

Meeting Minutes
Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition
October 15, 2008

General Membership Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Hauser City Hall, 7 pm.

Prior to Monthly Meeting: Lake-A-Syst Presentation on Section #4, Household Wastewater Treatment by Panhandle Health District. (November Lake-A-Syst presentation is Section #5; Household Hazardous Waste and Petroleum Product Management by DEQ)

In Attendance:

John Wallis (Pres), Jabet Wheeler (Sec/Tres), Joe Tierney (VP), and many others.

Reading of the minutes: Reading suspended & minutes approved

Treasurer's Report:

Passbooks balancing with the current bank statements. Checking balance--\$1,623.56 with increase in income coming from net of Poker Run (\$792) and logoed product sales (\$452). Savings balance--\$2,567.03.

Membership Update:

Currently have 61 paid members. Any Memberships (New & Renewed) after 10/01/2008 will now be credited to 2009 membership.

Upcoming HLWC Activities—Volunteers Needed!

TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Implementation Plan—Focus Group needed to meet and address a long-term management plan for Hauser Lake for DEQ. Meeting at Wallis' house on Jan 14, 2009.

ID Dept of Ag. Grant money available—Grant project ideas and grant writing committee needs to be formed to capture some of this \$3million offering for 2009.

Business Discussed

Lake-A-Syst Project:

Recent LAS outreach efforts included: Poker Run, Roll-Out Event, web site availability, Regional Lakes Conference, North Idaho Fair booth, Panhandle Lakes RC & D, 3-Forks Road Association presentation, Waterford home Owners Association presentation, Hauser Fire Department presentation, workshop signage, news articles in Star, CdA Press., Spokesman Review and workshop canvassing. Four of the nine section

workshops have been delivered. Next workshop scheduled for Nov. 19 at 7 pm prior to regular monthly meeting.

Poker Run Project:

54 participants were registered for this year's event with an additional 17 lunches served = \$1,165 income. Additional revenues included \$651 from Raffle Ticket Sales, \$125 from Silent Auction and the additional \$452 from logoed merchandise sales, (caps, t-shirts, totes). Major expenses included advertising and bulk mailing, lunch cost and winner pay-outs. It was a great day and very successful event attended by many new folks.

Lake Water Quality Monitoring

The Citizens Lake Monitoring Program's final testing was conducted September 28th. (Thank you to Jim and Jabet Wheeler for managing the program and for the use of their boat to gather samples.)

General results are that it was a "big water" year with a big nutrient load, challenging water quality. We also had a September outbreak of Blue-Green Algae bloom with a potential toxic hazard to people, pets, fish and livestock, well above the concentration of six micrograms per liter that is the threshold for considering the algae to be dangerous. DEQ and Panhandle Health were called in for additional sampling and public relations. Questions were raised as to why Hauser Lake has no hazard notification system (similar to Newman Lake) when water quality becomes threatened.

A reconnaissance sampling for Eurasian Water Milfoil for the Idaho Department of Ag. has again found Hauser Lake to be milfoil-free!! There is additional Grant money from ID Dept of Ag to invest in additional projects in 2009. The Grant request is due by Jan 1. Two Hauser Lake suggestions ere offered; developing a CD based milfoil education program to circulate to community and watercraft retailers; and fund for a Hauser Lake boat launch Camp Host/Educator. Further proposal discussion and a committee needs to be formed.

Rinse Station Landscaping

Cathy researched appropriate plants. Conflicting financial information from the City Of Hauser Rinse Station maintenance account is being reviewed. The City's original agreement to take over management/maintenance of the facility after two years is in doubt at this time.

New Business:

A variety of new projects/efforts were discussed

Kiosk at Hauser (potential locations; boat launch, wetlands, fen)

TMDL (Total maximum Daily Load) Implementation Plan from the 2002 water quality assessment needs to be developed for DEQ. This is a long-term management plan that

reconfirms water quality problems, identifies solutions and defines implementation of those solutions. The first focus group will meet at John & Sherry Wallis' home on Tuesday, January 14th.

The next General Membership Meeting is November 19, at 7 pm at Hauser City Hall, following the Lake-A-Syst presentation.

There will be no December 2008 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm..

Respectfully submitted;

Jabet Wheeler, Sec./Tres.

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