

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, March 28, 2013

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President	Chuck Gladish
Sonia Gladish – Secretary	Dave Crow
Cinda Crow – Treasurer	Janet Conlin

CLA Members Present:

Shelley Vincent  
Herman Collins

Guests:

Jim (JJ) Teare – Regional Wildlife Habitat Manager , IDF&G  
Jim Derrig – WMA (Wildlife Management Area) Manager for the Pend Oreille  
WMA  
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager, Idaho DEQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred and the guests were introduced.

- JJ Teare spoke about the Sportsmans' Access and what the responsibilities of the CLA could be. Joe Boscarino has indicated that he expects to return as Lake Host on about April 1, 2013. For this job to be done properly, it was suggested that we may need an additional volunteer, particularly to help during the busiest times. It is too much to ask that one volunteer be present every day. If relief was available during weekends and special holidays, it would help a great deal. It was suggested that we look for volunteers not only from the CLA, but also from other local organizations and colleges to work on an intern basis. Perhaps we could locate another RV trailer for this purpose. Funds are not available at present to pay for this position. Also, records need to be kept showing a log of all water vessels that are inspected and particularly when pressure washer cleaning needs to be done. It will be necessary to make some changes to the lake host manual provided by IDF&G to accommodate this. Some special training for these positions would be necessary. The washing of vessels may not be required if the vessel has been inspected previously by an official inspection station and it has not been in another body of water since the inspection. The time of greatest need for inspections is from Memorial Day to Labor Day with special emphasis on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holidays.

IDF&G is interested in providing a second access to the south end of the lake during the winter months. This would not be planned for water craft access but

would be specifically for foot traffic by ice fisherman. Access across private property would probably be necessary and this would have to be arranged.

- Wildlife enhancement involving Fish Creek and the related wetlands at the south end was discussed by Jim Derrig. This has the potential to be a very important project to improve the habitat for wildlife in and around the lake. It is a very ambitious project and could greatly enhance the conditions in the area of Lake Cocolalla. It would require the establishment of a number of new small ponds and berms to control the pollutants and nutrients entering the lake. The plan includes use of upland planting mounds for shrubs and trees which would be native to the area. Ponds would be formed to provide settling of sediments prior to entering the lake. This will be an extensive project and would require funding from various organizations both local and statewide. Also, volunteers would be needed to help. The total project cost is estimated to be about \$160,000 to include money and in kind work. It is hoped that some funding could come from the BPA in the form of a 319 grant.
- Tom Herron reported that winter water testing showed that oxygen depletion under the ice was not a problem this year. The latest water test on March 23 showed a sechi disk visibility of two meters (a little over six feet). Green algae was present but it should be noted that this is a beneficial form of algae, not to be confused with blue-green algae as frequently occurs in the lake in late summer. The lake had mixed (top to bottom temperatures showing very little difference).
- There will be an IDEQ meeting at Hauser Lake on April 16 with other lake associations and we hope to have a representative at the meeting to give a report at our next CLA-BOD meeting.
- We need a new dissolved oxygen probe. The technology has changed significantly since our present probe was purchased. The readings with a new one would be much more accurate and easier to take. Unfortunately, the new probe will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200. The testing this summer will be done by Tom Herron and Janet Conlin and will be done with DEQ instruments, It would be great to purchase a new probe for the CLA for next year and the BOD expressed interest in purchasing one with our funds. This should be addressed at our next meeting. Dave Crow said that he would like to take part in the water testing this year and has agreed to assist. Chuck Gladish also indicated that he would be available when in the area. Cary Poston has been doing this for years and we need new interested people to become familiar with the procedure.

**General Business Meeting:**

- Cinda reported that the combined treasury has \$67,572.56 as of 03/27/2013 as shown in the treasurers attachment.

- Sonia reported that we have 77 members paid for this year. That figure increased to 79 paid members as the dues are still coming in. This is somewhat less than we have had in previous years and we hope to have close to 100 members this year. If you have not paid your dues for this year, please send a check in the amount of \$25.00 to:

CLA Membership Chairman  
Sonia Gladish  
P.O. Box 133  
Cocolalla, ID 83813

- Being no further business, Cinda moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM. Janet seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish, Secretary