

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING
JUNE 17, 2008

The annual membership and public meeting of the CLA was held on June 17, 2008, at the Cocolalla Community Hall. 14 members and guests were present.

Board Members present were:

Chuck Gladish, President
Herman Collins, Vice-president
Sonia Gladish, Secretary
Rose Chaney, Treasurer

At large board members present were:

Bonnie Anderson, past president
Cary Poston

Members were:

Virginia Leccese
Mary Neil
Phyllis Mott
James Burke
Ron Chaney
Larry Erickson
James Flathers

Guest:

Bonnie Amble

The public meeting, held prior to the annual business meeting included presentations by three honored guests:

1. Jamie Davis – Water resource Conservationist with the Idaho Conservation District, discussed the Storm water and Erosion Education Program (SEEP), Panhandle Branch). SEEP is an

educational program teaching the fundamentals of erosion and sediment control. Jamie presented visual aids showing the damage storm water and erosion of soils can do.

Jamie also announced that she had verbal confirmation of the award of the Fish Creek Road Improvement 319 grant. Along with the Conservation District and Bonner County, the CLA is one of the participating groups in this grant application. The purpose of the grant is to help to control the erosion damage occurring from runoff on Fish Creek Road. If the grant is approved as expected, work on improving the drainage will commence during the summer of 2009. A portion of Fish Creek Road washed out in the spring of 2006, with a large amount of sediment carried down Fish Creek into Cocolalla Lake.

2. Tom Herron – Surface Water Program Manager, IDEQ – Coeur d’Alene Office. Tom did a water test during the early spring, just after the ice on the lake had melted. He announced there is a he found a higher concentration of dissolved phosphorus near the bottom of the water column that the readings taken later in the years. This is caused by oxygen depletion under the ice. The high phosphorous and nutrient levels promote algae, which can cause a decrease in oxygen. This must be controlled to keep the lake healthy. Homeowners and users of the lake need to be aware of how their use of phosphates. For example detergents and lawn fertilizers can contribute to algae blooms in the lake. Using phosphate free dish detergent and establishing a buffer of native plants between the lawn and the lake shore are two ways everyone can help prevent additional phosphates from adding to the problem. Also, the previously mentioned SEEP program is an excellent educational tool to help minimize the amount of sediment entering the lake by improving storm water management practices during construction activities along the lake.

3. Dave Kluttz –Lakeland Restoration Services, LLC. Dave and his crew did the successful application of herbicides to our lake for

Eurasian Water Milfoil control. In 2006 they applied a 2,4-D herbicide – Navigate – to approximately 85 milfoil infested waters. The 2006 post treatment survey found that about 85% of the milfoil was gone. In 2007, another 2,4-D herbicide- Diquat- was applied to the same area. Since then surveys, conducted in the fall of 2007 and again on June 6, 2008, have detected no EWM in the lake. This was beyond our expectations and we are very pleased with the results. There will be two more surveys made this summer and if there is any EWM found it will be controlled either by diver hand pulling or another herbicide treatment, as recommended by the Idaho Department of Agriculture. If no further treatment is necessary, the IDA Grant funds for contingency treatment will be returned to the IDA. In the future, the CLA will have a continuing program of surveys to detect any further infestations of EWM and appropriate action will be taken if any is found.

4. Chuck Gladish – CLA President and chairman of the Milfoil committee gave a presentation on the grant requests from the IDA for the continuing control and elimination of EWM. Also he told us of a classroom presentation by Tom Woolf, Aquatic Plants Program Manager, with the IDA. This was presented to the fifth and sixth grade classes at the Southside Elementary School this spring. The purpose of this program is intended to stimulate an interest in the students in the aquatic flora and fauna in the lake. The classes were very well received and a third class was held for adults at the community center on plant and animal identification in the lake. A possible concern is the introduction of Zebra and Quagga mussels into the lake. There have been none found to date, but if they do appear, they must be promptly eliminated. They are very prolific once they are started and damage any motors, pipes, boats, docks etc. once they gain a foothold. Collecting strips will be in place at various locations in order to have an early warning of their presence.

Also, Chuck mentioned that the Idaho Fish and Game have made major improvements at the Sportsman Access area on the

Lake. These were funded by a grant which the CLA requested from the Idaho Dept. of Agriculture. A new dock is in place and an RV site for a Lake Host has been constructed. IDF&G will be responsible for the operation of this site. The Lake Host will inspect all incoming and departing vessels to the lake to be sure that any noxious organisms are removed from the all boats and trailers. A Lake Host has not been found yet, but IDF&G is actively searching for one.

5. Rose Chaney spoke on the Idaho Department of Transportation wetlands mitigation project. This has to do with the Sagle to Garwood road improvement project. The mitigation will establish a functional wetland at the south end of the lake. A large functional wetland in this area will act as a filter for the waters entering the lake from Upper Cocolalla Creek, Fish Creek and Butler Creek. This in a long range project; however, it should reduce the sediment and nutrient loading entering the lake from this portion of the watershed.

Rose recognized the Phyllis Mott and the Mott Family Trust for their effort to protect their land and the lake. They have placed their entire 52 acre estate in at the south end of Cocolalla Lake in a conservation easement. Their property will be left in its' natural state in perpetuity. This is a wonderful contribution to our community. There will be a "walk about" of the area on Saturday July 19, 2008, from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM. For further information, please call Phyllis at (208) 265-9441.

Rose also spoke about the storm water improvements on Shadow Cove Lane and Neil Lane. For several years, spring stormwater runoff in this area had exceeded the capacity of the roadside ditches and culverts; causing massive erosion and flooding septic and homes. The effluent from this overflow went directly into the lake. Last year the homeowners completed a stormwater improvement project that included new ditches with rock lining, larger culverts, directing flow by earth berms where needed and revegetation where needed. This year there was no

runoff from this area into the lake. This is a good demonstration of residents recognizing a problem, finding out how to fix it and then doing it right. They did an excellent job.

BUSINESS MEETING

A motion was made by Herman Collins and seconded by Cary Poston to approve the minutes of the previous annual meeting as presented by Secretary Sonia Gladish. The motion carried unanimously.

Rose Chaney gave the treasurers' report and budget for next fiscal year. Please see attachments. Cary Poston moved to accept the treasurers' budget as presented. Larry Erickson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no old Business.

New Business – Election of officers and board members. The slate presented by the nomination committee was as follows:

President – 2 year term – Chuck Gladish
Vice president – 1 year term – Herman Collins
Treasurer – 1 year term- Rose Chaney
Secretary – 2 year term – Sonia Gladish

At Large Board Members –
2 year term – Fred Vincent
2 year Term – Cary Poston

Retained board members –
Glen Weatherly – Term ends 2009
Nancy Cambron – Term ends 2009

Larry Erickson moved that the slate of officers and board members be accepted as presented. Vickie Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE A NEED FOR MORE ACTIVE MEMBERS. THERE IS PRESENTLY NO ONE IN LINE TO TAKE OVER THESE POSITIONS WHEN THEIR TERMS RUN OUT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF VERY SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS IN THE WORKS. HELP US KEEP THE ORGANIZATION GOING FOR THE FUTURE ENJOYMENT OF A WONDERFUL LAKE.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Sonia Gladish
Secretary