

Monthly Meeting

Minutes

February 18, 2009

In attendance: John & Sherry Wallis, Lloyd Clapper, Gloria & Wiley Marks, Kevin Shanley, Rachel Jones, Jim & Joann Wallace, Cathy Weston, Jo DesMarais, Ed & Julie Carfora, Barbara Rostad and Jabet Wheeler.

1. Minutes from January 2009: Reading Suspended, approve as stand
2. Treasurer's Report: \$1,919.94 in checking including 19 memberships and some donations equaling deposits of \$540 and expenses of postage, food reimbursement and IPOWER 2yr web domain name (hauserwatershed.org) for withdrawals of \$81.90. Savings account balance is unchanged at \$2,573.49.
3. Idaho Department of Lands, Lake A Syst Presentation - canceled
4. HLWC sponsorship of Regional Lakes Conference: Jim and Joann Wallace attended and reported that there were approx 150 attendees and it was very informative. Highlights include - WA is way ahead of ID in 'green' movement; there was a lot of information/discussion on blue-green algae (like we have been faced with this past summer) and discussion of some of the contributing factors (human, animal, riparian) and the aggressive treatments by DEQ; WA's new law against transporting (even unknowingly) invasive water species; ID's desire to make it mandatory for inspection of boats coming in at boarders.

Other information - Hauser Planning & Zoning is reviewing the degradation of Hauser Lake water quality with data collected by the Citizens Volunteer Water Monitoring committee (Jim & Jabet Wheeler & HLWC) and analysis by DEQ, to include in their master planning.

Mica Creek restoration project – video was shown as an example of a strategy and effort to impact stream loading.

5. Lake A Syst workshops; Question posed -- should we run them all over again? Discussion included how to connect the individual residents to the need, 'what is in it for them?' Motivation for them to be interested enough to attend the workshops. Each HLWC member needs to reach out to their neighbors and convey that everybody is responsible for their own property and the lake in their own way. It will take persistence.

Looking for new ideas to encourage new/other people to attend. (Many HLWC members already attended and it is 'preaching to the choir' even though we always learn something new.) Feeling that the bulk mailings did not work, (and not worth continued expense) but the road signage was helpful. One suggestion was a billboard with a monthly message about the lake health, "did you know..." Also make learning fun, such as the stations at the poker run. Maybe have another education party (like the original roll-out party).

6. Hauser Lake Fun Run April 5th - Duane Justus: HLWC will benefit from this fund-raiser race. Need 12 volunteer workers to man water stations and give directions, etc. Meet at the Park Pavilion at 8:30 am. (Many already signed up – more are still welcome!)
7. Rinse Station Landscaping Project - Cathy Weston/Master Gardner: Planning landscaping with native species, drought-resistant. Needs to prepare the soil first, with a layer of straw over weeds before top soil is added—nurture before planting, (once the snow is gone...) Minimum budget in special account is \$1,500 at present.
8. **Future need for new officers:** John Wallis announced that he intends to step down from the HLWC Presidency at the end of his term (January 2010). We need consideration/recommendations for potential new officers. All three officer positions expire next January: Pres., currently John Wallis, VP currently Joe Tierney and Sec/Treasurer currently Jabet Wheeler (although we could vote to split the Sec/Treas. position so there would be four officers.)

Upcoming HLWC Activities – Volunteers needed!!

- **Hauser Lake Fun Run** – April 5th, 2009, 8:30 AM - Duane Justus 457-8600
- **Rinse Station landscaping project**, early spring – Cathy Weston, 773-9420
- **Trash pick up March/April?** - TBA - When and if the snow ever melts
- **Rinse Station volunteers needed** for a few hours during selected weekends this summer to perform courtesy watercraft inspections and handout educational fliers to lake users.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the Hauser City Hall (following the 7 pm Lake-A-Syst presentation, Section #9 Pasture & Riparian Area Management.)