

Cocolalla Lake Association BOD meeting minutes
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
7:00 PM
At The Cocolalla Community Club

The next BOD Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 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
Glen Weatherly – Board Member
Nancy Cambron – Board Member
Barbara Weatherly – CLA Member
Don & Glenda Morse – CLA Members
Jim & Diana McDonough – CLA Members
Guests:
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager, IDEQ
Jamie Davis – Water Quality Resource Conservationist, Idaho Assoc. of Soil Conservation Districts
Kevin Moore

- **Minutes from the January 20, 2008 meeting – Sonia Gladish**
Rose moved to accept the minutes as published, Glen seconded and the motion carried.

- **Treasurer Report – Rose Chaney**
See attachment.

There are three certificates of deposit held at Panhandle Bank. One was just automatically renewed at 1.15% interest on Feb. 18, 2009. One will mature on April 11, 2009 and we will let it rollover at the prevailing rate on that date. The other will mature at a future date and it was moved and seconded that we we will determine whether to roll it over at that time. The motion carried.

The following items were discussed and it was moved by Rose and seconded by Nancy that checks be written to cover them:
 1. Postage for mailing of the newsletter to those who do not have e-mail. From CLA account for \$72.35
 2. Pay for certified mailing (return receipt) of acceptance of IDA EWM grant for 2009. Also to purchase 172 Forever stamps for future mailings. From CLA account for \$90.07

3. Send check to Sandpoint Water Festival. From CLA account for \$50.00
4. Pay for hot water pressure washer, to the Sioux Corporation. This amount will be returned to us upon receipt of the first installment of the 2009 IDA EWM grant. From the CLMF account for \$6477.00.
5. Rental fees for the use of the Cocolalla Community Club Building for our monthly and annual meetings. These are at the rate of \$15.00 per month and are for one year use. (April 01, 2009 through March 31, 2010) From CLA account for \$180.00.

- **Membership – Sonia Gladish**

We now have 86 paid members for 2009 and one honorary member who is not required to pay for a total of 87 current members. Our goal is to have a total membership of at least 100 members. If you are not current on your dues, please send them to the membership chairman at P.O. Box 133, Cocolalla, ID 83813.

- **Committee Reports**

1. Algae Control Committee
[See attachment for meeting notes.](#)
2. Milfoil Committee – Chuck Gladish
The IDA EWM Grant was approved essentially as it was requested. The only difference was where we had requested contingency funds for removal of EWM if any was found, we were directed to request an amendment to the grant to cover the cost of any EWM removal. The requested hot water washer system to remove any invasive species was approved in full with the exception of a wheel mount on the washer. This was not in our original request because it was not known at that time that one would be required. Subsequently, when it became known that the unit weighed over 400 pounds, the cost of a wheel mount was found to be over \$400. Upon negotiations with the manufacturer, the cost was split between the CLA and the manufacturer. Our share turned out to be \$215.00 and this will be funded by the CLMF.

- **New Business**

Kevin Moore discussed his concerns regarding a culvert for Fish Creek under Blacktail Road near his residence. He believed that the existing culvert will not be adequate for years of high water runoff. Jamie said that erosion is not yet a factor, but a larger culvert could be needed in the future. Kevin is keeping an eye on the situation and when the new highway is built, we should try to see if a bridge could be put in to replace the culvert.

Some wetlands will be destroyed when highway #95 is widened. Wetlands mitigation will be required. The Ike property on the east side of Hwy #95 has been acquired by the IDOT. This

land is a triangle extending from the junction of the Southside Elementary School road to the south and bounded by the school road to the east and Hwy. #95 to the west.

Tom Herron explained that the Rathdrum Prairie Watershed is a major source of water primarily to the South of Lake Cocolalla. The Rathdrum Prairie Lakes Association is a group of organizations with a common interest in preserving and improving the conditions of all of the lakes and streams in the area. It is important that we work together in promoting our common interests. Chuck mentioned that one project that could be of interest to the group would be a combined effort to control the problem of summer algae blooms in all of the lakes. He has asked Jamie if she could send to him a list of representatives from the various organizations to help in coordinating a combined effort in this direction. The CLA has been in contact with Phoslock Water Solutions in Australia and they are interested in setting up a program to address this problem. If we can work together, the chances of being effective will be greatly increased.

Tom Herron and Glen Pettit did a water test under the ice in January, 2009. The results of this test and others performed over the years back as far as 1986 are providing valuable information about the dissolved oxygen and phosphorus in the lake. This information has been organized by Rose and we will be sending it to Phoslock, Ltd. for analysis. When this is complete, they will set up a program to seal the phosphorus on the bottom in the sediments and we should see an improvement in the water quality in the lake. This is a long term and expensive process but we now have a start.

- **OLD business**

It was discussed as to whether the fiscal year should coincide with the calendar year. Presently our fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. This, of course would have to be approved by the IRS. It was decided to wait until a new treasurer is elected in June and make the decision at that time.

A dues increase was discussed but it was decided that it would not be necessary at this time

Combining the CLA and CLMF accounts was suggested but it was decided that it would be better to keep them separate.

Jamie Davis reported that the 319 grant for improving drainage on Fish Creek was signed by the end of May, 2008 and funds should be coming. The 319 is part of the Federal Clean Water Act.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Gladish, Secretary