

**NEXT MEETING ON 7:00 PM, 14 FEBRUARY 2006 AT  
COCOLALLA COMMUNITY CLUB**

**Cocolalla Lake Association 25 January 2006**

A special meeting of the CLA was held to discuss issues relating to the Eurasian Water Milfoil problems in Lake Cocolalla. Present were: Bonnie Anderson, President; Herman Collins, Vice-President; Chuck Gladish, Treasurer; Sonia Gladish, Secretary pro-tem; Rose Chaney; Dal Vender Meer Finance Committee co-chairman; and Cary Poston.

**Treasurers Report:**

- 1. Total cash on deposit with Panhandle State Bank-----\$29,883.57
- 2. CD on deposit with Bank of America----- 2,574.88
- 3. Total cash plus CD-----\$32,458.45

**INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE FIGURES**

- 1. Total cash collected in CLMF drive (deposited in PSB)-----\$28,581.00
- 2. Total pledged for 2005 but not yet paid----- 1,800.00
- 3. Total cash and pledges for 2005-----\$30,381.00

A check has been sent to Mr. Harry Gibbons in the amount of \$1497.93 for his water quality data review as will be required for a lake cleanup program.

**Membership Chairman's Report:**

- 1. There are 91 paid members for 2005
- 2. There are 72 paid members for 2006
- 3. There are 12 new members given complimentary membership as a result of their donations.
- 4. There are 114 total members on the membership list. Three have not paid dues since 2004 and will be dropped from the list in July if not paid by then.

It was suggested that we have a letter writing campaign to state and federal legislators to explain our needs and what we have been doing regarding our milfoil problems and suggesting that we could be Idaho's pilot program for milfoil control. A list of state legislators was handed out showing who was

representing the Northern most districts in Idaho (Districts 1 through 8). It was decided to hold off on the letter writing campaign until we had more information on what control programs would be authorized and what state and federal funding would finally be available.

Rose suggested that we should stay in close contact with the IDEQ liaison, Glen Pettit. Mr. Pettit is the Director of the Citizen Volunteer Monitoring Program (CVMP) and water quality analyst. He has replaced Glen Rothrock at IDEQ as our Liaison. Cary Poston is setting up a meeting of the CLA milfoil committee with Mr. Pettit and June Bergquist, also of IDEQ, tentatively on 10 February 2006.

A suggestion was made to send a copy of the news letter to all those who attended our Community Milfoil Alert meeting at the Southside school in November. This would be a good follow-up for the attendees. This was agreed to unanimously. Chuck Gladish said that he would take care of sending out the news letters.

The milfoil committee consists of Chuck Gladish, Cary Poston, Rose Chaney, Shelly Vincent, and Bonnie Anderson.

On 14 January 2006, Bonnie Anderson attended a watershed funding workshop at Houser Lake. She was able to get a list of grants available throughout Idaho. This list is continually changing and is updated regularly by the Boise State University, from the environmental Finance Center in care of Amy Williams or on line at: [awilla 2 @boisestate.edu](mailto:awilla2@boisestate.edu) . Matt Voile at the Dept. of Agriculture suggested a meeting with others from small lakes in North Idaho as a group to perhaps get more funding. This was discussed and decided not to pursue it at this time.

Dal Vander Meer stated that we need lots of money for our ongoing milfoil and algae problems and writing letters to legislators brought up again. We should widen our contacts and let people know that we have been working for a clean lake for years. When sending letters, we should include BNSF in our correspondence letting people know how the railroad has helped. Also on the subject of BNSF a letter will be written thanking them for their help and a copy of the Daily Bee will be sent along. BNSF will be made an honorary member of the CLA. We thanked Senator Joyce Broadsword for all her help and we will work through her in all BNSF matters. BNSF is to be made an honorary member of CLA.

### **Finance Committee:**

A letter of appreciation has been sent to all CLMF donors. In addition another letter acknowledging their donation and urging participation of all who have not yet donated will be sent to all persons who received the first donation request letter. This letter will express the need for participation in this project by all who use the lake, whether they are CLA members or not. Also, any non-member of CLA who donates at least \$100.00 will receive a complimentary membership in the organization. Dal requested that the finance committee be made a permanent committee of the CLA. This would consist of four members plus the treasurer. This idea was well received however, no vote was taken.

### **GRANTS:**

Bonnie said that to apply for a grant we have to be definite and specific about our needs. Dal said that to receive matching funds in the amount necessary for an algae treatment program, in excess of \$100,000 would be needed. It could cost as much as \$3,000,000 for this kind of treatment. This, of course is much more than we can raise locally. We will have to rely on State and Federal funds for such a program and it will probably be necessary for a federal representative to attach this to a spending bill. More detailed information will be needed for this.

There will be a grant writing class in Coeur d'Alene on 16 & 18 February. It was decided that CLA will pay for one person to attend the class on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The class on the 16<sup>th</sup> is not necessary for our purposes. Cary Poston will be the second person to attend, since he has been helping at some NIC classes and is able to audit the classes for free. The first person has yet to be decided. If any further people wish to go, the cost of the one day class on the 18<sup>th</sup> is \$39. If Cary is not accepted free of charge, the CLA will pay his tuition. A motion to this effect was made by Chuck and seconded by Herman. It passed unanimously.

A tracking person is needed to record volunteer hours spent on the milfoil project. These hours could be worth as much as \$20.00 per hour in matching funds. These in kind grants are the same as money in matching funds. Rose said that she would track the time; however, everyone should keep an accounting of their own time and send it to Rose. Her e-mail is [rchaney@nctv.com](mailto:rchaney@nctv.com) .

Rose informed us that the Sandy Beach Estates will soon be starting their water filtration system. This pilot program is a multi stage system. A 25' by 30' metal building and storage area will be erected to house the equipment.

Dal suggested that the treasury should have a separate checking account rather than keeping it in the general fund. This was moved by Herman and seconded by Sonia. The motion passed unanimously.

The possibility of not receiving the milfoil grant money from the County was discussed. This is thought to be a remote possibility, but it is not guaranteed at this time. We are the number one priority in the county. If it did not, for some reason come through it was decided that we would use whatever funds we had available and do a milfoil treatment of the heavy infestation on the South end of the lake.

The Kalispell Tribe has bought property on the Pend Orielle River near Cocolalla Slough, into which Cocolalla Lake drains. Perhaps we can make a contact with them to help clean up Cocolalla Lake, since it flows directly into the slough. Herman volunteered to make the contact with them.

The approval to the by-laws amendments was tabled due to the length of the meeting and they will be discussed at the next meeting on 14 February.

The next meeting was changed to 14 February 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Community Club instead of 7 February 2006 due to numerous conflicts on 7 February.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Gladish  
Secretary Pro Tem