



## HAUSER LAKE WATERSHED COALITION

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*Caring Enough to Make a Difference*

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes** **January 20, 2010**

**6:30 Pot Luck**—So much good food! Thank you to everyone!!

Meeting called to order by outgoing President, John Wallis at 7 pm

**Treasurer's Report**—Received reimbursement from City of Hauser for landscaping expenses for Rinse Station, bringing our checking account to \$1,289.44 and after receiving the dormant account fee refund and moving \$300 from checking, the Savings account has \$2,878.35 including interest earned in 2009.

#### **2009 Efforts and 2010 Plans:**

**Hauser Lake Fun Run**—125 runners in 2009. New 2010 name Hauser Lake 10K Ice Breaker. This is a fundraiser chaired by Duane Justus. It has been measured and certified to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> seeding to the Spokane Bloomsday Race, giving us increased credibility and marketing draw. 2010 date is April 4 (Easter Sunday). Considering a long-sleeved shirt for this year and expecting 250 – 300 runners. Issues under consideration; sponsors, parking, need for event insurance.

**HLWC Poker Run**—Good fundraiser thanks to the efforts of Jan Werst and the raffle/auction. Important event to our organization because of its education and outreach aspect. 2010 tentative date is September 11, chaired by Jabet.

**Rake-A-Lake**—Fall lakeshore clean up was spread over several weeks this year without one official day. Lots of calls and participation with bag pick-up handled by Jim and JoAnn Wallace who took it straight to the waste transfer center on Prairie rather than having the Post Falls Street Department pick it up. Suggestion was made that the “big pile of bags and trash” make a good PR statement and we might want to consider still collecting/piling it in one area before disposing next year, with signage stating that this amount of waste is from ‘HLWC Rake-A-Lake’ efforts.

**Lake Water Quality Sampling**—2009 Data has been shared with DEQ for statistical analysis and mapping. Suggest a presentation about the trends/results from DEQ in the future. There was also a quagga mussel invasion test done off the Hauser Lake public boat launch last Fall that proved negative for infestation—Good News because of the publicized trafficking of invasive species in the area last Fall! It was moved and seconded that the HLWC should continue the lake monitoring efforts and the HLWC would continue to pay for the sample testing. Normal summer testing begins in May and is done once a month through September.

**Tributary Stream Monitoring**—Usually conducted during the warmer months by John Wallis and he will continue this Spring.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil Monitoring**—Sampling (via raking) conducted in May 2009 indicated that Hauser Lake was still free of that invasive species. Probably in part due to the education efforts and Rinse Station ongoing by the HLWC. We are one of the few lakes in North Idaho without this problem and we hope to continue to work to keep it that way.

**Rinse Station Landscaping Project**—Ground preparation efforts were conducted Fall 2009 to ready the area for Spring planting. HLWC was recently reimbursed from the special Rinse Station Maintenance Fund by the City of Hauser for expenses incurred. There are annual deposits into the fund from the State and the City assuring additional landscaping and maintenance is paid for.

**Lake-A-Syst**—This is an ongoing effort to educate and inform residents and property owners around the lake and in the watershed of ways they can help to protect and lessen the impact on the lake quality. Booklets are still available for anyone in the watershed who has not received them and any new comers/owners.

**Thank you to members and committee chairs for efforts this past year, et all from outgoing President John Wallis!**

## **New Business**

**Election of Officers**—Nominated and approved: Jonell DesMarais as President, Jim Wallace as Vice President. (Jabet Wheeler will continue as Secretary/Treasurer for 2010).

**2010 Camp Host/Monitor at Rinse Station**--\$8,000 from the Idaho State Department of Ag may be available to us to pay for a Camp Host/Monitor/Instructor at the Hauser Lake Boat launch this coming summer in an effort to continue the prevention of invasive species. Plans are being formulated as to how our program would work.

**Change to meeting date and location**—It was moved, seconded and approved to change the bylaws of the HLWC to provide for a change in the organization's monthly meeting day and location to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Hauser Fire Hall, in an effort to accommodate additional member participation/attendance and for ease of access.

**Regional Lakes Conference Sponsorship**—It was proposed that HLWC continue in 2010 to provide a \$150 sponsorship for the upcoming conference. There was discussion about how many additional sponsors the conference seemed to have this year and how was our contribution being used. Its use will be investigated but it was moved, seconded and approved to contribute the \$150 again this year. Any HLWC members are encourage to attend and more information can be obtained from John Wallis, 660-2413.

## **Upcoming HLWC Activities – Volunteers needed !!**

- **Fun Run (now a sanctioned Bloomsday qualifier), April 4** - Duane Justus 457-8600
- **Poker Run, September 11, 2010** – Jabet Wheeler 777-0483

## **Officers**

President—Jonell DesMarais 773-0911 [JoDesMarais@yahoo.com](mailto:JoDesMarais@yahoo.com)

Vice-President---- Jim Wallace 457-8329 [wallaceonhauser@yahoo.com](mailto:wallaceonhauser@yahoo.com)

Secretary/Treasurer—Jabet Wheeler 777-0483 [jabet.wheeler@yahoo.com](mailto:jabet.wheeler@yahoo.com)

### **Committees**

Outreach and Education—Jim and JoAnn Wallace 457-8329

Watershed Stream Monitoring—John Wallis 777-6967

Lake Monitoring and Milfoil Monitoring—Jim and Jabet Wheeler 777-0483

Lake\*A\*Syst—John Wallis 777-6967

Rinse Station Landscaping Project—Cathy Weston 773-9420

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