

Minutes for CLA BOD and Annual Meeting Thursday, June 25th, 2015

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

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President	Cary Poston
Larry Erickson – Vice President	Janet Conlin
Cinda Crow - Treasurer	Vern Newby
Dave Crow	

CLA Members Present:

Shelley Vincent
Jerrn Hoem (new member)
Dale Sprecter

Guests:

Tom Woolf – Lake Invasive(s) Manager IDA , Isabel DaSilva – IDA Boat inspector @ North End Boat Launch
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager, Idaho DEQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Fred Vincent and the guests were introduced.

June BOD Meeting

- Milfoil – Tom Woolf reported that IDA did not find any signs of milfoil during last season’s fall lake survey. However, during this May’s survey a significant stand was found in the South end area, as well as an increasing curly leaf infestation. Tom noted that all lakes in North Idaho were experiencing significant blooms this season, which he attributed to the exceptionally warm and dry conditions. Also of concern is that it appears after analysis of the milfoil being found in Lake Cocolalla, it is of the hybrid variety and is not as responsive to the current herbicide at the current treatment dosage levels. Secondly, there is a concern that there is enough ground water up welling (particularly in the spring months) at that end of the lake, that the herbicide may not be able to stay in contact the plants long enough. IDA sent a diver team into hand pull, but early on it became apparent that the infestation was too large to handle that way. So the diver team proceeded to map out the areas for herbicide treatment. Tom proposed a 2-4D herbicide treatment either in late July or after Labor Day. The board concluded that due to the expected continuance of very hot and dry weather, already reports of difficult well water conditions that some are now experiencing, combined with the fact that the applied dosage of herbicide would have to increase to deal with the hybrid milfoil, which in turn, would result in an extend period of water restrictions (drinking, irrigation and recreational) that the

treatment should be done after Labor Day Weekend when many of the summer residents have left and lake usage is winding down. Secondly, there seemed to be no significant difference for success in delaying the treatment until the fall. Tom Woolf further proposed doing a curly leaf treatment in October/November with endathol. By this time all of the lakes native plants would be dormant and they could effectively target the curly leaf. A motion for treatment for milfoil after Labor Day was made by Vern Newby and seconded by Cary Poston. The motion passed. IDA is required to give a 30 day notification when the treatment date is decided. It was also noted by Tom Herron of IDEQ that there might be a plant/infestation area up one of the creeks feeding the lake that could also be feeding new infestations into the lake. Tom Herron volunteered to look into that issue.

- Boat Launch – Isabel reported that the past weekend had been very windy and thus boat traffic was down. Due to medical issues she was not able to oversee the launch the prior weekend. However, on a more normal weekend and favorable weather conditions, she dealt with up to 20+ boats a day. Cary Poston also reported some possible Fish and Game well issues when he and Isabel tried to operate the pressure washer. On a second trial it seemed that the problem was more related to a failing pump. IDA has ordered the part and we hope to have it up and running shortly. There still is concern that the CLA and Fish and Game have not been able to find a camp host for this season. Besides having a daily coverage of watercraft entering into the lake, there also seems to be the ongoing park issues. Cary Poston did indicate that we could request a least 2 daily Sheriff passes through the park which would hopefully keep the activities under control, but finding a camp/lake host at this time of the season seems futile.
- Water Quality – Tom Herron of IDEQ reported that the June secchi depth (clarity) had improved to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ meters. This is excellent for this time of year. The thermocline was at about 8ft and that the lake was well oxygenated. He did note that there were reports of shallow fish kills in CdA, mostly bullheads, but none noted here. The nitrogen levels are up a bit, but the nitrogen/phosphate ratio is still good and holding. His staff will be looking at the TMDL for Cocolalla, and may look at the headwaters area, as the lake is good. He did mention that we may end up with higher nutrients this summer and thus a bloom in September. Fred Vincent asked if the big cattle heard just south of the lake would produce any significant nutrient loading next year with the spring runoff. It was Tom's opinion that they would be moved off before much build could occur. On a side note Tom mentioned that Fernan now has an algae bloom and that Spirit and Hauser are on the way. He also noted that there were reports of zoplankton blooms on Spirit and Hauser. Good for fish, not pretty to look at.

General Business Meeting

- The May 28th minutes were approved with the correction of the May water level reading at the outlet to be 4'9 vs 4'8 as previously stated in the minutes.

- June Treasurer' report – Cinda reported that the combined bank balance was \$59,401.74 and that there had been a payment of \$188.02 for the CLA web domain renewal. She also noted that we had an unpaid bill for the Associations general liability insurance annual renewal of \$359.00. Cary Poston moved for the bill to be paid. Larry Erickson seconded and the motion passed.
- Membership – Fred Vincent (for Sonia Galdish) indicated that we are at 83 members (84 with the addition of Jerrin Hoern, who joined at the meeting!). It was suggested by Cinda that maybe we should make copies of our Spring Summer newsletter and ask Isabel to hand them out when possible at the boat launch as a way to secure new members. Tom Woolf felt there would no problem with Isabel doing that. Tom Herron also suggested that we might post a copy at the Westmond Chevron on their bulletin board.

Annual Meeting

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- Vern Newby motioned and Larry Erickson seconded that the June 26th, 2014 Annual meeting minutes be approved. The motioned passed
- 2015/2016 Annual budget – Cinda presented the annual budget which showed a slight surplus of \$434.89 for the 12 month period based on current dues receipts and normal expenses. Last years budget showed a surplus of \$860.39 before the onetime expense for the Bathymetry survey that was conducted last fall. It was noted that we might want to try and track our expected surpluses and be able to use those funds to help with getting a full time summer presence at the North End boat launch site. Dave Crow motioned to accept the budget and Vern Newby seconded. The motion passed.
- Education Committee – With the expectation of wrapping up the final maps from Clean Lakes, who just completed re-mapping our lake's vegetation, Fred Vincent again floated the idea of having our data used to make 3-D wood laminated maps for the purpose of using them as visual aids in community outreach programs such a presentation to the South Side school on the water depth, composition and shoreline vegetation in an effort to better inform our community about our efforts and hopefully gain new membership. Secondly, as those attending the March meeting saw, these maps can make very nice wall art, which also could be a fund raiser to help the CLA treasury. Once we finalize the data with Clean Lakes we can proceed to investigate the laminated maps. Tom Herron indicated that he would be willing to offer the use of his watershed materials from the Lake Management Plan and ground water information is support of any community outreach programs the CLA might initiate. We are still hopeful that when the Fish and Game South End watershed project gets underway that we can organize wetland tours for the community to better educate them on the importance keeping those areas intact.

- Board Elections

Nominations for the Board:

Sonia Gladish – Secretary – 2 year term

Cinda Crow – Treasurer – 2 year term

Cary Poston – Board Member at large – 2 year term

A motion to accept the nominees was presented by Larry Erickson and seconded by Vern Newby. The motion passed. All nominees were elected by unanimous vote at the annual meeting.

There being no further business for either the June BOD or 2015 Annual meeting, Larry Erickson moved for adjournment and Cary Poston seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully,
Janet Conlin in place of Sonia Gladish