

Minutes for CLA-BOD Thursday, October 27, 2011

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Chuck Gladish –President
Fred Vincent – Vice President
Sonia Gladish – Secretary

Janet Conlin – BOD member at large
Vern Newby – BOD member at large
Bonnie Anderson – BOD member at large
Cary Poston – BOD member at large

CLA Members Present:

Norm Anderson

Guests:

Tom Woolf- Aquatic Plants Manager, ISDA
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager;
State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chuck.

- Secretary’s Report – Sonia Gladish
It was moved by Janet and seconded by Fred that the September 22, 2011 minutes be approved as reported to members by e-mail. The motion passed.
- Membership report – Sonia Gladish
There are 88 paid members as of this date.
- Treasurers Report – Chuck for Cinda Crow
See attachment.

Bills paid since the last meeting are:

SVL Laboratories was paid \$206.00 for August and September water tests.

Niemans Florist in Sandpoint was paid for Flowers for Rose Chaney, who was badly injured in an automobile accident on Friday, 10/21/2011. Rose is doing well and is expected to have a full recovery.

Value Tire in Westmond was paid \$13.73 for antifreeze to winterize the hot water pressure washer at the Sportsman’s Access.

An updated ledger was requested from RC&D to show a zero balance on grant funds for the 2011 EWM control program. This will allow the CLA to submit a request to ISDA for the funds necessary to pay the remaining amount of

\$26,883.02 to Lakeland Restoration Services for the fall 2011 treatment of EWM.

- Other Reports – Tom Woolf

The water conditions for the fall survey for EWM in Lake Cocolalla were very clear and it was found that there is still approximately 45 acres of EWM remaining. It is likely that there was more than the amount found in the spring survey because the water this fall was very clear and more plants could be identified. We are planning a spring treatment as weather permits. The ISDA has taken over the full operation of EWM control (and possibly other invasive species) including funding. This will be a big help to the CLA. We will, of course, do all we can to assist in this program. We need to continue the control program as it is very clear that in a short period of time, invasive species such as EWM and Curly Leaf can have a huge detrimental impact on the lake. The applicator will be selected by the State of Idaho according to ISDA regulations and submitted control bids. The CLA will have an input in the selection.

- A sign for display of notices at Sportsman Access has been approved by the ISDF&G and will be put in place next spring when it is completed.

- Further Water Tests – Janet Conlin

Water Stewards from the water test school have conducted water tests around the area and Janet Conlin was a participant on October 6, 2011. She submitted the results of tests she made near the entrance of Westmond Creek into Cocolalla. There was only one test and this is not enough to be conclusive but the test showed a very high amount of E. coli and total coliform This should be followed up on and Tom Herron has agreed to conduct further tests with Janet. Hopefully this will involve tests in both fall 2011 and spring 2012, weather permitting. This is of interest to both IDEQ and the Idaho Dept. of health. It will probably also involve investigating further up Westmond Creek to find the source of these contaminants. Any further action will depend on the results of these tests. Johnson creek was also to be included in the original tests but there was not enough water flow to do the tests there. Tom Herron said that there should be at least five samples in a 30 day period to get adequate information.

Cary moved and Bonnie seconded for the CLA to budget an amount not to exceed \$2000 for conducting these tests.

- Proposal to allow installation of rip rap along the railroad at north end of the lake – Chuck

Barbara Weatherly received a proposal from the BNSF RR to install rip rap along approximately 750 feet of the RR right of way at the NE end of Lake Cocolalla. She received this notice as an adjacent neighbor, although she was the only lake side property owner to receive it (to our knowledge). Upon careful inspection of the request, it appears to be a good proposal with little or no detrimental impact on Lake Cocolalla. The reason for the installation is because the bank is being undercut in the area of the curve in the RR there. If the repair is not done in a timely manner, much more serious damage will occur. The proposal lists the measures to be taken to avoid any negative impact on the lake and we are satisfied that it will be done properly. The CLA elected to take no further action on the proposal.

- Water level – Chuck for Herman Collins.

Herman submitted the water levels taken for 2011 from 1/03/2011 – 10/10/2011. The readings showed a relatively consistent level from 6.6 feet to 7.6 feet until 04/13/2011. (these readings were on the gauge at the North Cocolalla loop rd). Starting on 04/19/2011 the level went from 7.6 feet to 4.3 feet on 09/15/2011 and remained at that level through 10/10/2011. This is a drop of over three feet during this time, mostly through the end of July. Several lake users have noticed the large drop in lake level and it is becoming difficult to launch watercraft from the public launch. The lake appears to be as low as many long term residents have seen it. It has been a fairly dry summer but a very wet spring this year and this drop in lake level seems excessive to some. Observations will continue and we hope to see the lake level rise to a more normal level during the winter and spring months.

- Curly Leaf control project – Tom Woolf

It is too late to conduct a Curly Leaf control project this year and it will most probably be done next fall.

- Boy Scout lake shore cleanup project – Chuck for Jim Flathers

The cleanup project had to be postponed because the boats necessary for it were not available. Also, it was decided that doing the cleanup from the shore side was too dangerous because of the heavy train traffic. We will try to do this early next year.

- Please be sure to submit your in-kind hours for 2011 to Cary Poston. These have to be submitted to him so that they can be included in the year end report which is due before 11/30/2011. It is very important that we account for all of the time applied to the invasive species control project (including all meetings and preparation).

- Please submit anything you have to be included in the Fall-Winter Newsletter to Shelley Vincent. It will be published soon.
- Edwin O. Nurmi, long time member of the CLA passed away on October 7, 2011 in Mesa, AZ, at the age of 98. Ed was a very active member of the CLA until he moved to Arizona several years ago. He still retained his membership and frequently sent us notes remarking on his activities there.

Memorial donations in Ed's name may be made to Shriners International, 855 Main St., Lewiston, ID 83501.

Ed will be missed.

- Being no further business, the motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM was made by Bonnie and seconded by Fred. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish Secretary