

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, March 26, 2015

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President Janet Conlin
Cinda Crow - Treasurer Vern Newby
Dave Crow

CLA Members Present:

Shelley Vincent Jim and Susan Whitehead
Norm and Bonnie Anderson

Guests:

Bob Howard - Bonner County Emergency Management
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager, Idaho DEQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Fred and the guests were introduced.

- As a follow up to our March 2014 meeting related to the chemical spill on I-95 and our concerns about either a rail or road accident involving Lake Cocolalla, Bob Howard gave the Board an update on first response plans in the event of a rail incident. There have been meetings taking place, initiated by Sandpoint Mayor, Carrie Logan to develop Bonner County response plans to any rail incidents involving oil and coal. Specifically targeting its water bodies including Lake Cocolalla. Additionally, Bob reported that BNSF is developing it's own first response plan for the entire Pend Oreille basin, which should be completed by this August. In the meantime, BNSF has positioned a trailer in Sandpoint that contains the necessary equipment for dealing with a water spill and Avista has equipment in Cabinet Gorge. Bonner County will also be holding a class for first responders on July 20th which will last 3 days and involve simulated incidents. Bob also mentioned that some additional studies many occur in August as well. Tom Herron briefly outlined the EPA SCAT education (that concerned oil spills) that he and Board member Janet Conlin attended. The Board thanked Bob for his follow up and the effort the various agencies are now putting into this serious concern.
- Fred Vincent presented samples of the Bathymetry maps that were developed from the Hydroacoustic mapping done last November by Clean Lakes. Overall, the Board was pleased with information they provided for Lake Cocolalla related to water depth readings and Bottom composition (hardness) and will have approved those 2 maps for final printing by Clean Lakes. The vegetation map, due to the time of year the mapping was conducted, seemed to be light on what we

would normally experience in the way of summer vegetation. After consulting with Tom Moorhouse by phone during the meeting, it was concluded that a fair amount of the vegetation would probably have layed down by the time the mapping was done and not picked up. Tom agreed to consult with his company and indicated that he would be willing to redo the shoreline mapping this summer. He felt there would be no need to do the whole lake again as there would no vegetation in the deeper sections of the lake. Tom Herron requested that the depth markings be in one meter increments and that he would provide data to input the various water inputs that contribute to the lake. Tom also suggested that we investigate the benchmark spot on the lake related to the lake level before any future expansion by either BNSF or IDT. As a side note, Fred Vincent displayed a laminated 3- D wood version of Lake Pend Oreille and indicated that a map of Lake Cocolalla could be made from the data we receive from Clean Lakes once we finalize all our maps. It was suggested that we could further customize these maps to make them personal to each homeowner and that they would make very nice talking pieces or wall art. The Board will investigate the cost and report back

- Tom Herron reported that no water testing had been done this winter as the ice was to thin to allow access. He indicated that he should be able to resume testing in April. He further indicated that he and Janet Conlin are planning on looking at the lake by scuba diving this summer. .
- No water level measurements were available at the meeting but Vern Newby noted the lake level on March 27th, 2015 as 6.05 ft.
- Tom Woolf indicated no survey of the lake had been done this year so there was no milfoil update. He also indicated 5 boats had been stopped so far this year in Idaho for mussels. 3 of which came to Post Falls.

General Business Meeting:

- The October 23rd, 2014 minutes were approved
- Cinda reported that the combined treasury has \$60,007.23 as of March 24th, 2015
- Fred, in Sonia's absence, reported that we have 75 members paid for 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

- A donation of \$75.00 was approved to the Pend Oreille Water Festival.

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Conlin in place of Sonia Gladish