

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors - July Board Meeting
August 22, 2013

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, Sept.26, 2013 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent - President	Vern Newby - BOD Member
Larry Erickson – Vice President	Janet Conlin - BOD Member
Sonia Gladish – Secretary	Chuck Gladish – BOD member
	Cary Poston – BOD Member

CLA Members Present:

Herman Collins
Tim Berg
Mario Gardner

Guest

Charlie Schaefer – Boating Safety Instructor for Washington & Idaho

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

- Chuck moved the minutes from the July meeting as sent by e-mail be approved, Larry seconded and the motion passed
- Treasurer report by Chuck for Cinda: See the attachment for the treasurer report. The receipt from North Idaho Insurance for the current premium was presented. Also, the US Post Office box rental in the amount of \$44.00 was paid. Chuck presented a bill in the amount of \$98.50 for a replacement ink cartridge for the CLA laser printer. Cary moved that this bill be paid from the CLA checking account. Janet seconded and the motion passed.

We currently have two checking accounts as shown in the attachment. One is for general CLA operations and administration and the other is the CLA management fund. Very little interest is generated by these funds and it has been suggested that we place a large portion of this money in interest bearing CDs or some other interest bearing fund. It is difficult in the present economy to find secure loans with a reasonable interest. The question will be should we tie this money up for a fixed period of time to get more interest or should we keep the money accessible in the low interest checking accounts. This will be discussed further at a future BOD meeting.

- Membership chairman, Sonia reported that we have 86 paid members at this time and an additional 13 unpaid members. These unpaid members will be dropped from the roster at the end of this year.
- Old Business –
Milfoil update – Tom Woolf reported to Fred that only 300 EWM plants were found in the lake during the summer inspection. These plants were hand pulled and there is no evidence at present of any more in the lake. All of the plants were in the south end of the lake and no further treatment is anticipated to

be needed at this time or into the summer of 2014. There has been no sign of Quagga or Zebra mussels in the lake. There is some Curly Leaf Pond Weed in the lake and a removal procedure will be discussed at the next meeting in Sept. 2013, after a close inspection has been made.

A tiny clam was found in the lake and Fred has given it to Brad Bloomer (The Bonner County Weed Control Agent) for identification. It is not believed at this time to be of concern but we should have a further report at our next meeting. According to Charlie Schaefer, there are no native clams in this water system, however, there are many to be found below the Albany Falls Dam. These are not considered to be damaging and actually contribute to keeping the water clear. Also, Brad informed Fred that the 319 grant which we had hoped to be a source of federal funds for invasive species control has been suspended. This is a disappointment to us and we hope that the suspension will be temporary.

- New Business -

Charlie gave us an overview of water safety requirements. Some highlights include the following:

1. A non powered watercraft always has the right of way on Idaho waters. This, of course, does not remove the responsibility of a non powered craft to yield to avoid an accident.
2. A paddle board is considered to be a floating vessel and is required to display an invasive species sticker.
3. Idaho boat registration fee includes the invasive sticker. Out of state fees are higher than for residents. A violation may be issued if the watercraft is in the water and does not display the sticker.
4. When pulling a skier or tuber, always display a red flag when the towed person is just starting out or is in the water. This flag may not be permanently attached to the tow vessel and a ticket can be issued if it is.
5. Key style (horse collar) personal floatation devices are not legal for water sports due to safety considerations. Be sure that your PF is appropriate for the activity in which you are engaged.
6. The minimum age to operate a power boat is 14 and a person 18 or older must be aboard the boat.

There are many other regulations with which you must comply when using the lakes and streams for recreational purposes. Boating classes will be available from Charlie in the spring and the CLA will try to keep you current as to the time and place where they are to be held.

Water Quality – Janet

Johnson Creek was too dry to get any results.

Westmond Creek has high dissolved Oxygen. The tests were drawn at 10:00 AM and morning tests are usually higher in oxygen. This is probably not a clear indication of the condition of Westmond Creek and there is still some amount of pollution coming from that source. It appears that the amount, however, is too low to cause a measurable change in the overall condition of Lake Cocolalla.

Fish Creek is showing a very low algae content.

Tom Herron has been ill so no lake testing was done in August.

Herman gave Chuck the water level measurements and they will be posted on the CLA website.

- There was a short discussion on the possible impact of additional coal trains operating along side of Lake Cocolalla. Fred suggested that perhaps we should be on record as to our concern in the event of a train mishap. Perhaps contact with county emergency management would be appropriate and a meeting with their representative could help us to set up a proposed plan.

- New business –

The CLA website is being updated and the spring newsletter is on it. The contract for the website has been renewed for two years for \$116.00

- Other Business –

CLA member Mario Gardner spoke about the beaver dams on the outlet of the lake. They are on his property and are part of the eco-system of the lake. At present there are no beavers there. But someone has apparently been trying to reinforce the dams by driving stakes into them to strengthen them. This does not really help and the beavers can best repair and maintain the dams. Since this is private property, it is not legal to trespass there without permission. Due to the vegetation growing in the outlet creek, it is very difficult to navigate a watercraft through there.

The cleanup on the east shore of the lake will be coming soon. Volunteer help in this project is vital in keeping the shoreline clean. Please help by doing your part.

- Being no further business, Chuck moved that we adjourn. Cary seconded and the motion passed, The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish

Secretary, Cocolalla Lake Association