



## HAUSER LAKE WATERSHED COALITION

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*Caring Enough to Make a Difference*

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes** **February 16, 2010**

Meeting called to order by outgoing President, Jonell DesMarais at 7 pm at the new meeting location; Hauser Fire Station.

**Meeting Minutes from January & Treasurer's Report**—January Minutes were approved with some phone number changes. November 2009 Minutes were also approved. The volunteer CPA for our organization, Jenny Anderson, is compiling our 2009 year-end financial report which will be filed in April. Currently, with deposits from 15 memberships for 2010, the checking account balance stands at \$1,754.44 and the Savings Account Balance is \$2,880.09.

**Regional Lakes Conference**—Report given by Jim and Joann Wallis who attended. Conference was interesting and well attended, (with great food!) Copy of their report attached.

**Hauser 10K Ice Breaker Run Update**—Duane Justus reported that the race is (as always) the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April, which happens to also be Easter, but keeping the date of the annual race consistent is important. We will be obtaining \$2M Race Day Liability Insurance for a reasonable premium of \$75. The Hauser Lions Club has graciously donated \$250 to the run effort and will also be on hand to volunteer. Gloria Marks volunteered to do the computer entries. Many additional volunteers will be needed as we expect 250 – 500 runners this year since being certified as a seeding race for Spokane's Bloomsday Race. Sherry Wallis will contact the Rathdrum School District in search of student groups to assist. Jabet will assist Duane with seeking sponsors for the run T-shirts. There was a suggestion to have a T-Shirt design contest in 2011.

**Rinse Station Attendant/Monitor Update**—Jonell DesMarais is working with Tom Woolf to obtain a potential \$8,000 grant to pay for a rinse station attendant during the summer season. We would also need additional money for signage and to erect some type of sun/rain shelter for the attendant, with a wall that could be used to post useful information and invasive species precautions.

**By-Laws Amendments Suggested**—Copies of the HLWC By-Laws with changes/modifications suggested by the By-Laws Committee were given out at the meeting and are also attached. Members should review and be prepared to discuss at the March meeting with voting to take place at the April meeting. Any additional suggestions/modifications will be accepted at the March meeting so please review and be prepared to give your opinion.

## **New Business**

**P & Z Comprehensive Plan for Hauser**--John & Sherry Wallis will be hosting a P&Z “Meeting in a Box” regarding input for the Hauser Comprehensive Plan at their home on Thursday, February 25 at 7 pm. All of the HLWC members are invited to attend and share their opinions/ideas – even if you do not live within the Hauser City Limits, you are still part of the impact area and your views are important. Please call John for directions and to RSVP at 660-4213.

**State of the Lake 2010**—Information presented by Tom Herron, Idaho DEQ. The data was compiled from samples collected each summer by the HLWC Citizen’s Volunteer Monitoring Program. The analysis of the collected samples is now paid for by the HLWC (\$88 per test panel) and is conducted five times, May – September. Summary of the discussion lead by Tom is basically that Hauser Lake is a classic “Eutrophic” lake:

A **eutrophic** body of water, commonly a lake or pond has high primary productivity due to excessive nutrients and is subject to algal blooms resulting in poor water quality. The bottom waters of such bodies are commonly deficient in oxygen, ranging from hypoxic to anoxic. Eutrophic waters commonly lack fish species which require cold, well-oxygenated waters. This oxygen deficiency is most apparent in shallow lakes, owing to the smaller hypolimnetic volume. The process of eutrophication may occur naturally or be the result of outside influences.

The data shows, however, that while there is reduced water quality, it seems to not be getting any worse. ...no better, but no worse over the last charted years. There are obvious natural factors, such as weather (moisture, heat) and animal/plant decay that cannot be controlled. There are also outside elements that have a negative impact; destroying or damaging the wetlands and natural filtering processes on the shoreline, erosion, failing septic systems, overuse of pesticides and fertilizers, aggressive boating traffic. It was advised that we should continue to focus on decreasing the man-made nutrient impacts from the watershed as our Lake-A-Syst program advocates, mitigating impacts that we have the power to control and continuing the education efforts. The direction the HLWC should take is to continue to help “manage the watershed/monitor the quality.” We may not be able to improve the lake’s quality, but we can definitely help to slow its decline.

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

- **Fun Run (now a sanctioned Bloomsday qualifier)**, April 4 - Duane Justus 777-7100
- **Poker Run, September 11, 2010** – Jabet Wheeler 777-0483

## **Officers**

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Outreach and Education—Jim and JoAnn Wallace 457-8329

Watershed Stream Monitoring—John Wallis 660-4213

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

Lake\*A\*Syst—John Wallis 660-4213

Rinse Station Landscaping Project—Cathy Weston 773-9420

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