

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

7:00 PM

Community Hall

Next Board Meeting will be held, Tuesday May 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Cocolalla Community Hall

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Herman Collins, Vice President	Bonnie Anderson, Past President
Rose Chaney, Secretary	
Nancy Cambron	

Members Present:

Phyllis Mott	Norm Anderson

Guest: Thomas Herron, Regional Water Quality Program Manager, IDEQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Collins.

Tom Herron shared his background and interest in improving water quality. He presented an in depth explanation for the importance of water quality monitoring during the period of time the lake is covered with ice. He said his department is fully staffed and ready to support efforts by organizations like the CLA in their efforts to improve the quality of the water in their lakes and watersheds. He offered to personally, with the assistance of his 15 year old son, take water quality samples this week, as it is critical to understanding the algae blooms later in the year to know what the water conditions are like within two weeks of ice out in the lake. He also said he would provide assistance in directing the replacement of the water level gauge, which is taken out routinely in the winter by the movement of the ice. He also said the IDEQ could help obtain a Sediment Core sample from the lake bed to determine how much phosphorus was available for internal phosphorus cycling; which is important in understanding algae blooms.

Approval of minutes – Secretary Rose Chaney

It was moved by Nancy Cambron and Seconded by Bonnie Anderson that the Minutes of the February 19 Board Meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – See Attached

It was moved by Bonnie Anderson and seconded by Nancy Cambron that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Bills Presented for Payment:

Grant Home Science Tools for plant presses -- CLMF Fund – ISDA \$192.60
North Idaho Insurance -- Directors and Officers Liability Insurance -- General
Business Account – \$894

It was moved by Bonnie Anderson and Seconded by Nancy Cambron that the bills be approved. The motion carried.

CLMF State Farm CD1012876454 renewed on 04-05-2008 for 90 days. Balance \$21,627.50 Interest rate 2.32%

Membership Report – Sonia Gladish

There are currently 93 paid memberships for 2008

Committee Reports:**Education:**

Activity Books: 100 Milfoil Story and Activity books were donated to the Southside Elementary 5th and 6th Grade Classes. We had applied for funding for these books through the Milfoil Grant. The request was denied; however, Leslie Marshall, Bonner County Public Works Director; gave us books she had purchased so we were able to meet our commitment at no additional cost.

May 22 Aquatic Plant Identification Classes: We are very fortunate to have Tom Woolf, ISDA, Aquatic Plants program Manager, instructing three classes on identification, preservation and cataloging aquatic plants

Two Classes will be held in the morning at the Southside School for 5th and 6th grade students

At 6:00 P.M. he will head a class for members of the community who would like to know if the plants they are seeing in the lake are good or bad. He will explain how we can help develop and maintain an inventory of the existing aquatic plants in Cocolalla Lake. Notice of the plant identification classes will be included in the educational brochure mailing in early May. Nancy Cambron and her volunteer committee will send out the information.

Land Use Committee Report – Nancy Cambron

Review of the Bonner County Planning and Commissioners agendas did not indicate activity within the Cocolalla area.

IDA Milfoil Grant for 2008 – Chuck Gladish

The 2008 Cocolalla Lake Association ISDA Milfoil Grant application has been approved and the first quarter installment has been received by the Grant Accounting Firm RC&D.

Meeting with Idaho Department of Transportation: Rose Chaney

A meeting was held with the Chief Engineer of the Garwood to Sagle Highway Project; Susan Kiebert, Washington Group Information Director; and the IDOT Environmental planner in Coeur d'Alene. The subject was Sagle to Garwood Project property acquisition and wetlands remediation at the south end of Cocolalla Lake. There is the potential for wetland development that would allow sediment and nutrients from Upper Cocolalla Creek, Fish Creek and Butler Creek to be filtered out before reaching the lake. This is a long range project, but an exciting one.

OLD BUSINESS -

Annual Meeting Reminder:

The Annual meeting will be held June 17 at the Cocolalla Community Hall.

Chairman Gladish will present a review of the Association activities over the last year. Jamie Davis will give a presentation on how the Lake A Syst program can help property owners and lake users protect the lake. Tom Herron is planning to attend the meeting. If you have any items you would like added to the Annual Meeting Agenda, please Vice-President Herman Collins at (208) 263-7282 or email: herman.collins@verizon.net

Election of Officers and Board members will be held at the Annual Meeting.

All Association members are eligible to serve as Officers or on the Board. Any member who would like to serve the association, please contact Sonya Gladish at 208-253-6515 or email her at gladish@earthlink.net Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual meeting. **Your Association needs your help to keep protecting our beautiful lake!**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FSI Grant Application for Watershed Wide Water Monitoring:** Tom Herron provided information regarding this grant which is specifically for Volunteer Organizations.
The grant application deadline was April 15 and the recipient will be announced this summer. There is not a high probability of receiving this grant as only one is given out in this category nationally..
2. **Formation of a Watershed Council:** Tom Herron is interested in the formation of this council with representation from each of the Lake Associations in the area. The Board confirmed interest in participating.
3. **Idaho Water Law Seminar on May 15 and 16:** Phyllis Mott will be attending this seminar and will report back to the Association. If anyone is interested in attending some of the sessions; Phyllis said she could bring one guest.
4. **Mott Family Conservation Easement Walk About:** Because of the inclimate weather and never ending winter, the Walk About date has been set back to July 19. More information will be provided later.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Chaney, Secretary