

**COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 21, 2006**

MINUTES

(To be approved at next Annual Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Herman Collins at 8:15 P. M.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the 2005 Annual General Membership meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Chuck Gladish

- General Fund report:
CD Balance --\$2590.19
Checking Account Balance-- \$2534.60
General Fund Total: \$5124.79
- Cocolalla Lake Management Fund Balance: \$37,469.17
- Motion: Linda Muskopf moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Dal Van Der Meer seconded. The motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 – Treasurer Chuck Gladish

- Chuck presented the fiscal 2006-2007 proposed budgets for the Cocolalla Lake Association and The Cocolalla Lake Management Fund.
- Motion: Linda Muskopf moved the proposed budget be approved. Fred Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Stream Walk:** President Bonnie Anderson distributed the 2005 Stream Walk Report
- **Water Quality Report:** Cary Poston reported that the latest water sampling was similar to last year at the same time.
- **Eastside cleanup:** This year should be easier than last as it appears that the railroad has blocked access to their land along that side of the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Education Committee Report** – Chairman Teri McGrath
 1. CLA Logo Contest: Contest winner, John Wren, a student in Mrs. Vann's Southside School 6th Grade Class, was asked to come forward and be recognized. He has received a \$50 award from the CLA and the CLA has adopted his design as their official logo. (Logo contest Committee Members were Teri McGrath and Linda Muskopf.)
 2. Landowners Water Quality Improvement Project Recognition: The Hiebert family was recognized for the 2600 feet of fencing which they have recently completed along Cocolalla Creek. Watershed creek bank protection greatly helps lower the nutrient loading of the lake.

- **Bylaw Amendments --**
Larry Erickson moved that the proposed By-Laws Amendments be approved. Rose Chaney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- **Election of Board of Directors –**
Nominating Committee slate of candidates presented by Chairman Sonia Gladish were:
 - President (2 year term) -- Chuck Gladish
 - Vice-president (2 year term) -- Herman Collins
 - Treasurer (1 year term) – Glen Weatherly
 - Secretary (1 year term) – Rose Chaney
 Board Members at Large:
 - (2 year term) – Fred Vincent
 - (2 year term) – Cary Poston
 - (1 year term) – Dal Van Der Meer
 - (1 year term) – Linda Muskopf
 (One year terms are for this election only to comply with the amended bylaws requirement of staggered election of board members.)
 Voting: Vice-president Collins called for nominations from the floor; there being none, he closed the nominations. Written ballots were counted and the slate of nominees was elected as presented by the nominating committee.
- **Announcements:** Vice-president Collins thanked the community for their tremendous support and financial donations to the Cocolalla Lake Management Fund. He announced that LAKE*A*SYST booklets were available and asked that those taking one sign the sheet to help keep track of who had received them.
- **Social Meeting:** Rose Chaney moved that the Association have a social in July, after the Eurasian Milfoil treatment, to thank everyone that has worked so hard on this project, especially the volunteers. The motion carried.
- **Recognitions of Past President:**
Motion: Chuck Gladish moved that the Association purchase a plaque in recognition of Bonnie Anderson's many contributions and longtime commitment to Lake Cocolalla and the CLA. Motion seconded by Linda Muskopf. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Muskopf, Secretary

Eurasian Water Milfoil Public Meeting Notes:

The annual meeting was preceded by a public informational meeting regarding the Eurasian Water Milfoil, problem and treatment, in Lake Cocolalla.

Cary Poston, CLA Milfoil Committee, introduced State Senator Shawn Keogh, District 1; State Senator Joyce Broadsword, District 2; State Representative Eric Anderson, District 1; State Representative Dick Harwood, District 2, David Klutz, Dave's Weed and Pesticide (Contractor for Cocolalla Milfoil Treatment Project); Sandy Daniel, Dave's Weed and Pesticide, (Cocolalla Milfoil Treatment Project Manager); and Jerry Ellis (Supplier of the Aquatic Treatment Chemical Navigate)

Cary gave a brief Eurasian Milfoil synopsis of how the problem was discovered, the search for treatment solutions, the filing of the grant request, the request for help from the community, the drive

to raise \$25,000 in matching funds for a grant. He thanked incredibly supportive Cocolalla community; which donated over \$39,000 to the Cocolalla Lake management Fund this past year! The in-kind community labor donations for the Idaho Department of Agriculture Cocolalla Lake Milfoil Grant have been calculated at over 1000 hours for a credit of \$31,000. As a result, the association was awarded over \$45,000 in grant money.

A survey of the lake, conducted by Doug Freeland, shows approximately 80 acres of Eurasian Milfoil, with the greatest concentration at the south end of the lake and extending north up the west side to include the outlet.

Residents will be notified of the treatment of the lake through the distribution of door hangers, placement of lakeside signs and notification in the legal section of Daily Bee and the Spokesman Review, North Idaho Edition. Each will identify the product, Navigate (2,4-D), the application dates, restrictions, and a contact number for additional information.

July 10 - 14 has been selected for the application of Navigate, based on the growth of the Milfoil, as the best time for treatment. Post treatment water samples will be tested in Boise. Waterfront residents will be notified by phone when the levels of navigate fall below 70 part per billion. Another survey will be completed later this summer to determine the level of success.

Financial accounting will be done by RC&D, a non-profit agency, recommended by the Department of Agriculture, which specializes in grant accounting.

Representative Anderson asked residents and lake users to be on the watch for two invasive invertebrates which are endangering waterways: the New Zealand Mudsail and the Zebra Mussel; signs are available to help educate boaters about these potential invaders. He also discussed a boat wash down station at the Fish and Game public boat ramp at the north end of the lake to help prevent the transfer of Eurasian Milfoil between lakes.

Sandy Daniel explained how and why the Eurasian Water Milfoil has been classified as a noxious weed. She described the liquid herbicide application process that uses nozzles which take the chemical down to the bottom to the base of the plants. She stated that Navigate, which will be applied to Cocolalla Lake, is granular pellets that sink to the bottom and take four hours to dissolve. Water samples will be taken 5 days after application for testing.

Jerry Ellis said that the Navigate goes straight to the bottom. He explained that it is 100% biodegradable and will not float about randomly. After treating Eurasian Milfoil with an aquatic herbicide, there can be an explosion of other plants both native and non-native. If there is a large, solid mass of Milfoil being treated, there can be a fish kill; which results from the decomposing dead plant material removing oxygen from the water. He does not expect this to happen in Cocolalla; because, isolated areas are being treated, leaving non-treated areas for the fish to swim where the oxygen levels will not be effected.

A question and answer session followed the presentations.

Cary thanked everyone for coming and invited anyone interested in CLA to stay for the annual business meeting.