

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors - July Board Meeting  
July 25, 2013

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent - President	Dave Crow - BOD Member
Cinda Crow - Treasurer	Vern Newby - BOB Member
Sonia Gladish – Secretary	Janet Conlin - BOD Member
	Chuck Gladish – BOD member

CLA Members Present:

Lee Andring

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

- Cinda moved the minutes from the June 27, 2013 BOD meeting, be approved as sent by e-mail. Chuck seconded and the motion was approved.
- The treasurer, Cinda, reported that a check in the amount of \$105.00 was received from RC&D for unused website management. The treasurers' report is included in an accompanying attachment.
- Membership chairman, Sonia reported that we have 84 paid members at this time and an additional 15 unpaid members. These unpaid members will be dropped from the roster at the end of this year.
- New Business –
- Tom Woolf - Aquatic Plant Program Manager – Idaho Dept of Agriculture, was unable to attend this meeting but reported to Fred Vincent that his team had pulled 80 Eurasian Water Milfoil plants from the South end of the lake and that the lake looked good. There was no visible evidence of any more EWM in the lake. There will be no herbicide treatment done this year. There is, however, a presence of Curly Leaf Pond Weed which is another invasive weed. This should be addressed at our August 2013, CLA-BOD meeting.
- Brad Bluemer, The Bonner County Weed Control Agent, expects to attend our August, 2013 CLA-BOD meeting. He will explain a prospective program to address continuing noxious weeds in Lake Cocolalla. This could greatly help us with this problem. We encourage all waterfront property owners, whether they are Lake Association members or not to attend this meeting.
- Water testing- Janet Conlin and Regional Water Quality Program Manager, Tom Herron from DEQ, have been conducting water tests on the lake and the streams flowing into it. Some e-coli was found in the headwaters of Westmond Creek. This is a very small amount and is not considered to be a threat to the lake, although we are keeping close track of it. The rest of the

creek was found to be free of the contaminant. Johnson Creek was also tested and found to be in good shape. Tom said that he was pleased with the test results taken from the lake. Dissolved oxygen was good and so was the water clarity. The lake tests were taken from the deepest area of the lake where the water is about 13 meters or 50 feet deep.

- There have been rumors about e-coli contamination in Lake Cocolalla. These rumors are unfounded. Attached is a letter from Tom explaining what he has found in his continuing testing over several years on the health of the lake.
- The water level at the North Loop Bridge was checked by Vern Newby and it measured 4.39 feet. This is slightly less than one foot down from the June, 2013 reading of 5.2 feet. That is not too bad, considering the extended dry period that we are experiencing.

- Old Business –

Website update – Kathy Dingman is again managing our website. We would like to have you check it out at [www.cocolallalakeidaho.com/](http://www.cocolallalakeidaho.com/) make any recommendations which you think are appropriate. There is still some outdated information on the site but we are trying to bring it up to date. The minutes are being regularly posted and other information which you may find to be useful is entered periodically.

- Ed Yokum is the new Marine Sheriff for Bonner County. He and Fred went out on the Lake recently to check on a moveable set of PVC Buoys on the East side of the lake. These are apparently intended for water racing. The legality of this operation is in question, but the big problem is the possibility of contamination of the water. PVC is very attractive to Quagga and Zebra mussels. Any material that is introduced to the lake **MUST** be inspected prior to being placed in the lake. Also, the Marine Sheriff and his deputies will be making regular inspections of any watercraft in the lake for proper registration and inspection stickers.
- Chuck moved that a letter of approval from the CLA-BOD to Panhandle Basin Advisory Group in support of Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game requesting a 319 grant from Bonneville Power to restore wetland function and improve channel conditions of Fish Creek and Cocolalla Creek into Cocolalla Lake be submitted. This was discussed in the March 13, 2013, CLA-BOD meeting and the discussion is posted in the minutes for that meeting on the CLA website. Janet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A copy of the letter is attached
- Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectively submitted,

Sonia Gladish,  
Secretary Cocolalla Lake Association