

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent - President

Larry Erickson – Vice President

Sonia Gladish – Secretary

Bonnie Anderson – BOD member at large

Cary Poston – BOD member at large

Chuck Gladish – BOD member at large

CLA Members Present:

Norm Anderson

Ron Muskopf

Dale Sprecher

Marie Sprecher

Guests:

Tom Morehouse – Vice President, Clean Lakes Inc.

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

- Chuck moved and Cary seconded that the minutes of the August 23, 2012, meeting as sent out by e-mail be approved as sent. The motion passed.
- Since the treasurer, Cinda Crow was absent Fred presented the treasurers' report which is included here as an additional attachment.
- Membership report – Sonia Gladish

There are 92 paid members at this time. Doug & Lydia Weatherly, son & daughter in law of Glen & Barbara Weatherly joined the association in late August of 2012 and as has been our custom for new members who join at a late date in the year, their dues are credited also for membership in 2013.

Those who have not paid for 2012 will be removed from the membership list.

Membership renewals will be sent out shortly after the first of the year and dues should be paid by March 31, 2013.

- New Business –

The EWM treatment done in August by Clean Lakes Inc., per the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) water testing done this week, still shows a residual measurement of the herbicide, Triclopyr, in the water. Thus the restriction on irrigation is still in effect. All other lake uses are permitted. After the meeting, the ISDA indicated the next testing will be the week of October 8th.

The question has been raised “why is it taking so long for the residual herbicide to dissipate?” The Clean Lakes representative attending the meeting indicated that Triclopyr primarily dissipates thru photolysis (sunlight), along with water turn over (water flow/wind). Since the treatment occurred we have experienced less than normal winds, minimal water flow and no rain. Another question asked was concerning the timing of the treatment. The best time for treatment is when the majority of the EWM is actively growing. This is usually July and August, depending on lake conditions. This year the water was colder and much higher until mid summer. The treatment time window was primarily limited due to those factors. During the board meeting an additional question was raised as to what post treatment testing had been done to determine if the treatment was effective in killing the EWM. In post meeting phone call with Tom Woolf of the ISDA, he indicated that the ISDA water testers were throwing rakes in specific areas of milfoil concentrations that were treated and visually trying to look as well. The rake testing did not produce any live milfoil, but the EWM density on our lake is such that rake throwing may not be totally accurate. The visual inspection has been impaired due the algae bloom. The ISDA will try to make further tests this fall.

As a matter of clarification, the invasive weed treatments for all lakes in the State of Idaho are now totally under the direction and control of the ISDA. In past years, the CLA received grant monies and we then worked under their guidance to select our own applicator and what product we felt would work best. This year the ISDA determined who the applicator(s) would be and what herbicide would be used under the State Milfoil program. Triclopyr was selected for all Idaho State lake treatments. The ISDA and Clean Lakes did interact with the CLA, beginning with our March 2012 board meeting to go over this year’s treatment on Lake Cocolalla, so that we could do what we could, to insure that we would have a treatment that would be successful and the least impact on our lake users. The ISDA was responsible for pre and post treatment surveys as to EWM infestation and water testing for herbicide residuals. Clean Lakes was responsible for treating the infested lake areas and signage posting prior to the treatment. Updated information on Lake Cocolalla’s EWM treatment can be found on the Clean Lakes website, www.cleanlake.com. Click on the “2102 Idaho EWM treatments”.

- Lake Management and Water Quality –

Cary reported that the new oxygen and water temperature meter, which was loaned to us by DEQ for our use, is a big improvement over the previous one. We can use this meter through the October 2012 testing. The only problem with it is that it has a cable, which goes only to ten meters. The deep part of the lake is thirteen meters so we cannot record readings to the bottom. It does show the data sufficient for our records at this time.

The readings taken on 09/19/2012 indicate a very consistent temperature from the surface to 10 meters of about 17 degrees Celsius. The Oxygen readings are consistent from the surface to eight meters showing a gradual decrease from 9.8 mg/l at the surface, decreasing to 6.8 mg/l at eight meters. Then there is a sharp drop to 2.6 mg/l at ten meters. This is a pretty normal progression for this time of year. There was a definite algae bloom at the time of these tests and this decreased the secchi disk (water visibility) to two meters at the surface. The algae bloom came later this year than has been usual in the past, not showing up to a large degree until after the beginning of Sept.

The algae is a continuing problem and the remedy is very expensive. We are trying to find financial assistance to attack this problem, but none is available at this time.

Cary reported that the water testing is getting a bit pricy. Tests are intended to be done May through October and the cost is \$135.00 for each test.

- Old Business –

Membership in RC&D vs paying \$150.00 per year for website management.

Membership in RC&D would mean that we may have better access to grant money; however it would also mean that we would have to be represented at the RC&D meetings in Coeur d'Alene on a regular basis. This could present a problem since our active members would have difficulty in meeting this requirement. Bonnie moved that we pay the \$150.00 for the website maintenance and table the RC&D membership until the October meeting. Cary seconded and the motion passed.

- East Shore Cleanup – Fred

The cleanup resulted in six plastic garbage bags being filled plus tires to be hauled away. Residue from fires on the beach were also an issue although there were fewer of them this year than in the past.

- Loop Road Washout – Fred for Janet Conlin

A clean up plan for debris in the old creek bed was formed with Dave Ross of Idaho Department of Fish & Game offering their help with trucks and other equipment to haul it away. There is considerable debris present there to include parts of old cars and building material. Any help in this project will be appreciated. The cleanup is scheduled for Wed. Morning October 3, 2012, at 10:00 AM. If you would be interested, please contact Fred Vincent at (208) 255-2570.

- BNSF Railroad lake bank erosion – Fred for Shelley Vincent.

There is severe erosion along the tracks on the Northeast bank of the lake.

Information on this will be included in the coming Newsletter to include photographs.

- Dave Crow checked on the culverts on Fish Creek Road and reported to Fred that all appear to be in good condition

Being no further business, Chuck moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM and Bonnie seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish Secretary