



HAUSER LAKE WATERSHED COALITION

Caring Enough to Make a Difference

Monthly Meeting Minutes **November 18, 2009**

Meeting called to order by President John Wallis at 7PM. Treasurer/Secretary Jabet Wheeler absent, but she arranged for Jo Ann Wallace to take notes.

Minutes from October was approved.

Treasurer's Report deferred until next meeting which will be in January due to Jabet's absence.

John led discussion regarding nominations for President and Vice President. John indicated that he had sent out an e-mail saying that even though he was stepping down as President that he would still be actively involved with the Coalition by continuing to do the stream testing, mentoring whomever was elected to the Presidency and helping with the various events the Coalition sponsors.

It was pointed out that the organization has come a long way since John took the helm...that we now have money in both checking and savings and we have activities/events in place which the community supports and anticipates, i.e. the Hauser Lake Fun Run, the Poker Run, Adopt a Highway clean-up, Lake*A*Syst, the Rinse Station. John would like to see someone step forward/be nominated who is currently a member of the Coalition. He urged everyone present to consider the opportunity and to discuss it with others whom they think might be interested. He said that he didn't have much experience in running meetings and making presentations, but that he feels that he is much better at it now than he was when he started. He also said that he has found that there are people within the membership with different expertise and they are willing (if asked) to help.

**Suggestion regarding quarterly meetings was brought up. Pros and Cons for this idea: Pros: could be established events are cyclical and could have subcommittees working on them between meetings. Also would not take up so much of a members time. Con: organization would have less visibility, members might become less involved.

**Suggestion: that there be more guest speakers on everyday topics that would be of interest to all community residents. Phyllis Stevens seemed to have been a good draw.

**Suggestion: Change day and location of meetings. We would have to change the bylaws if we change the date and location of meetings, but that could be voted on and

done at the annual meeting in January. **Suggestion: New leadership could call an executive session to brainstorm ideas to get new, active members.

**Suggestion: Newsletter which requires time, effort, and money. John suggested that we need to do more outreach and could use our money for that. It was decided that we would do a one page mail-out to announce the annual meeting in January and the purpose. Sherry Wallis will coordinate it with a person that she knows who has graphic design background. Get information to Sherry by December 7th so she can get the mailing out 30 days before our meeting in January.

We will have a potluck for our annual meeting. The potluck will start at 6:30PM and the regular meeting will begin at 7PM or thereabouts. John and Sherry will provide napkins/plates/silverware. Everyone bring something.

Rinse Station Landscaping: Most planting will take place in the spring. Area has been prepped with straw and dirt laid down. The far end may be used for more signage with gravel or rock.

John had a quagga mussel DVD from our last month's presenter Kate Wilson, but membership elected to forgo viewing at this time.

Member Jim Wallace presented John Wallis with a plaque as "Volunteer of the Year" and thanked John for all the work he has done as President to support the Coalition and helping it grow. A picture was taken and has been given to the Rathdrum Star and the Post Falls Press for publication.

Jo Ann Wallace distributed a handout regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission's efforts to re-write the Hauser Comprehensive Plan. The Commission wants individuals to hold focus groups with their friends and neighbors to obtain ideas and has developed a "bag filled with instructions, discussion questions, worksheets and even popcorn"...these are similar to what Kootenai County did when they were re-writing the County Plan. You do not have to live within the City to hold a focus group or to attend one! If interested in holding one of these focus groups and want more information, call Cheri Howell at 208-640-9530. The bags can be picked up at City Hall during the hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 - 2:30PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming HLWC Activities – Volunteers needed !!

- **Annual Rake-the-Lake**, End of October/Beginning of November—get Raking!!
- **Nominations for New Officers (President and VP)**—Who is interested?

President-VP Job Description

The job description in our By Laws is as follows:

Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Coalition, shall call special meetings, appoint all Standing Committee Chairpersons, with the approval of the Board of Directors and other duties usually imposed by law. He or she shall be ex-officio member of all Committees of the Coalition. The President shall also preside over the Executive Committee of the Board.

Section 2. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

Typical Presidential duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Coordinating and leading monthly Coalition meetings
- Assisting volunteers in coordinating annual fund raising events and assist with implementation of various projects the Coalition is involved with
- Maintain existing levels and continue to develop professional dialog with local, county and state agencies
- Willingness to speak to other local groups regarding issues facing Hauser Lake and the actions/activities of the coalition
- Make sure the organization is represented at the City of Hauser City Council meetings when issues relating to the lake and watershed are discussed
- Continually recruit new members and committee members and find ways to engage members and keep active within the organization

Officers

President—John Wallis 777-6967 Banff721@yahoo.com

Vice-President---- Joe Tierney 773-5075 Tierneyhouse@aol.com

Secretary/Treasurer—Jabet Wheeler 777-0483 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

Hauser Lake Fun Run, April 2010 - Duane Justus 457-8600

Poker Run, September 2010—Jabet Wheeler 777-0483