

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting
June 23, 2016

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

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President
Sonia Gladish – Secretary
Cinda Crow - Treasurer
Janet Conlin
Dave Crow
Kathie McGonigle – New BOD member
Tom Parks – New BOD member
Dale Sprecher – New BOD Member

CLA Members Present:

Shelley Vincent
Gary Suppiger
Rod & Gwen Babcock – New CLA Member
Bob Brimmer

Guests:

Mat Lawrence – CEO of Aquatic Weed Solutions, Inc.
Tom Herron – IDEQ, Regional Water Quality Program Manager

Prior to the official CLA-BOD meeting, Fred introduced Mat Lawrence, CEO of Aquatic Weed Solutions, Inc. He spoke about his business which involves working with water front home owners and would like to treat areas in front of their homes to control noxious weeds on the spot. This is an ecofriendly process and is quite affordable. This could include diver assisted pulling of noxious aquatic weeds and placing them in a suction device for proper disposal. Individuals could pull the weeds themselves but disposing of them properly is very important. Another process could include bottom barriers, which would be placed on the bottom of the lake to kill the weeds. This is very user friendly and the barriers can be rented. Mr. Lawrence also works with Clean Lakes on lake treatments. They can be reached at (208) 255-6444 or mlawrence@aquaticweedsolutions.com. Their web site is: www.aquaticwedsolutions.com.

Following this presentation, Fred called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

It was moved by Janet that the May 26, 2016, meeting minutes as sent out by e-mail be approved. Cinda seconded and the motion passed.

Cinda gave the treasurers' report which is attached to these minutes. Cinda also included a proposed budget for this year and this will be sent out separately.

Membership Chairman, Sonia, stated that we have 82 paid members at this time. This is just about the same number as we had at this time last year.

New Business -

Tom Woolf reported via e-mail that the milfoil has largely dissipated due to the treatments which were recently applied. A stronger selective treatment specific to EWM was used and we have been informed that the residual chemicals have been reduced to a satisfactory level and the lake water can be used normally for irrigation now.

Annual Meeting -

The minutes for the June 25, 2015, Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Election of officers -

Fred Vincent reelected for President for new 2 year term.

Larry Erickson – Vice president – term expiring and retiring from the BOD.

Vern Newby – elected Vice-president for two years.

Sonia Gladish – 1 year remaining in current term but is retiring from BOD.

Kathie McGonigle – elected for 2 year term as secretary.

Cinda Crow – re-elected for 2 year term as treasurer. Treasurer will also handle dues and membership.

BOD Members – elected for 2 year term:

Cary Poston – 1 year remaining in current term

Janet Conlin

Dave Crow

Tom Parks

Dale Sprecher

Chuck Gladish – retiring as BOD member

New Business -

A new full treatment is planned for this fall to kill the Curly Leaf Pond weed.

Water Test results – Tom Herron and Janet Conlin

The water quality today is better than when first tested in 1988 – 1989. Nutrients entering the lake are less present now. A soils map would show where high risk areas are today (such as water crossing roads into the lake). Controlling aquatic invasive species, such as is being done now is critical in maintaining the current water quality in the lake. This could be another high risk year such as 2015, due to the very warm weather. Constant vigilance is very important.

Water level measurements – taken on May 26, 2016 were 5.1 feet. The present measurement is 4.7 feet.

It was noted that the county had a pump at the outlet briefly in May to draw water for county road work in the area. The county applies every year for an annual permit to draw water from many of the lakes within the county. CLA concern continues to be the possible contamination that the pumps could introduce to Cocolalla Lake from other lakes in the area as the equipment is moved around if good cleaning protocols don't take place. Fred has spoken to county commissioner and CLA member, Glen Bailey last year about our concerns and he has also discussed them with the Department of Roads and Bridges.

CLA By-Laws revision -

After reviewing the duties of the officers, as outlined by the CLA by-laws, a motion was presented to transfer the duties of dues collection and maintaining of the membership roster to the treasurer. After discussion, the motion was approved, noting this comment, received by e-mail from Vern Newby, which read as follows:

“I only have cautionary advise regarding the finances. Keeping the revenues separate from the expenditures provides a layer of protection for the organization. While I don't have any concerns with the present BOD members, I feel that best practices should be retained. I'd be remiss to not say I would have credibility concerns if any of our funds released (or revenues not deposited) by actions not designated by the BOD”

Old Business -

Bathymetry maps give a good survey of the lake and could be made available for purchase by fishermen or other interested parties. This is a project worth considering. Tom Herron offered to provide us with a map which DEQ utilizes depicting vegetation and lake levels for our use, including more detail of surrounding land/home development along the shore.

A wood laminated 3-D map of Lake Pend Orielle lake levels was shown as a model which members might like to pursue. A map of Lake Cocolalla levels could be made from the data received from our bathymetry survey and then be sent on to the local business located in Sandpoint that produced the Lake Pend Orielle map. The BOD felt that the map was a piece of art. We are checking into pricing and once it is determined, will send out a photo of the Pend Orielle map along with the pricing. These maps would make great gifts or look great on a wall of your home.

Fred was contacted by a home owner in the area, who is interested in developing a boat rental business for the lake and who requested input as to the community interest in such a venture. It was agreed that commenting on such an enterprise was not within the mission of the CLA

Fred stated that we should focus on getting a camp host to monitor the boat launch on the North end of the lake. Isabelle has been great but she is only there on one day per weekend and many watercraft are being launched unchecked. The watercraft check stations coming into Idaho are working but many manage to get through unchecked. One possibility mentioned was to get our own RV to station at the lake launch to house a camp host for the summer. There are many factors to be considered in this proposal, one of which is Association liability. Ideas would be welcomed.

Being no further business, Dave Crow moved that we adjourn and Bob Brimmer seconded. The motion

passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted. Sonia Gladish
Secretary