

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting
March 24, 2016

The next CLA-BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the
Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President
Cinda Crow – Treasurer
Sonia Gladish - Secretary
Dave Crow
Vern Newby
Chuck Gladish

CLA Members Present:

Dale Sprecher
Janet Conlin
Bob Brimmer – New member

Guests:

River Leah Clemens – Representative from “NEXT DOOR”
Tom Herron – Regional Water Quality Program Manager, IDEQ

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

- Ms. River Leah Clemens gave a short description of the organization: “NEXT DOOR”. This is a social media organization which she has found to be useful in contacting neighbors for announcements, classified ads and crime alerts, among other events. For more information please visit: www.nextdoor.com/join/GVAEEZ
- Minutes from the August 2015, meeting as sent to members by e-mail were approved in a motion made by Chuck Gladish and seconded by Janet Conlin.
- Treasurers Report _ Cinda Crow

There is a balance of in the treasury of \$58,795.72

A bill for postage stamps was presented by Chuck and approved for payment by the BOD.

A copy of the treasurers' report is attached to these minutes

- Membership Report – Sonia Gladish

There are now 72 members including our new member, Bob Brimmer. Previous members who have not paid annual dues since 2013 have been removed from the membership list

· New Business –

Three large colored bathymetry maps were displayed giving a beautiful overview of Cocolalla Lake. These maps displayed bottom hardness, depth and foliage of the lake. A discussion followed on how to preserve these maps for future use. Fred will follow up on these suggestions. They will probably have to be stored in large tubes to prevent damage and may be reproduced for both decorative displays and for planning invasive species treatment.

Water monitoring on Lake Cocolalla has been going on for over 30 years, mainly to help limit the nutrients coming into the lake. There have been many positive changes as a result. There has been progress in the control of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), but this will be a long term continuing problem, requiring constant attention. The maps give some indication of what the lake condition is like now. Maps on a smaller scale may be useful for fishing and a possibility for making them available to the membership was discussed.

Fred received a note from Tom Woolf, with the Idaho Department of Agriculture (IDA) regarding a wide scale treatment for EWM on the lake this summer. The milfoil blooms as a result of the winds during the late summer months, broke up and scattered up and down the lake much more than normal. There are at least 90 acres needing treatment. As in past treatments, this will require water use restrictions which could possibly include a four week restriction on some uses. The present recommendation is to start treatment soon after Memorial Day and the inconvenience at that time is obvious. IDA would like our input on the timing of this treatment and we will look into earlier or later treatments to avoid as much disruption of active summer months uses as possible. Also, IDA is planning a late fall treatment EWM and Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Since this is still in the planning stage, comments and opinions are welcome. You can contact Fred Vincent at: meridianfred@msn.com or by telephone at: (206) 427-1698 and he will pass any viable suggestions on to Tom Woolf for consideration.

There were two boats intercepted at the Idaho State Boat Inspection Stations so far this year with mussels on the hull. They came directly from Lake Havasu and were going, one to Loon Lake and the other to Hayden Lake. We have been very lucky, so far, in keeping this menace out of Lake Cocolalla. It is presently planned to increase the inspection of all water craft when entering the State of Idaho to a 24 hour basis.

There were some algae blooms last summer, but they were not as extensive as we have found previously. None were toxic. Janet Conlin and Tom Herron reported that the quality of the water was pretty good even though the water level was very low. The water and soil seems to be stable. Keeping nitrogen and phosphorus out of the lake is essential in controlling algae.

Fred mentioned that the CLA will need to investigate finding a summer lake host to oversee watercraft inspection for entry into the lake along with the continuing weekend support of an IDA inspector as we had last summer. The individual will need to be

approved by Idaho Fish and Game. As in the past, IDF&G would provide the trailer pad, water and electricity for free, as compensation for the boat launch over site. If you know of any candidates who might be interested, please contact Fred Vincent.

Herman Collins, a long time member of the CLA, submitted some ideas for our consideration and possible action. He proposed that we contact BNSF and see if there is some current consideration to setting up railroad crossing arms at the North end of the Cocolalla Loop Road. Also, he suggested that we look into the current condition of the RR crossing over the road leading to the boat launch. He is concerned about its' deterioration and whether it could be replaced with a structure more suited to today's vehicles and boat sizes. Interestingly, Fred has had a recent conversation with Bob Howard, Director of Bonner County Emergency Management and Bob indicated that they were exploring mitigation funds that could be used in the Cocolalla area. One consideration which they are looking into is replacing the North End outlet bridge. Hopefully, Bob will be able to attend our next meeting and give us a better idea of what they are expecting and how it could be put to use. He also indicated that he would welcome any input which we had to projects in and around the lake.

Fred presented a letter from the Water Festival seeking a donation of \$75.00 for their studies of issues regarding water. We have donated in the past and Fred moved that er donate again. Sonia seconded and the motion passed.

Vern reported that the water as measured at the outlet bridge is 6.39 feet. This is somewhat higher than has been recently reported but is not a record.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Sonia Gladish
Secretary and membership Chairman