

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday July 15, 2008
7:00 PM Community Hall

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON
Tuesday August 19, 2008
At 7:00 PM at the Community Center**

Board Members Present:

Chuck Gladish – President
Rose Chaney – Treasurer
Sonia Gladish – Secretary
Fred Vincent – Board Member
Nancy Cambron – Board Member

Members Present: Vicki Pfeifer – Education Committee, Chairman

Guests Present:

Tom Herron- Idaho DEQ, Regional Water Quality Program Manager
Jamie Davis – Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Water Quality Resource Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Gladish

Approval of minutes -minutes of the annual public meeting held in June were approved as presented.

Treasurers's Report – Rose Chaney – See attachment.

A \$20,000 CD has been moved from State Farm Bank to the Cocolalla Lake Management Fund at Panhandle State Bank. This simplifies the record keeping by having all of the funds in one bank. The CD has an eight month term and is drawing 2.78% interest. If interest rates go up during the term, we can make one rate change. Chuck Gladish, Rose Chaney and Herman Collins are signers, with two signatures required for a transaction.

Committees –

A. Membership – Sonia reported that we have 97 paid members as of this date.

B. Milfoil – On Friday, July 18, the second midsummer survey was performed by Dave Kluttz, Lakeland Restoration Services. This survey included the IDA random point

survey; as well as a visual inspection of the entire shoreline of the lake. No EWM was found anywhere in Lake Cocolalla. A third survey will be conducted in late August or September, 2008.

Early detection of any recurrence or reinfestation is very important to keeping our lake milfoil free. The Association has contingency funding from the 2008 IDA Milfoil Grant for a quick response to eliminate any infestation that may occur. Please contact a CLA board member, if you see any evidence of milfoil in the lake.

C. Lake Host at Sportsman Access – Chuck Gladish and Cary Poston. The lake host is in place and operating under the guidance of Idaho Fish and Game. IDF&G has provided him with an operating manual of instructions and the CLA has provided him with invasive species handouts for all boaters using the Sportsman Access. They have also provided him with a pressure washer to remove any plants from boats and trailers using the launch. This is very important to prevent milfoil reinfestation of Cocolalla Lake.

D. Education – Vickie Pfeifer. No report at this time, however, Scott Lockie took six of his Boy Scout Troops out on Sunday, July 20 for a plant identification tour of the lake. We should have a report on the results at our next meeting. No EWM was found. Nancy Cambron provided a lunch for the group. Many thanks to these individuals.

New Business –

There is a possibility that a grant in the amount of \$2000 to \$5000 could be available next year from TransCanada Corp. They have given us previous assistance for our Small Farm contest several years ago to promote best management practices for small farms in the watershed. This was a very successful operation with a lot of public support in the area.

Tom Herron discussed the water quality improvement projects for Lake Cocolalla and watershed which Bonnie Anderson had prepared for IDEQ. The list now includes the following:

1. Work with the Department of Transportation for mitigation land at the south end of Cocolalla Lake and determine a restoration plan for wetlands.
2. Increase water quality monitoring to include winter months and research use of more precise instrumentation.
3. Obtain lake level monitoring equipment that will not be damaged by ice and current
4. Work with the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts to assist in implementing their agriculture plan for the Cocolalla Lake Watershed. Please refer to Jamie Davis (208) 263-5310 for information on recommended treatments.
5. Encourage the formation of a sewer district around Cocolalla Lake.

6. Reduce sediment in Fish Creek by road improvements and bank stabilization.
7. Encourage the County to be consistent with watershed goals for reduction in pollution to Cocolalla Lake on the Westmond area county-owned property of 400 plus acres.
8. Beach clean-up at railroad access sites – provide trash receptacles.
9. Fund additional inventories of plants, sediment nutrient levels, habitat and BURP.

The CLA is currently working with several entities to begin to address these important issues.

Item 1: Several meetings have been held with the Idaho Department of Transportation in support of their efforts to develop wetlands at the south end of the lake as their required mitigation for the Garwood to Sagle road project.

Item 2: IDEQ has been most helpful in advising and assisting the Association on the benefits and methods of winter monitoring of water quality. Tom Herron is setting up a schedule of winter testing.

Item 3: IDEQ and the Department of Lands are currently working to provide equipment and establishing a baseline lake elevation for more accurate measurement of lake level fluctuations.

Item 4: Jamie Davis has completed the agricultural component of the Cocolalla Lake Implementation Plan. She completed an Agricultural Survey last year and has met with several of the land owners to discuss streambed protection.;

Item 5: Kristin Keith, Cocolalla Lake Watershed Coordinator with IDEQ, is looking for possible funds sources for implementing a sewer district.

Item 6: Funds from the Fish Creek Road 319 Grant, which has been approved by IDEQ, will improve the sediment loading of the lake from Fish Creek. The final step before the work can begin is EPA funding of the Idaho 319 Grants for 2009.

Item 7: Jamie Davis is researching the ownership of the large Harp Turnbull bequest for Bonner County Road improvements. A long reach of Westmond Creek passes through this parcel.

Item 8: People camping near the unimproved east shore of the lake, building fires on the shore and leaving large amounts of debris, continue to be a problem. Fred Vincent has agreed to head up an East Shore Management Committee to look for solutions to the problem. This will involve a liaison with east shore property owner, Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad.

Item 9: Scout Leaders, Scott Lockie and Tom Pfeiffer have their troops collecting and cataloging plants this summer to start building an aquatic plant data base for Cocolalla Lake.

Old Business –

Zebra /Quagga Mussel Collectors – Cary Poston – Portland State University has provided the Association with three Zebra/Quagga Mussel substrate collectors. One is now in place at the Sportsman Access dock and the other two will be placed at other strategic locations around the lake. These will be checked monthly. The Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife have provided a plankton net collector for mussel larvae. The net will be deployed

behind the boat when the monthly water samples are taken. WSDF&W will examine the contents of the collector to determine if any mussel larvae are present. Working with these agencies will provide early detection if these invasive species are introduced into Cocolalla Lake.

Other Business –

Jamie Davis will send a representative to our August meeting (August 19) with information regarding the East Shore of the lake and the TransCanada grant possibility. Jamie also suggested that we discuss Best Management Practice Implementation at our August meeting.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonia Gladish
Secretary