

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors – August Board Meeting  
August 28, 2014

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, September 25, 2014 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President	Vern Newby– BOD Member
Larry Erickson – Vice president	Cary Poston – BOD member
Cinda Crow – Treasurer	Dave Crow – BOD Member
Sonia Gladish – Secretary	Chuck Gladish – Past President
	Janet Conlin – BOD Member

CLA Members Present:

Dale Sprecher  
Herman Collins

Guests

Tom Herron – Regional water quality manager, Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Graham Conlin – CLA website manager

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred Vincent.
- Our new website manager, Graham Conlin, spoke to us regarding his work with the website. He and Fred are in the process of setting it up and determining what information should be included there. It is important that we keep it up to date and this will require someone (or a panel) to send timely information to Graham to be included on the site. The monthly meeting agenda and minutes should always be included. Also current BOD members and contact information will be included. Links to other websites with important information should be available, such as Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho Department of environmental Quality.

The website can be accessed at: <http://www.cocolallalakeidaho.com> .

- The minutes for the July 24, 2014, meeting were approved.
- Treasurer’s report – Cinda Crow.  
See the attachment for details.
- Membership Report – Sonia Gladish  
The association has 86 paid members. Members who have not paid for 2014 are being dropped from the roster.

- New Business

Milfoil treatment – Fred Vincent

Kurt Getsinger, with the US Army Corps of Engineers Research and Development Center, was in town and he and Fred did a brief survey of the lake in search of EWM or other invasive species. The survey indicated that the lake was in good condition with no evidence of serious EWM. Hand pulling should suffice for now. Curly Leaf is still present but not in large amounts. Flowering Rush has been found in Lake Pend Oreille and this is a very difficult invasive weed to control. It is vitally important that it not be introduced into Lake Cocolalla. Any boat that has been in Lake Pend Oreille should be carefully inspected.

On September 10 & 11 there will be a tour of Lake Pend Oreille. This should be very interesting to anyone wishing to have more information on invasive species.

- June/ July Water Quality Tests. – Tom Herron and Janet Conlin

The water quality was good. The rain brought in some nutrients but there was no significant algae growth. Fishing has also been good this summer. We hope to have more information on this on the website soon.

Herman provided the water level measurements for June and July 2014, and these are included in the attachments.

There was a discussion regarding road runoff into the Lake and streams and plugged culverts. We must be aware of this and do everything that we can to prevent pollutants from getting into the Lake. Roadwork and expected railroad expansion are major factors. We must keep in contact with Bonner County Bridges and Roads. This will keep us informed on a timely basis of what is going on now and in the future. We must stress keeping debris out of the Lake along SR 95 and the railroad when work is in progress.

- Old Business

It was agreed that we should compile a history of the chemistry of the lake water as a tool to influence the cleanup of any pollutants introduced as a result of road and railroad construction in the future. We have a long history of water samples which have been taken periodically from the Lake and this information could be combined with the information taken in a bathymetry survey to give us a complete profile of the present condition of the Lake. In the April 2014 CLA-BOD meeting, Tom Moorhouse, Vice president of CleanLakes Inc, presented us with a Lake and Bathymetry Information and Proposal for Cocolalla Lake. This Proposal was attached to the April 2014 CLA-BOD meeting minutes and is included as an attachment to these minutes. We expect to have the proposal included on the website soon. The majority of the BOD was concerned that while we have kept extensive records related to the chemistry of the lake, i.e. monthly water testing which we have recorded over the years, we have not really

established a benchmark as to the physical status of the lake and its current composition. There is concern over the growing potential of a second rail line running along the east side of the Lake and expansion of SR 95 also along the east side of the Lake, both of which, may involve fill being added to the Lake, not to mention the potential for accidents involving both the rail and/or road with toxic materials. The discussion leaned toward the need for this kind of information as sort of an insurance policy to assist the Association in the case of such a problem/disaster arising and that we would be better prepared to show how the new input into the lake and any related water chemistry changes may have been caused. It was agreed that a representative from CleanLakes Inc. should be invited to the September 2014 CLA-BOD meeting to answer any remaining questions which the BOD has, related to the value of the information which would be obtained from the survey, and that based on those answers and the ability of CleanLakes to complete the project this year, the BOD would be prepared to vote on its' acceptance. In summary, an extensive survey would provide us with information on bottom contours, hardness, sediment, vegetation below the surface of the lake and other important information.

We have attempted to solicit some cost sharing but success looks doubtful at this time.

This is a very expensive project and little money is available from grants and other sources. A preliminary cost projection is \$8,200 and this may change. Our treasury is adequate to cover this cost but we must be aware that our resources are also limited. The general feeling of the BOD was that this is a project that we should consider funding. The CLA-BOD meeting in September will include a discussion of this project and perhaps others to give us a sound basis to influence the future projects that could affect the quality of water in the Lake.

Water shed monitoring is on going, especially at Fish Creek; the culvert is checked at least twice a year.

On September 20, 2014, there will be a cleanup team going to the east side of the lake to remove debris from the shoreline which was negligently left there by summer campers.

- With no further business, Larry moved and Cinda seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish  
Secretary and Membership Chairman

