

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, October 25, 2012

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Larry Erickson – Vice President
Sonia Gladish – Secretary

Janet Conlin – BOD member at large
Chuck Gladish – BOD member at large
Vern Newby – BOD member at large

CLA Members Present:

Scott & Julie Perchynski

Guests:

Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager, Idaho DEQ

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

- Chuck moved and Janet seconded that the minutes of the Sept, 2012, meeting as sent out by e-mail be approved as sent. The motion passed.
- Since the treasurer, Cinda Crow was absent Chuck presented the treasurers' report. As shown on the Sept. 2012 PBS bank statements: The Balance in the CLA checking account was \$35,319.44 and the balance in The Lake Management Fund checking account was \$29,818.95, for a total of \$65,138.39. Chuck wrote the following checks from the CLA checking account which are not included in the above figures:

To Cary Poston: \$9.38 for repairs to the pressure washer at Sportsman Access.
 \$38.92 for antifreeze to winterize the washer
 \$48.92 Total

To SVL Analytical Laboratories: \$135.00 for Sept. 2012 water sample analysis.

The total of the checks written: \$183.22 leaving a balance in the CLA checking account of: \$35,136.22.

Also, there is a pending payment to Shelley Vincent in the amount of \$10.26, for printing of the 2012 Fall/Winter Newsletter.

A letter from the IRS was received on October 10, 2012, stating that they have not received a form 990/990EZ or 990-N from the Cocolalla Lake Association for 2011. Since Cinda is out of the country, Chuck notified her of this by e-mail. She believes that she did make the filing but cannot access her records until she returns. This form verifies our status as a non-profit 501-c3 organization. If three

consecutive filings are missed, we are in danger of losing our tax free status. This is the only one in question so there should be no danger of this occurring. We expect that it will be taken care of upon Cinda's return. The amendment deadline is Nov. 7, 2012

- Membership report – Sonia Gladish

There are 93 paid members at this time.

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 –

Chuck reported on the latest Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatment in August 2012. He had received a letter from Thomas Woolf, Aquatic Plant Program Manager, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture on this most recent treatment. The letter stated that it had been difficult to do a good post treatment survey because of the late persistent algae which we have had for the last month or so. They did find a couple of “sickly” milfoil plants but for the most part they were not in the areas that had been treated. The intent is to get the crews set up for SCUBA removal next season and hopefully future control can be done in this manner without an herbicide treatment.

As far as the residual herbicide remaining in the lake the last sample showed 12 parts per billion. (The treatment was 1500 ppb). This is still higher than the label requirement for the water to be used for irrigation. The label has an alternative requirement of waiting 120 days after treatment for irrigation. This time period will expire on Dec. 7, 2012. With the recent rain which we are experiencing there should no longer be an irrigation problem. The reason for the long time for neutralization of the herbicide has been somewhat baffling. Tom Herron stated that it may have been caused by a high mineral content (iron) in the water. The up-side to this is that with the long persistence of the herbicide, we may be able to expect a more complete eradication of the EWM from the lake.

- Janet reported on the 100th meridian conference, which she recently attended regarding control of invasive species. Idaho is known to be a leader in boat checks. Lake Mead, Nevada, which has a severe problem with Zebra/Quagga mussels along with Lake Havasu are the worst contributors to the spread of these mussels in the west. They have the most infected boats and do not have adequate cleaning stations for the watercraft. Lake Mead has only four stations and these are not always operational. Also there is no requirement that the watercraft be inspected and cleaned upon leaving the water. A large percentage of the watercraft found to be infected at Idaho inspection stations come from these lakes.

- Janet is expecting to represent the CLA at the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) in Coeur d'Alene in November 2012. This is a four day conference but she will be attending only the day on which invasive species will be discussed.
- Old Business –
 - Cary was unable to do a water test before he left for Arizona, due to the unsuitable weather which we had in October. We only had tests in August and September for 2012. These tests were done with a meter which was on loan to us by IDEQ. The cable on that meter is only 10 meters long and does not reach to the bottom where we do water testing. Tom Herron suggested that we purchase a new one with adequate cable and also so that we would always have it when we need it. The new meters are also more accurate and do not need to be calibrated as frequently. This suggestion was discussed and the final decision was deferred until the next meeting in March, 2012. The price for a new meter would be around \$1100.

- Lake level Report – Chuck for Heman Collins

The lake is still near a low for the year, but is showing signs of rising. It has dropped about 1 foot 3 inches since mid July. But recent rains show it to be coming up slowly. A new staff gauge was installed at the North Outlet bridge in July by Herman & Fred.

- Chuck reported that the debris at the washout on the North Loop Road had been cleaned up by volunteers from the CLA and had been removed by Idaho Fish & Game personnel. There is still some debris left that was impossible to remove with the equipment we had available, such as a large metal culvert, but a truck load was removed and it looks very good now.
- Janet reported that the e-coli readings at Westmond Creek are still high and the steps necessary to remedy this will require improved land management. Land owners/users will have to be educated and it will require their cooperation to try to solve the problem. Also, wildlife, pets, waterfowl, etc., contribute to this condition. The problem is also worsened by the low flow water conditions which we have experienced this year.
- RC&D membership – Chuck

Nina Eckberg has suggested that we join RC&D. This would require a \$150 annual membership fee plus we would need to have a representative at their meetings. This would also cover our website maintenance which is being done by Kathy Dingman. The main problem is finding someone who can regularly attend the meetings. Herman is presently attending them, representing the Soil Conservation District. He has indicated that he could also represent us but there

may be a conflict in representing two organizations. Chuck moved and Janet seconded that we do this if it is permissible. The motion passed but will have to be readdressed at our next meeting in March, 2012.

Being no further business, Chuck moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM and Vern seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish, Secretary