

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors – August Board Meeting  
August 27, 2015

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President  
Sonia Gladish – Secretary  
Cary Poston  
Vern Newby  
Chuck Gladish

CLA Members Present:

Dale Sprecher  
Bonnie Anderson  
Norm Anderson

Guest

Tom Herron – Regional water quality manager, Idaho. Dept of Environmental Quality

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred Vincent.
  - The minutes for the July 23 BOD meeting as sent by e-mail were approved on a motion made by Chuck and seconded by Cary.
  - Membership report – Sonia. We have 82 paid members for 2015. Unpaid members are to be removed from the list.
  - New Business – The Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) situation, which was received from Tom Woolf of Idaho Department of Agriculture (IDA) and was reported by Fred, shows that there are 20 acres of the lake which are infected and will be treated. This is planned to take place on Sept. 24, 2015. and posting will be put up by IDA. There is also hybrid milfoil in the lake which is a genetic mixture of EWM and native EWM. This is harder to control and a treatment will be applied. The infestation of Curly Leaf Pond Weed, which is new to this lake will be treated in October or November, 2015 All of these noxious weeds will be treated appropriately.

The lake water level, as measured on August 27 was down by nearly three feet from this years' high recorded on Feb. 14, 2015. This is a new low in recent memory as shown by the CLA recordings. Obviously, this has affected boating activities and water sports and recreation on the lake. Fred met with a representative from the Idaho Department of Roads and Bridges recently to discuss the drawing of water from the north outlet for

road maintenance. Unfortunately, under the current Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) permitting, anyone with a permit is allowed to draw the permitted amount of water regardless of the lake level. Our goal is to establish a minimum lake level. The county pump was recently removed. There is concern about whether the hose into the lake to draw water has been adequately cleaned after being used in other bodies of water.

Tom Herron reported on water quality from July and August tests. The water clarity has been good. No Blue green algae has been found so far.

- A group of CLA volunteers has been formed to clean up debris along the east shore of the lake on Sept. 12. This work is done yearly and has greatly helped to clean the shoreline from garbage left by campers and boaters. If you would like to join this group, please contact President Fred Vincent at (206) 427-1698.
- Bathymetry maps were prepared by Kirsten Anderson and Dan Goffman. These maps show relative hardness of the bottom and also where vegetation is present in the water. The greatest concentrations of vegetation are near the South end of the lake. These are large maps which show great detail. The maps were made in October 2014 and June 2015.
- County Commissioner Glen Baily has been involved in water issues in the County for many years. He has been approached on certain problems facing Lake Cocolalla and has been most receptive. It was decided that he would be invited to attend our next BOD meeting to be held on Sept. 24, 2015, and may be able to help resolve some of the problems we face such as the withdrawal of water for road construction and any other questions which we may have involving county operations.
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Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish

Secretary and Membership Chairman

