

Cocolalla Lake Association Annual meeting minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2009
7:00 PM
At The Cocolalla Community Club

The next BOD Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM,
Thursday, August 27, 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
Cinda Crow - Treasurer
Sonia Gladish – Secretary
Nancy Cambron – Board member
Rose Chaney – Board member
Cary Poston – Board Member
Bonnie Anderson – CLA member
Norm Anderson – CLA member
Dale Sprecher – CLA member

Guests:

Thomas Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager
Idaho State Department of Environmental Quality
Craig Coad – Representative from GeoGenesis, Inc.

- **Minutes from the Annual meeting held on June 25, 2009 – Sonia**

Rose moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Cary seconded and the motion was carried.

- **Treasurers Report – Cinda Crow**

See attachments for the treasurers report and the proposed budget for the remainder of 2009 – through December 31, 2009.

Since the CLA will have to pay for the lab work on the water tests in the future, Cary proposed that we cut down the frequency of the tests. The lake water tests could be done on a monthly basis as is presently done but the water chemistry tests on the inflow and outflow streams could be done on the basis of three times per year – spring, when the flow is near maximum, summer and fall. The winter tests would be done by DEQ.

Rose moved that we accept this schedule and Cinda seconded. The motion passed.

The proposed budget was presented by Cinda (see attachment). This is for July thru December 2009. Starting on January 1, 2010, the fiscal year will be the same as the calendar year and a new proposed budget for fiscal 2010 (January 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010) will be provided before January 1, 2010.

Rose moved that we accept the proposed budget as presented and Sonia seconded. The motion passed.

We are now carrying indemnity insurance for the officers and board members. This is very expensive, approximately \$894 per year. Is it necessary? A discussion followed and Cary moved that we table the decision until next April, since the premium is paid until that time. It was generally felt that the exposure was very low. Nancy seconded the motion and it passed.

- **Membership – Sonia Gladish**

We now have 96 paid members for 2009 and one honorary member who is not required to pay for a total of 97 current members. Our goal is to have a total membership of at least 100 members. If you are not current on your dues as of the date of this meeting, you will be dropped from the next roster. If you have a question or wish to pay your 2009 dues, please contact the membership chairman, Sonia Gladish by e-mail or at (208) 263-6515.

- **Committee Reports**

- Algae Control Committee

Sediment samples were taken in June, from Scott Lockies boat with Scott, Cary and Chuck. These samples were sent to SVL laboratories and the results were sent to Dr. Sarah Groves at Phoslock, Ltd, in Sydney Australia. Upon receipt of these results, she wrote up a tentative proposal for the control of phosphorus and as a result, algae in Lake Cocolalla. The proposal is included in the attachments.

Several questions were asked from the group:

1. Will the addition of the projected 450 metric tons of treatment affect the level of the lake? Answer: No. This would be an insignificant amount of volume added to the lake. In any case, the level is determined by the total inflow and outflow to the lake, to include inflow streams, outflow streams and normal evaporation.
2. DEQ and Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game would be concerned as to the effect of the treatment on the flora and fauna in the lake. All studies have shown that there is no effect on any living natural

3. What is the projected cost of the treatment and how long would it last? Answer: The project would be very expensive – much more than the CLA could raise from their own funds. The projected cost would be in the neighborhood of \$2000 per metric ton of material – or approximately \$900,000. This obviously would require federal and/or state funds in the form of grants. This could be reduced on an annual basis by doing the treatment over several years. How long it would last would depend on the way the treatment is applied. If we did a full lake treatment at first and also controlled the metered application of Phoslock in the inflowing streams, it could be a near permanent solution. This will depend on further studies and how much funding becomes available.

Rose Chaney will lead a group in examining funding sources and determining whether this is a viable project.

- Milfoil Committee meeting

A small amount of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was found in the summer survey conducted by Lakeland Restoration Services in the south end of the lake. This will probably be the last year of funding from the ISDA for EWM control. The EWM committee wrote an amendment to the EWM Grant with the IDA and it was approved to the extent of \$17,767 for the eradication of this recurring EWM. The CLA board has approved awarding a contract to Lakeland Restoration Services to make a final application of herbicide to this infestation and we believe that this will remove the remaining EWM at this time. Also, the board has approved awarding a contract to Ace Diving, to confirm that there are no more EWM infestations in the lake. Ace Diving will work in conjunction with Lakeland Restoration Services to accomplish this task. Rose made a motion to approve this operation and Cary seconded. The motion carried. The treatment will tentatively be conducted on Thursday, August 13, 2009. This date can be delayed by one week if necessary. Appropriate notifications to all affected parties will be carried out prior to the herbicide application. Nancy will coordinate the notification, the placing of signs and door notices.

Nancy will also be taking care of the Lake*A*Syst signs.
Thank you Nancy.

- **New Business**

- The new slate of officers as elected at the annual meeting in June were presented. They took office as of July 1, 2009. Please refer to the minutes to the annual meeting for these officers.
- It was decided that the CLA will present our lake hosts with a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant in appreciation for the fine job which they are doing at the Sportsman Access. We have received many compliments on the improvements in the campgrounds and boat launch area. Cinda will purchase the certificate and present it to the lake hosts and their wives.
- Cinda reported that the CLA sign at the north end of the lake will be refurbished by the Boy Scout Troop #141. They will produce a new sign and the CLA will pay the expenses.
- Campfires have been reported on RR property along the east side of the lake. BNSF has posted “no trespassing” signs and are taking steps to remove those who violate this private property. Please respect this and do not camp on RR property.
- Water trucks have been sighted removing water from the outflow creek at the bridge at the north end of the lake. This is legal as long as they are properly permitted. Also, we would very much like to have the equipment decontaminated at the cleaning station at Sportsman Access prior to being used in the outlet stream. A committee will be selected to look into this.
- Boat launching at Cocolalla Estates – It is important that all watercraft going into Cocolalla Lake be washed and inspected by the team located at the Sportsman Access. A letter is being prepared to be sent to the property owners at Cocolalla Estates, since there are a large number of launches conducted there. Hopefully this will encourage all who use the lake to take advantage of this free service that is being provided. It is requested that all private launches take their watercraft to the Sportsman Access for this inspection and cleaning.

- Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Gladish, Secretary

