

Minutes for CLA-BOD Thursday, July 26, 2012

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, August 23, 2012 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

The regular meeting of the Cocolalla Lake Assn. was called to order by President, Fred Vincent at 7 pm, July 26, 2012.

In attendance:

Executive Board:

Fred Vincent – President
Larry Erickson – Vice President
Sonia Gladish – Secretary
Cinda Crow – Treasurer

Board Members:

Cary Poston
Janet Conlin
Bonnie Anderson
Dave Crow
Chuck Gladish – Board member at Large

CLA Members:

Norm Anderson
Shelley Vincent
Paul Skogland

Guest – Mike Mahoney – Managing agent for North Idaho Insurance

- Larry moved and Chuck seconded that the minutes as sent by e-mail from the June 28, 2012 annual membership meeting be approved. The motion passed.
- Treasurers Report – Cinda

The Association has \$65,440.53 Total. A check for \$359.00 has been sent to Liberty Northwest for the annual premium payment for the General Liability insurance for the association.

See attachment for treasurers' report.

Chuck moved that the treasurers' report be approved and Larry seconded. The motion passed

- Membership report – Sonia

Sonia reported that we have 92 paid members for 2012. Previous members who have not paid dues for 2012 are being removed from the active membership list.

Shelly has distributed membership applications to parties located at Shallow Cove but there has been no response yet.

- New Business -

Cary demonstrated the water testing equipment. The last water test was made in May, 2012. The next one will be in August. Dave, Cary, and Chuck have been doing most of the testing to date. Fred volunteered to observe the August test. We need to have two or three teams knowledgeable in the procedure with access to an adequate boat to do regular testing when the weather permits. The water samples must be taken to Coeur d'Alene within 24 hours for a valid test.

Herman has been taking water level readings at the North Loop Rd. Bridge. We need to get an accurate measurement of the staff gauge located at the bridge so that it corresponds to the official bench marks. This was to be done by Tom Herron of IDEQ, but we have not received notice that this has been done yet.

There have been high e-coli readings near the mouth of Westmond Creek. We do not know the reason for this but the source should be identified.

The surveys and treatments for EWM will be done in August. CleanLakes, Inc. will be doing the treatment. Current information on this treatment can be found on the Association website at www.cocolallalakeidaho.com/. At present it looks like there will be about 70 acres treated and the proposed treatment date will be the week of August 6, 2012. It has been demonstrated that treatments other than authorized and tested herbicides are not effective for control over large areas. The treatment scheduled for Lake Cocolalla is the only approved treatment the Idaho Department of Agriculture will pay for. Our goal has always been to keep Lake Cocolalla clean and as free of invasive plants as is possible and so far, the treatment programs we have utilized through the Idaho Department of Agriculture have been very successful towards this goal. The hope is that when we get the EWM under control by the herbicide treatments, it can then be kept to a minimum level by professional divers hand pulling EWM from small areas each year.

It has been noticed that the water on the lake side of the washout on South Cocolalla Loop Road is of a rusty brown color. This may eventually be washed into the lake. There is also a lot of old debris in the ditch. This should be cleaned out. Janet volunteered to contact the County Commissioners to find out what action can be taken to remedy this.

Mike Mahoney described to us the two insurance policies which we carry through North Idaho Insurance. The first is a basic liability policy to cover the association for general liability. This policy costs us \$359.00 per year. The second policy is Directors and Officers Liability insurance for non profit organizations such as ours. The three year premium for this, including the broker fee is \$2682.00. This comes to \$894 per year. This protects the officers and directors against law suites

up to a limit of \$1,000,000. This is a major part of our annual expenses, however, it would probably be difficult to get volunteers to accept these positions without this protection. Mike pointed out that these premiums are quite low by industry standards.

- Other Business –

There has been slash burning on the north end of the lake. Does this present a problem of ash getting into the lake? This comes up frequently in various areas along the shoreline. Fred has contacted the Department of Lands, who issues the burn permits and was told that there are no restrictions on burning on the beach, but they would strongly advise against it, as it can present a serious source of contamination for the lake. They did advise that the Idaho Department of Water Quality has a hot line to report these kinds of matters and if warranted, they will investigate and can issue fines.

The CLA-BOD voted unanimously to present Chuck Gladish with an appreciation plaque and a gift certificate for 41 South Restaurant for his over six years service as President of the Cocolalla Lake Association. The plaque was presented to Chuck at the close of the meeting, very much to his surprise. Chuck expressed his appreciation and acknowledged the strong support of various BOD and Association members in making the organization as effective as it has been in returning the lake to its' historical pristine condition.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish
Secretary