

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting
May 26, 2016

The next CLA-BOD meeting will be the annual meeting and will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016,
at the
Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President
Vern Newby – Vice President
Sonia Gladish – Secretary
Cinda Crow - Treasurer
Janet Conlin
Chuck Gladish

CLA Members Present:

Tom Park
Cary Poston
Dale Sprecher

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

· The minutes of the April 28, 2016, meeting were approved as sent by e-mail, on a motion from Vern and seconded by Janet.

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

Corporate Liability Insurance for the BOD has been paid.

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Vern moved that a check for the webmaster be paid \$150.00, as previously approved. Cary seconded and the motion passed.

· Membership Report – Sonia Gladish

There are now 81 paid members. Previous members who have not paid since 2013 have been removed from the membership list.

· New Business –Water quality - Janet Conlin

Water quality tests results for May have been postponed due to high winds, heavy rain

and boat availability. The peak of snow melt has passed and periodic rains that flow into the lake is more than last year, making for a higher level; however, flows are now decreasing.

Janet attended the 100th meridian meeting in Coeur D'Alene recently. This is an organization that studies invasive mussels such as quagga and zebra. Many of the watercraft coming into Idaho are from Arizona and Lake Mead which have heavy concentrations of these mussels. The wash stations in the area are mostly voluntary and are largely ineffective. Our own wash and inspection station on Lake Cocolalla is manned only rarely and cannot properly control the transfer of these invasive species. We have been very fortunate in that we have not found either of these in our lake so far. We need more close monitoring. We have only one lake host who comes out for one day per week in the summer. The boat wash equipment which the CLA bought for this purpose is a good one and it heats the wash water to the recommended temperature of 140 degrees F. which will kill the mussels. The problem is that we must have more consistent and frequent monitoring of watercraft entering our lake.

There are two more invasive species to be aware of: One is very small and has star shaped leaves. Several of these could fit on a copper penny. The other is not a submerged plant and has small round shaped leaves and bulb like features and is named *bacopa rotundifolia*. These are not known to be in our area at this time but we should be on the lookout for them.

Lake Cocolalla EWM treatment is scheduled to begin on June 3, 2016. The hybrid milfoil, which has begun to appear in the lake is harder to treat and is more resistant to the treatment solutions which are being used. This time of year is used for treatment because the plants are growing actively and they react more to the treatment mix. The treatment start date may have to be changed due to weather conditions. Placards and laminated caution signs have been distributed which show precautions to be taken in lake water usage.

On May 15th, Herman checked the lake level at 4.9 feet. April 26th, Vern checked the level at at 5.1 feet. This shows that the level is still rising but we do not expect this to continue with less precipitation expected in future months.

Old Business – Elections of BOD officers and members

At the June 2016 meeting it will be time to elect officers and BOD members. We really need some CLA members to step forward and be available to assume board positions that will be vacated at that time. Chuck and Sonia are going to “retire” from secretary and membership chairman. They have been members and officers for nearly 20 years. Additionally, Larry Erickson, due to personal reasons, would like not to be considered for a new term. Also, Fred's term as president will be up at that time. This is a very important job and also can be very interesting. The presidents' interaction with IDF&G and IDEQ is very important and maintaining contact with them is vital, especially since IDF&G has taken over many of our previous responsibilities. Board terms are for two years. Being able to attend a majority of the meetings, which are held March through October is necessary. Previous experience or lake issue knowledge is not. If you have an

interest in any position on the BOD or know of anyone who would be willing to step up, please call Fred at (206) 427-1698 to let him know. The CLA has been in existence since 1986. The results of their efforts is the current quality of the lake water we all now enjoy. Let's not drop the ball now. The future existence of the Cocolalla Lake Association is dependent on active participation by members and if we do not have volunteers to take over these positions, the association will not be able to continue. We thank all of you who are willing to accept these positions in advance for your participation. Remember that the annual CLA meeting in June 2016 will conduct a review of the by-laws and election of new BOD members and officers.

A “new/old member”, Jim Park, suggested a number of ways to introduce CLA and our mission to the public. One could be on Facebook and another could be an online message board such as “Nextdoor.com”, which was introduced to us at our March 24, 2016, meeting. Jim volunteered to be a BOD member and we welcome him. With the coming change of many officers, we appreciate his help

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted
Sonia Gladish
Secretary and membership Chairman