

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, March 23, 2017

The Next CLA BOD meeting will be held Thursday, April 28th, 2017 at Cocolalla Community Club House at 7PM

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent-President
Vern Newby-Vice President
Cinda Bennett-Treasurer/Membership
Kathie McGonigle-Secretary
Janet Conlin
Dave Crow

CLA Members:

Ed McGonigle
Chuck Gladish
Sonia Gladish

Guests:

Tom Herron, Regional Water Quality Program Manager IDEQ
Dave and Ruthann Compton (new property owners)

- The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Fred Vincent. The new property owners introduced themselves.
- It was moved by Chuck Gladish that the October 27, 2016, meeting minutes as sent out by e-mail be approved. Cinda Bennett 2nd and the motion passed.
- Cinda Bennett gave the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. There are no outstanding bills.
- Cinda Bennett gave the membership report. We have a total of 68 paid members. The membership dues for this year brought in a total of \$2,215.00. We are expecting more membership dues will be coming in the next few months.

New Business:

- Fred report from last years analysis we have a hybrid Milfoil growing in 20 acres on the South end of the lake. Treatment for that area will be after July 4th and will have some water restrictions in that area up to 1/4 mile from that south end.

- Tom Herron and Janet Conlin said they were unable to get a good sample of water due to the ice remaining on the lake.
- Herman Collins was not present for the meeting but reported on 3/16/2017 the water level was 9', on 3/19/2017 the level was over the 9' measuring stick at approximately 10'. Vern Newby noted that today, 3/23/2017 the measurement was 8'9".
- Fred updated us on the 2017 Lake Host Position. We posted a position for Lake host and got no responses. Also our insurance carrier indicated that they would not continue our current liability coverage due to the pressure washer use by a CLA volunteer. We will get 1 IDA boat inspection person 1-2 days per week from Idaho Fish and Game.
- Fred brought a Cocolalla Lake Brochure/map produced by State Agricultural Water Quality Project (SAWQP). Sonia and Chuck Gladish stated they had a box of those brochures at their home. Fred spoke about reproducing the brochures for CLA new members as a gift when joining. He brought a sample of paper and costs for black and white or colored reproductions. Chuck and Sonia will inventory what they have and we will discuss if we need to produce more in a future meeting.
- Fred informed us the Findley ranch at the Southeast end of the lake has been sold to a developer. There was hope that the IDF&G would purchase the property for the Wetlands Restoration Project but that did not happen.

Old Business:

- Janet Conlin thanked us for supporting her in attending the NALMS (North American Lake Management Society) Conference last November in Banff Canada. She brought a manual from the conference to share with us. There were many discussions at the conference about phosphorus in the lake systems. It seems as every lake in North America is fighting the algae problem even those in remote areas.
- Tom Herron advised us of a drone project that is being tested to predict toxic algae in lakes which may help lake managers in the future deal with Algae outbreaks.
- We will also be reviewing invasive weed Home Remedy Do's and Don'ts in the next newsletter.

Other Business:

- There was a request for a donation to the 2017 PDA Water Festival. Our past donations were \$75.00 to the Festival. Vern Newby suggested to up the donation to \$100.00. Sonia moved to donate \$100.00 to the festival, Dave Crow 2nd and the motion passed.

- Fred attended meeting for the Rathdrum Prairie Lake Council in CDA last week. There was wide support for a collective letter to be sent to Senator Shawn Keough and Representative Sage Dixon for their support of funding to fight invasive weeds and water quality. Fred drafted a letter and will be sending it to all of the Rathdrum Prairie Lakes Watershed Council Member Associations to gain all of their support in this letter.
- Fred also met Marie Pengilly, Outreach Coordinator, for the Community Water Resource Center of University of Idaho. She is involved in “Blue Economy” which researches actual data on local water bodies and the direct and indirect effects on local economies.
- There being no further business Vern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM
Chuck 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathie McGonigle, Secretary