

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors - September Board Meeting
September 26, 2013

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, October 24, 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
Cinda Crow – Treasurer	Cary Poston – BOD Member
	Bonnie Anderson – BOD Member

CLA Members Present:

Herman Collins
Norm Anderson
Dale Sprecher
Scott Perchynski

Guests

Bob Howard – Director of Bonner County Emergency Management
Robert Webber – Chief, Sagle Fire Department
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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

- Robert Webber spoke about the possible impact of more coal shipments passing through the area, along the east shore of Lake Cocolalla. In the case of a fire, which is considered to be very unlikely, BNSF would respond and would use water, or if necessary, foam to extinguish it. The question of runoff of water or foam into the lake was mentioned but this is considered to be a relatively minor contaminant and the effects of it are considered to be of short term. In the case of a crash or a derailment Bonner County Emergency Management has a plan in place along with other sources to draw from such as Seattle and Los Angeles because local sources would be inadequate to respond alone. The infrastructure of the rail system has greatly improved over the years. Bob Howard pointed out that BNSF has the best over other systems. In the case of a hazardous materials spill immediate response would be handled by the state committee in Boise, according to what was spilled and its chemical structure. The EPA has sufficient funds to respond to such a hazard. An example of such a disaster would be a white car bearing a red stripe. This signifies that the car is carrying nitric acid. Thankfully this is very rarely the case in this area. Robert stated that the Sagle Fire Department is acutely aware of all emergencies facing the railroad and is as well prepared as is possible. Fred stated that the CLA wants to be included in the information loop as to any emergencies which may affect the lake. Robert made it clear that coal shipments are among the safest bulk fuel shipments made on the railroad. A diesel spill would be a far more serious concern. He also stated that the coal load is sprayed with cellulose to keep coal dust contained in the car.
- Robert mentioned that there are no volunteers to respond to a fire emergency at the Cocolalla Fire Station and also volunteers are needed at the Sagle Fire Station.

Robert Webber and Bob Howard were thanked for their valuable contribution to the meeting.

- Janet moved and Chuck seconded that the minutes for the August 22, 2013 meeting be approved as sent by e-mail. The motion passed.
- Cinda gave the treasurers report and this is included as an attachment to these minutes.
- Membership – Sonia

There are 86 paid active members. 10 have not paid and have been removed from the membership list

- Fred corresponded with Tom Woolf of ISDA and was informed that that an additional significant number of plants have been found in the south end of the lake. These were not found in the earlier surveys. This is very disappointing. A spring treatment in 2014 is being discussed. Fred and Larry are planning to discuss this with Tom Woolf prior to the October 2013 CLA-BOD meeting.
- A hybrid milfoil has been found in Hayden Lake. None has been found so far in Cocolalla. This is a cross between native milfoil and Eurasian Water Milfoil. At present, there is no treatment for controlling this hybrid that has worked. It is important to keep this out of Cocolalla. Hopefully a control herbicide will be developed.
- The document “Northwest Defense against mussels, declaration of cooperation dated June 2013” (NADM) was presented by Janet Conlin. This document is attached. NADM was discussed and the BOD confirmed our support for the project. This is confirmed by the signature of the CLA president, Fred Vincent.
- Water Quality test results for August/September – Janet Conlin and Tom Herron
 1. No algae bloom has been found this year
 2. Northwest defense against mussels is in progress as part of the Invasive Species Act. A report on this act was presented with a request that we sign the signature page accompanying the description as a supporting organization. Vern Newby moved that we sign and Janet seconded. The motion passed. Fred will sign representing the CLA.
 3. No information yet on the small clam shell that was found and brought to the last meeting. We are still waiting identification. This is most likely a native fresh water clam.
 4. Phosphorus was lower than expected in the March 2013 test, made after the ice was gone. Oxygen was good. Clarity was also good. May showed good clarity. June, July and August showed an increasing amount of phosphorus, especially near the bottom and in the sediments. There appeared to be no impact on Round Lake from the outflow from Cocolalla. The final assessment was that the water quality in Lake Cocolalla was good. We must be constantly vigilant to keep it that way.
 5. It is expected that there will be a 319 grant for 2014 to fund the Fish Creek project. It was suggested that we promote tours of the south end wetlands for school kids and possibly for adults also to increase awareness of what is being done to improve Cocolalla Lake.

- Herman presented the lake level readings taken at the north end bridge from 04/04/2013 through 09/23/2013 which are attached. These will also be posted on the CLA website at: <http://www.cocolallalakeidaho.com/>
- Fred Vincent, Cary Poston, Vern Newby and Norm Anderson cleaned up the east side of the lake on September 27. We thank all of them for this. Without this effort our lake would not be what it is today.
- John Grosshans, a past president of the Cocolalla Lake Association lost his wife, Vanda, recently to cancer. We would like to recognize his time as president and to extend our sincere sympathy to him for his loss. A card was sent to him from the CLA Board of Directors.
- Janet moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 PM and Larry seconded. The motion passed. The next and final meeting of 2013 will be held on October 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish

Secretary, Cocolalla Lake Association