

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association

**April 11, 2006
7:15 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Bonnie and Norm Anderson
Phyllis Mott
Rose Chaney
Glen and Barbara Wheatherly
Carry Poston

Herman Collins
Teri McGrath
Kate Wilson [Lake Commission]
Shelley Vincent

Announcements:

- ◆ Velda Carlson called and reported a lost dock.
- ◆ Bonnie is seeking insurance quotes for the Board from a local Sandpoint company.
- ◆ Jamie from Soil Conservation will have a Spring Clean-up sheet for Glenn to put in the next newsletter.
- ◆ Annual meeting will be a public meeting held at the Southside School on June 21st. Bonnie will reserve the room.
- ◆ No contact yet with the Kalispell Indian Tribe.

Blue –Green Algae:

Alan Carlson has copied the report from 1989 and the stream walk information and sent it to Harry Gibbons in Seattle.

There was some discussion about applying Copper with the milfoil treatment to help with Algae bloom, but Copper is thought to kill zooplankton, which in turn eats Algae.

Monthly testing for Phosphorus at the mouths of Cocolalla Creek, Fish Creek, Johnson Creek, and Westmond Creek has begun.

Milfoil Update:

Glen provided a newsletter from Newman Lake, which states that Newman Lake does indeed have milfoil.

Shelley provided an update on the most recent meeting with the Bonner County Noxious Weed Department.

The Milfoil Committees research has led us to believe that 2-4D is the best option for treatment of Milfoil in Cocolalla Lake. Leslie Marshall the Chairman of the noxious weed

department had approved the letter that the milfoil committee sent out to the homeowners. Apparently, Brad Bluemer who works for Leslie Marshall has a concern of lawsuits by applying 2-4D although he couldn't confirm any previous lawsuits. The EPA has approved 2-4D and the State of Idaho is also in favor of 2-4D.

There was discussion about the survey of the lake. Rose will call Leslie Marshall and see if the survey is included in the monies earmarked for our treatment.

Also because time is of the essence it is CLA desire to have the lake mapped thoroughly with divers and GPS.

Bonnie Anderson asked Glen if he had any ideas on approaching Fred Findley about the livestock and the application of 2-4D. Glen made the suggestion that we talk with him, and the lake association use their man power to fence off his livestock and provide a water source for his cattle -all with his permission. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Cary announced that 131 registered letters were sent. Of those 99 came back completed!! 11 were returned unclaimed. The milfoil committee had received proof of delivery to all but 4!!

Education update:

- ◆ Last fall the education committee conducted door-to-door surveys of residents from Cocolalla Loop Road to the Lake. The results were passed around and will be posted on the Website.
- ◆ The most surprising were the number of people that said they are willing to volunteer.
- ◆ 89% of the people said they were willing to attend educational seminars if they were held here in Cocolalla.
- ◆ 72% of the people have Internet access.

We are now getting prepared to expand to the watershed and the timing couldn't be better. The soil conservation district has put together a program for Pend Orielle Lake called Lake-a-Syst that will be receiving a lot of publicity. We have ordered packets that are generic in nature and we will be able to help the residents assess their property. The packets will be ready the end of May. Shortly after they are ready the Soil Conservation will conduct a 'Train the trainer' workshop.

We will need at least 10 volunteers to attend this seminar.

This is a long-term project and one of the only ways to determine if education is effective is by the monitoring of the water at the mouths of the creeks.

Over the winter 16 packets of educational materials were sent out to new construction.

Phyllis Mott reported that there is some eroding below the fish ladder at Fish Creek. The resident there asked if we could bring in some rock or plant some trees. Herman will follow up.

Bylaws update:

- ◆ Shelley gave a report from Fred. It was suggested that the board consist of 9 members.
- ◆ Each individual committee has a board member as a liaison, not necessarily the chairman.
- ◆ Lake Management would be more effective to divide up the different areas. For example; Milfoil, Blue-green algae, education, fundraising, etc.

Kate Wilson told us about the Lake Commission that she represented.

They are holding an Earth Day workshop on April 22 at the community center in Sandpoint. You can find out more about them at <http://www.lakescommission.com/> or email lakescommission@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectively submitted,

Teri McGrath