

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting – September 24, 2015

The next CLA-BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President
Cinda Crow – Treasurer
Cary Poston
Vern Newby
Chuck Gladish

CLA Members Present:

Dale Sprecher
Herman Collins

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred Vincent.

· The minutes for the August 28 meeting as sent by e-mail were approved on a motion made by Cinda and seconded by Cary.

· Treasurer's report – Cinda

There is a balance of \$58,795.72, after payment of the Post Office box rental and antifreeze purchase for the Lake Launch site pressure washer.

· Membership report – Chuck for Sonia

We have 82 paid members for 2015

· New Business – This report was sent by e-mail from Janet Conlin for Tom Herron, who is recovering from heart surgery.

“The monitoring trip on September 23rd was very interesting. The lake was isothermal (we caught the turnover), though it will likely stratify again, so we get two fall turnovers for the price of one! This is because of high winds preceding our monitoring. Waters were well oxygenated through the entire water column. We were expecting a possible blue-green algae bloom, but I think that the wind gave us a temporary reprieve by mixing the water column nutrients. It is possible that the bloom was dinoflagellate algae bloom and not a blue-green algae bloom. We'll have to keep our eyes open! Chlorophyll-A went up to 15.7 from our baseline of less than 5, validating that we are in a bloom. Phosphorus was slightly elevated from destratification and the N:P ratio fell to around 12, keeping the possibility of a bloom going. We have one more round of samples on the artificial

substrates, thanks to Janet's efforts to take up my slack. The preliminary data shows medium productivity, as expected. We probably won't be taking an October lake sample but we will be vigilant of bloom conditions and will keep everyone advised.”

Thomas Herron

Regional Water Quality Program Manager
Coeur d'Alene Regional Office
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Report – Fred

The South end of the lake was treated as scheduled on Tuesday, September 15th, Door signs in the affected areas were posted a week prior and dock and/or beach signage were posted on 09/14/2015 as required. If you did not see any signage then your residence was outside the treatment area. Additional water sampling will be done on Monday, September, 28th. You can check the Clean Lakes website to see what restrictions remain once the test results are known. Unfortunately, it appears that another treatment will probably be required in 2016. We won't know the extent of the treatment until the spring survey is completed, but it is anticipated that it could be the entire north south and west sides of the shorelines. This is due to the large fragmentation of the plants this past summer that floated up and down the lake. We will be discussing the timing of this treatment with the Department of Agriculture over the next few months, but either a mid June or Fall treatment is being discussed. There will be no Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment this year due to excessive Milfoil treatments depleting this year's invasive treatment budget. We will investigate the amount necessary to complete the scheduled treatment and see if it is possible to obtain grants or any IDA invasive funding which could be offset with the CLA lake fund.

- Lake Level – Herman

The reading at the north creek outlet bridge was 3.94. This is the lowest level ever recorded by our measurements. Fred Vincent and Bonnie Anderson met with County Commissioner Glen Bailey to review the CLA's previous application to establish a minimum lake level. A copy of the Lake Association's original permit from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) was requested and forwarded to Commissioner Bailey. Fred and Bonnie will follow up later this fall with Commissioner Bailey. Vern moved that the CLA should move forward to establish a minimum lake level. Cary seconded and the motion passed.

Fred is working with Tom Moorhouse with Clean Lakes, Inc. to complete the permanent Bathymetry. We hope to receive them next month. Additionally, we have requested the digital data so that it can be utilized for future mapping needs.

Fred also reported that the cleanup on the east side of the lake went well. He collected a sample of coal from along the train tracks which he is going to try to have analyzed as to chemical content to determine potential damage to the lake.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Gladish for Sonia Gladish

Secretary and membership chairman