

**Cocolalla Lake Association BOD meeting minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**  
**At The Cocolalla Community Club**

**The next BOD Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009**  
**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  
Herman Collins – Vice President  
Sonia Gladish – Secretary  
Rose Chaney – Treasurer  
Fred Vincent – Board member  
Nancy Cambron – Board member
  
- **Minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting – Sonia Gladish**  
Rose moved to accept the minutes as published, Fred seconded and the motion carried.
  
- **Treasurer Report – Rose Chaney**  
See attachment.

It was discussed whether the fiscal year should be changed from 1 July – 30 June to 1 January – 31 December. The advantage to the change would be the simplification of financial accounting to coincide with annual dues collections. The disadvantages are that we would have to change the fiscal year with the IRS and officers would still be elected in June at the annual meeting to take office on July 1 – in the middle of the new fiscal year. It was felt by the board that the simplification of the accounting would make the treasurers report much easier to understand by the members. The motion was tabled to be decided at the annual meeting. It was also decided by the board that only a treasurers' summary will be presented in the monthly minutes and the Profit & Loss by Class statement would only be presented when it was deemed necessary, but at least once a year.

Rose pointed out that the amount we are paying for insurance (liability and officers' indemnity) comes to nearly ½ of the CLA annual budget. Perhaps we should consider pro-rating the insurance premiums between the CLA and the CLMF. This also will be presented to the members and decided on at our annual 2009 meeting. Much of the requirements for liability and indemnity insurance is due to the potential exposure to liability from the treatment of the lake for EWM and other invasive species. Perhaps the CLA should be responsible for administrative costs and liability and the CLMF for the other costs.

- **Membership – Sonia Gladish**

As of this date, we have 50 paid members for 2009. Notices were sent out in early January and the response was pretty good. We picked up three new members so far. Reminder notices will be sent out in early February 2009. Members who become delinquent for two consecutive years will be dropped from the membership rolls. If you have not paid for 2009, please do so and we can save some postage!

- **Committee Reports**

- Algae Control Committee – Cinda Crow was out of town, but notes from the December 2, 2008 were summarized by Chuck Gladish:

Possible grant money sources were discussed. As we all know, money is getting very tight and grant money may be scarce for some time.

The most effective means of controlling algae are by controlling nutrients in the lake (primarily phosphorus). This involves a two pronged approach.

1. Keep the nutrients from coming into the lake.
2. Stopping nutrients in the lake water and bottom sediment from resuspension in the lake and feeding the algae.

We have had several programs, some complete and others in progress to control nutrients coming into the lake. Among these is the preservation of wetlands at the south end of the lake. This provides filtration of the incoming water to the lake. The Albany Falls Mitigation project where nearly 100 acres was purchased is the biggest of these projects which the CLA sponsored, but there have been others to include the Walter Mott donation of wetlands in the same area. Also repair of the Fish Creek watershed and road, which is still in progress under a federal 319 grant, will have a major effect in controlling nutrients coming into the lake when it is completed. Best Management Practices in the water shed, which were promoted by our Small Farm Contest, several years ago, was a successful operation. All of these projects have been productive and it is time to move into a new area.

We are now very interested in proceeding with the second prong – this will be to reduce the resuspension of algae nutrients from the water and bottom sediments. What appears to be the most promising agent for this at the present time is a product manufactured by an Australian firm called Phoslock. This is basically activated clay (Bentonite) in a lake-water slurry which is spread on the surface of the lake. As it settles

to the bottom, it captures the suspended phosphorus in the water and retains it in an inert form on the bottom in a very thin layer approximately 1-3 mm thick. This effectively traps the bottom phosphorus and keeps it from rising into the water column. This is a very expensive process and could cost as much as \$600,000 - \$900,000 for a full lake treatment. Hopefully, we will not require a full lake treatment but instead only a small portion of the deeper parts of the lake. Also, this could possibly be spread out over a period of several years. This is a long term project and we cannot hope for much improvement immediately, although once the treatment is started the effects become apparent very rapidly. It will also definitely require state and/or federal grant money.

- Milfoil Committee – Chuck Gladish

The milfoil grant request for phase IV (2009) has been written and submitted to the IDA. The request is for funding for two surveys for EWM during the summer and to control or eliminate any new or recurring EWM found. Also a request was made to fund the purchase of a hot water pressure washer system to be used at the Sportsman Access Boat Launch. This system would be owned by the IDA and operated and maintained by the IDF&G. The purpose of the system is to clean all invasive species from water craft and trailers prior to their entering the lake. Hopefully we will have information on the grant request by Spring.

- New Business

The Rathdrum Prairie Lakes Conference will be held in Hayden Lake on February 5, 2009.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Lakes Conference will be held in Spokane on February 7, 2009.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend both of these meetings. The Annual Regional Lakes Conference will have a session on Washington State efforts to control algae blooms in Washington. For more information please call Chuck at (208)263-6515 or e-mail at [c.s.gladish@gmail.com](mailto:c.s.gladish@gmail.com)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Sonia Gladish, Secretary