

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, May 28, 2015

The Annual CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, June 25th, 2015 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President
Larry Erickson – Vice President
Janet Conlin
Vern Newby
Cary Poston

CLA Members Present:

Herman Collins
Norm and Bonnie Anderson
Dale Sprecker

Guests:

Isabel DaSilva
Lyn Settle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred and the guests were introduced.

- Lyn Settle spoke about the logging that has been done near his home up Fish Creek Road. He stated that Jay Clark, who works for Hancock Timber, is planning on spraying herbicide on the approximately 100 acres logged to get rid of competing plants before reseeded. Mr. Settle is concerned about the herbicide finding its way into the creek that runs through his property, which could affect his source of his drinking water and eventually find its way into Fish Creek and into Lake Cocolalla. The Board recommended that Mr. Settle contact Tom Herron with IDEQ and get back to the Board if more discussion was needed.
- Isabel DaSilva is returning again to man our Lake Host station on Fridays and Saturdays. She indicated that IDA will be paying special attention to boats with live wells entering into Lakes this season. At this point only three lakes have their own inspection stations. Those lakes being Hauser, Twin and Cocolalla. Already 9 boats have been intercepted this year in North Idaho. One with live mussels at the Albini Falls inspection station. Fred mentioned a concern about wake surf boats being drained properly before entering the lake. Most contain large sacks that water is pumped into to create weight and that they may not be drained fully when entering our lake. Isabel indicated that most of the boats inspected this season have been local.

- Fred mentioned that a former Sand Point resident had contacted him about the Lake Host position for this summer. Unfortunately, she does not have her own trailer. Fish and Game in the past had indicated that they have some trailers and that they might be able to make one available. Unfortunately, Dave Ross indicated all were being used for the moment this season. Short of finding someone with a trailer they could donate for her use this summer, the only other solution would be to either look into leasing or purchasing one. Cary Poston indicated he would contact Tom Woolf with IDA and see if there invasive funding might be utilized for this purpose as this would give the Lake Association more flexibility in finding summer hosts in the future.
- Janet Conlin passed out the 5 and 10 year reports made from our monthly water testing data. The lake is showing slight improvement in the 10 year report and is holding it's own in the 5 year report. She also reported on the lake testing done April 28th and May 22nd. The secci depth (water clarity) improved from 3 meters in April, to 4.5 meters (with 5.5 meters in the South end) in May. The Nitrogen to Phosphorus Ratio in the Epilimnion is 21:76. This is a good buffer to a blue green algal bloom, but it can change. Overall, the water quality is very good. She stated that more intensive testing will occur this summer as part of the 5 year review of the watershed.
- Herman Collins passed out the water measurements as indicated at the outlet gauge. As of May 28th the depth was 4.8 feet vs. 5.2 this time last year. So it appears we are running a little lower at this point, but there had been some improvement against last years levels versus the earlier readings we were seeing in March and April of this year.
- Fred indicated that Tom Woolf planned on doing his initial summer lake survey for milfoil and curly leaf next week.
- Fred had been contact by a post graduate student from University of Minnesota who was interested in incorporating our Bathymetry survey information into research project he was doing related to history of bathymetric surveys in natural lakes for use as a reference in lake sedimentation and coring studies, which he would be willing to share with us based on our contribution of information. The Board approved this request, but with the stipulation that our information could not be sold or used for commercial purposes and that any cost involved with the transfer of this information would be his responsibility. Clean Lakes indicated they would be able within reason to transfer the info he was requesting based on our approval.
- Clean Lakes contacted Fred and indicated that were planning to come back and redo the shoreline mapping related to last falls Bathymetry survey now that the lakes vegetation is flowering. We can expect them in June.

General Business Meeting

- The March 26th, 2015 minutes were approved.
- Fred (for Cinda) reported that the combined treasury has \$59, 514.76 as of May 24th, 2015. The payment for the Directors Liability insurance of \$919.00 was made after BOD approval by e-mail and is reflected in the current statement. Additionally, payment for the CLA website and domain were made and will be reflected in the next statement. It was noted that Graham Conlins management of our website has been excellent and his annual contract renewal will be in July.
- Fred (for Sonia) indicated that he had not received the current membership number, but estimate it now at 81 members.
- At next month's Annual meeting the following board members terms are expiring:

Sonia Gladish – Secretary
Cinda Crow – Treasurer
Cary Poston – Board member

All 3 above have indicated that they will run for new terms this June. The Board does invite anyone with interest to participate in the upcoming election. Nominees can be sent to:

Sonia Gladish Membership Chaiman
c/o
Cocolalla Lake Association
PO Box 133
Cocolalla, Idaho
83813

There being no further business Herman moved that meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm and Cary seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Conlin for Sonia Gladish, Secretary