the CLP, which dominated the lake-bottom, the environment was opened to other plant growth at the point in the season when Milfoil growth is strengthening. ISDA Sept. findings: native plants and HWM that emerged after the Galleon treatment have filled in the shallow areas of the lake-bottom. In September, ISDA determined that the HWM was not impeding beneficial use and its growth is sufficiently spotty that the environment is dominated by native species. Diver-assisted treatment is not feasible because the HWM is too sparse. Nor is Procellacor treatment because the native plants would shield the HWM from its effect. They have therefore decided not to treat the HWM in the North Arm this fall. I share ISDA's concern that a cycle of CLP dominance and treatment followed by EWM/HWM dominance and treatment could be emerging. ISDA will integrate HWM (i.e., Procellacor) treatment into their 2021 North Arm treatment plans.

HLWAI Updates:

- Excessive Wake Online Complaint Board: people are not recording complaints yet; maybe not enough people aware, maybe design improvements needed; it requires substantive information which might turn people away.
- Public Ed; successful, many new volunteers, recipients held onto the postcards. Commissioners need to know.
- The Association's growing visibility has brought more issues to their attention; i.e. power line vulnerability, to be raised with Avista; Bud's cows on the East shore are getting down to O'Rourke bay where they have open range; discouraging ranching would encourage development
- Lake monitoring: R Steed (DWR) reviewing the lake monitoring report before its release.
 - Total phos is way below average in the mid-lake; secchi results are very clear; Mokins and O'Rourke are tracking the mid-lake. Message going forward: we have a high-quality lake to maintain; take a preventive stance because once quality degrades it can't be restored.
- Watershed: Ranger Scaife or his sub scheduled to talk on the Honey Badger project on the 29th.

Old Business: none

Next meeting: see email

Adjourn: 8:20