

COCOLALLA LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008  
7:00 PM  
Cocolalla Community Hall

**Note: the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sept. 16, 2008  
at 7:00 PM at the Cocolalla Community hall**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Chuck Gladish.
- Those present were:

Chuck Gladish – President  
Sonia Gladish – Secretary  
Rose Chaney – Treasurer  
Fred Vincent – Board member at large  
Glen Weatherly – Board member at large  
Cary Poston – Board member at large  
Nancy Cambron – Board member at large

Suzan Flathers CLA Member

Guests present were Thomas and Jenny Leo

- **Minutes from the last meeting – Sonia Gladish**

It was moved by Fred Vincent and seconded by Cary Poston that the minutes of the CLA Board meeting held on 07/08/2008 be approved as presented.  
Motion carried

- **Treasurers' Report – Rose Chaney**

Please see the attachments.

- **Membership Report – Sonia Gladish**

We now have 99 paid members, including Dr. Kurt Getsinger with the Army Corps of Engineers. Fred and Shelley Vincent took Dr. Getsinger out on

their boat for a tour of the lake in July. He was very impressed with the improvement in the lake and the apparent total lack of EWM. Dr. Getsinger is from Vicksburg, MS, and is a recognized national authority on noxious weed control. He made a generous donation to the CLMF and became a member of the association to acknowledge the progress we have made in our EWM control efforts.

Our total paid membership came to 100 with the addition of Thomas and Jenny Leo. Jenny is doing an article in the next edition of the Sandpoint Magazine about local efforts to improve the community we live in. This article will feature the Cocolalla Lake Association efforts to eradicate EWM.

We appreciate and welcome both Dr. Getsinger and Thomas and Jenny Leo.

- **Committee Reports**

Lake Host Site – Chuck Gladish

Chuck reported that there did not appear to be much activity at the lake host site; however, Fred reported that the site is active and the host is observing the boat activity on the ramp. Also, his presence is helping to keep order in the campsites. It was suggested that the association encourage IDF&G to erect a sign directing that all boats are to be inspected going in and out of the lake. Also, the sign should remind boaters to clean their boats and indicate where the boat cleaning station is located. Chuck said that he would speak to Bryan Helmich about this.

There is an Idaho State law in effect that makes it an offence to transport EWM via boat, motor, trailer or other means within the state. A fine for the infraction of this law may be as high as \$3,000.00. Be sure that your boat and trailer are clean.

- **BNSF Liaison – Fred Vincent**

Fred has spoken to the BNSF Railroad representatives, Special Agent Carlton Lyon and Deputy Dryer. Mr. Lyon stated that BNSF has posted no trespassing signs on railroad property on the east side of the lake and they intend to enforce them. They are very concerned about liability and the dangers to people near the track. This allows them to call local law enforcement to remove trespassers. Violators may be fined. They want to be

notified of any violations. Carlton Lyons' telephone number is: (509 536-2361 and Deputy Dryer is (509)536-2414.

BNSF does not want trash receptacles placed along the east shore because this implies approval of the use of the property. They do, however, encourage the CLA efforts to do an annual clean up and we will be doing that in the fall. Volunteers are encouraged to notify Fred Vincent of their availability for this project. Fred's telephone number is (208) 255-2570.

- **Milfoil Committee – Rose Chaney**

No EWM has been found in the first two inspections made this summer. The third and final inspection for this year will be made in late August or early September.

- **Boy Scout Aquatic Plant Identification – Scott Lockie and Tom Pfeifer**

Tom and Scott were unable to attend, but it was agreed that this program is valuable and has been enthusiastically received by the Boy Scouts. It gets the local youth involved with the lake. State agencies such as the Idaho Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality have been supporting the program with funds and necessary equipment.

- **New Business**

The Clark Fork Task Force meeting, held in Noxon, MT – Rose Chaney

Four CLA Members attended this meeting: Rose, Chuck, Sonia, and Cary. The Task Force is very concerned about the introduction of EWM in this area and there was a large turnout. Dr. Getsinger was one of the guest speakers. It was a very informative meeting and the appearance of EWM in the area is of great concern to us as it will inevitably be spread to our lake. The Task Force appears to be taking the necessary steps to eradicate EWM from their watershed. It was agreed by the experts present that 2,4-D is the only effective treatment for EWM.

Fred mentioned that Tom McNab has a boat with new equipment for detecting and treating EWM. His equipment can map the bottom of a lake in 3D and the new treatment is very effective. It applies the chemical to the

bottom of the lake near the plant roots and it is very efficient and cost effective.

Shelley Vincent has spoken with State Representative Eric Anderson and he is very supportive of our progress. Also Joyce Broadsword has been most helpful.

Rose reminded us that we must be keeping our in kind hours up to date. Many of us have let that slip. We need those in kind hours to offset some of the dollar costs for our grants.

- **Old Business**

Jamie Davis, Water Quality Resource Conservationist with the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, has arranged the first meeting of the Rathdrum Prairie Lakes Council to take place on Sept. 4, 2008 at Centennial Distributing near the Coeur d'Alene Airport. This organization will consist of several local lake organizations with the hope that by combining resources, we will be able to have even more clout with the State funding organizations. This could be very important to our association. Jamie intends to send out an agenda soon for this meeting. If you can attend please contact Jamie at [jldavis@agri.idaho.gov](mailto:jldavis@agri.idaho.gov) or telephone (208) 263-5310 by Friday, August 29 for more information. Sonia and Chuck intend to go and we hope that there will be more CLA members who will attend the meeting.

- **Adjournment**

Rose moved that we adjourn at 8:30 PM, Cary Seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish, Secretary