

Minutes for CLA-BOD meeting held Thursday, October 28, 2010

Next meeting to be held Thursday, January 26, 2011, at the Cocolalla Community Club House.

Guests:

Nina Eckberg – Financial Manager Panhandle Lakes RC&D
Dave Kluttz – Managing member, Lakeland Restoration Services

Board Members Present:

Chuck Gladish –President	Janet Conlin
Fred Vincent – Vice-President	Glen Weatherly
Sonia Gladish – Secretary	Cary Poston
Cinda Crow – Treasurer	

CLA Members:

Guests:

Barbara Weatherly

Bonnie Kluttz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chuck. The first order of business was the presentation by our guests.

Nina Eckberg explained the operation and purpose of the Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area (SCWMA). This is an organization that facilitates the grant process in Bonner and Boundry Counties. They are specifically focused on terrestrial noxious weed control in this area but can also be helpful in finding grant money for aquatic noxious and nuisance weeds. They operate on a one for one basis. In other words, the grant funds a specific amount of money for weed control and the requesting organization supplies an equal amount to match the grant. This can be in kind matching money or documented hours and equipment devoted to the project or a combination of both. The Chairman of the SCWMA has advised us that we can become active partners in the organization by signing and sending in a MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) This has been done and the CLA is now in the process of writing a grant request to fund a program to control Curly Leaf Pond Weed, which has recently become a prevelant nuisance weed in Lake Cocolalla. There are approximately 30 acres of this weed in the lake as shown in the most recent survey done by Dave Kluttz. Chuck Gladish, Cary Poston and Janet Conlin are writing a grant request which must be submitted to SCWMA by November 17, 2010. If we are successful with the grant requests, we may get the needed funds this spring. It will be especially important that we keep close track of our “in-kind” hours since they will be worth over \$30 per hour.

Dave Kluttz of Lakeland Restoration Services completed the final survey for 2010 on EWM and Curly Leaf. He found about six small areas of EWM which should be controlled by limited use of herbicides and possibly some hand pulling by divers. He also

found approximately 30 acres of Curly Leaf Pound Weed as mentioned earlier. We expect to control both of these infestations with programs conducted this spring. We hope that grant funds will be available but if they are not, then we have limited funds in our treasury to help to address the problem. Dave expects the cost of Curly Weed control to be about \$500 per acre.

The business meeting commenced at 8:00 PM

The minutes of our August 26, 2010 Annual meeting were approved as sent by e-mail. Motion to approve by Cinda, seconded by Janet and the motion carried.

The treasurer's report is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Chuck Gladish acknowledged a very generous donation to the CLA by Janet and Jeremy Conlin. This donation has been deposited in the CLMF fund and will be specifically designated to the control of noxious weeds, particularly Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Thank you Janet and Jeremy.

- Committee Reports:

Status Of the equipment shed at Sportsman Access –

Cary reports that all of the work is done there and the shed, complete with electricity, has been completed. Also, the trailer with the hot water washer is mounted and is presently being stored in Chuck's barn until next season.

Cary also reported on the 2010 water tests on the lake. The Sechi disk readings this summer were among the best we have ever had. In July and August the readings were 4.5 meters (nearly 15 feet) and 4.2 meters (about 14 feet) respectively. The lake "turned over" or mixed in October as shown by constant readings of temperature and Oxygen from top to bottom. This caused the algae bloom we experienced in October. This is normal for this time of year and was not nearly as severe as in recent years.

- New Business:

Fred moved that we provide the extra funding necessary (\$195.72) to pay for the final survey conducted by Lakeland Restoration Services. Cary seconded and the motion was passed. This was necessary because the ISDA grant was this much short in covering all of our expenses in this regard for this year.

It was noted that Lake Host responsibilities are provided by Idaho Fish and Game. The hosts are unpaid volunteers and they primarily represent Idaho Fish and Game. Bryan Helmich of Idaho Fish and Game has written a pamphlet defining the duties and responsibilities of the Lake Hosts and agreed that the CLA should make some additions and comments on how we should interact with the Lake

Hosts. Cary and Chuck will be writing these additions to the pamphlet and will submit it to Fish and Game for approval prior to next season.

- Old Business:

The letter from Dr. David Soballe was discussed concerning algae infestations in the lake. The position of the Corps of Engineers as presented by Dr. Soballe seems to be more in favor of an aeration (oxygenation) process rather than a barrier process for controlling algae. This is very much an ongoing process and we have much to learn about algae control. Any means will be very expensive and the source of funds is still to be determined. Recent correspondence from Phoslock Ltd. indicates that they still have not completed their treatment in Southern California and that they will send us the requested data on that job when it becomes available.

- Other Business:

Due to the upcoming seasonal holidays, our next scheduled CLA-BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish

Secretary, Cocolalla Lake Assdociation