

Cocolalla Lake Association BOD meeting minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
7:00 PM
At The Cocolalla Community Club

The next BOD Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008
At the Cocolalla Community Club Hall

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

Chuck Gladish – President
Sonia Gladish – Vice President
Rose Chaney – Treasurer
Glen Weatherly – Board member
Nancy Cambron – Board member
Cary Poston – Board member

Barbara Weatherly – Member
 - Guests:

Tom Herron – IDEQ Dept. of Water Quality Manager
Tom Woolf – ISDA Aquatic Plants Program Manager
- **Minutes from the September 16, 2008 meeting – Sonia Gladish**

Cary moved to accept the minutes as published, Glen seconded and the motion carried.
- **Treasurer Report – Rose Chaney**

See attachment.

Bills paid since last BOD meeting:
 - Lakeland Restoration Services - \$2114.00 for final EWM test Paid by RC&D on 09/24/2008

SVL Analytical Service for September, 2008 water quality tests - \$105.00 paid on 10/17/2008

- **Membership – Sonia Gladish**

There are 100 current paid members. Members who have not paid dues in two years will be dropped from the membership list on January 1, 2009

- **Committee Reports**

- Cary reported that the Lake Host at Sportsman's Access had left for the season. The connections there have been locked until next year. It was agreed that the Lake Host presence has been of great value. The area was kept cleaner and there was considerably less disturbance than last year.
- Cary also reported that the water testing that was done in September showed that the Oxygen level was lower than previous years. This does not seem to have affected the fishing. It is presently reported to be very good.
- Tom Herron reported that the biomass is higher now. This would likely be the cause of the lower oxygen levels.

- **Old Business**

- In kind hours need to be turned in to Rose Chaney by the first week in November. It is very important to get these reported since they make up a large part of our matching funds needed for the grants.
- A plaque was presented to Representative Eric Anderson on Tuesday, October 14. The Daily Bee was notified and sent a photographer to record the event. Chuck prepared a news release to explain that Representative Anderson was being presented with the plaque to show our appreciation for the support he has given to us and our community in helping to rid Lake Cocolalla of Eurasian Water Milfoil. The reporter contacted us on Friday, October 24, and asked for the news release again, as it had been misplaced. This was given to him and the report appeared in the Daily Bee on Sunday, October 26th.

See the attachment for the [picture of the presentation plaque](#).

CLA Members are encouraged to write their own letters to the Daily Bee in support of Representative Anderson.

- **New Business**
 - An Algae control committee is being formed. Tentatively the members of the committee will be: Cinda and David Crow and Cary Poston. Also, assisting them, particularly with the grant writing which will be necessary to provide funding for this project will be Rose Chaney and Bonnie Anderson. Chuck Gladish will be available for assistance during the organization of the committee. Tom Herron of the IDEQ has said that he also will be available when his schedule permits. It will be necessary to operate closely with the IDEQ and the IDA to set up a program and to secure financing through the State of Idaho for grant funds. The first meeting is tentatively planned at the Gladish residence on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 1:00 PM. A notice will be sent out prior to the meeting to all participants. Anyone interested in contributing their time to this important cause should contact Chuck at (208) 263-6515, or by e-mail at c.s.gladish@gmail.com. We badly need more people to be available for these projects to improve our lake.
 - Quagga/ Zebra Mussel project – A public meeting was held in Sandpoint on Tuesday, October 14 by Representatives Anderson, Eskridge and Tom Dayley, who is the administrator of the Idaho Department of Agriculture. This meeting was an opportunity for the public to express their concerns about the potential of Quagga/Zebra mussel invasions in Idaho waters. Representative Anderson has submitted a chapter to House bill #643, which requires that the IDA set up check stations at points of entry in to Idaho and at other appropriate sites to inspect all water craft and trailers for any noxious non-native organisms entering the state. Chuck and Sonia, Rose, Nancy and Fred Vincent attended the meeting. Representative Anderson gave us a DVD showing the results of a Quagga mussel invasion in Lake Mead, Nevada, which we showed at the meeting. These mussels are devastating once they gain a foothold and are almost impossible to eliminate after they are established. They are prevalent in the Eastern U.S. but have only recently appeared in Western waters. They literally cause billions of dollars in damage, clogging water intake pipes, pumps, encrusting drive systems on boats and attaching themselves in thick layers on anything under water. As of this date they have not appeared in Idaho waters, but Lake Pend Oreille is considered to be of high risk and Cocolalla is considered to be of moderate risk. The only real answer is to stop them before they enter our waters. This can best be accomplished by a thorough inspection of all craft before they enter the water. The mussel spawn are almost invisible but can be killed by a hot water pressure wash. This equipment is very expensive and it also takes a trained operator to certify that the water craft is free of the organisms. This will require extensive support from the State of Idaho for funding and guidance. One factor which may be in our favor is that some studies indicate that they cannot survive in water which has a low calcium content (below about 12.0 mg per liter of water). The information which we have at present is that our calcium level is approximately ½ of that. The board approved a calcium test to

be conducted at the same time that we take our monthly water sample tests. This is not a sure cure and it was felt that we should try to set up the wash station also. This, of course, is also valuable in controlling other undesired organisms from entering the lake. Chuck contacted Bryce Fowler, the Fremont County, Idaho, weed supervisor for information on the grant they have received for this purpose. He agreed to send us a copy of their grant application to the IDA and it should arrive during the week of October 27.

This is a very serious matter and we could easily loose the use of our lake for most purposes if this invasion occurs here. It will be necessary to obtain outside funds through state and/or federal grants to obtain the funds to keep them out of the lake. The new grant cycle begins in November and grant requests for use in 2009 must be submitted by the end of January 2009. Representative Anderson and Administrator Dayley both have agreed to give us support in our requests. Also Tom Herron and Tom Woolf are very supportive in our efforts.

In the DVD on Lake Mead, it was stated that the Quagga mussels were first observed in January 2007 and by June, 2007 they had spread throughout the lake. By 2008, they were serious enough to start to plug the cooling water intakes to the generators at Hoover Dam.

- On Thursday, November 6, 2008, there will be another meeting in Rathdrum of the Rathdrum Prairie Lakes Council. This could be an organization which is very helpful to us in our projects. Sonia and Chuck intend to be there and hopefully we will have several others there also. If you wish to attend, please contact Chuck at his listed telephone or e-mail which is shown under new business.
- There being no further business, Rose moved that we adjourn the meeting and Cary seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Sonia Gladish, Secretary