

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting August 24, 2017

The next CLA BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, 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
Dale Sprecher
Cary Poston
Dave Crow

CLA Members:

Bob Brimmer
Jeremy Conlin
Gary Suppiger
Susan Whitehead
Kirsten Anderson
Jim Whitehead

Guests:

Milton Ollerton - Bonner County Planning Director
Jason Johnson - Bonner County Planning
Kim Holder - ISDA, Ag Program Manager, Invasive Species
Nic Zurfluh - ISDA, Section Manager/Invasive Species

- Fred Vincent Called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
- It was moved by Janet Conlin that the July 27, 2017 meeting minutes 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. Our General Liability Insurance due this year raised from \$359.00 to \$507.00 and Officer Liability is still \$919.00 with a total this year of \$1,426.00. Our Insurance is now 50% of our annual dues coming in.

- Cinda Bennett gave the membership report. We now have 75 paid members. Last year that number was 84 members. Invite your neighbors to join and tell them the benefit they are receiving from CLA

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At this time all of our guests were present and Fred introduced them.

- Milton and Jason from Bonner County Planning addressed the Findley ranch development and what the department covers regarding the shoreline. There is a 40 foot setback that needs to be maintained in its existing vegetative state. It can be modified with native plants that are on a list provided by them. If there is any questions regarding your shoreline vegetation the Bonner County Planning Department should be contacted. They also have a Facebook page and Website. There will be a Public Meeting on Oct. 5th on the Findley ranch development. Of note, there is no official Shoreline Management Act in the State of Idaho. It falls upon the counties to establish what acceptable land practices will be in effect in the 40 foot riparian zone up from the shoreline. Further, Bonner County is increasing its staff to better oversee building activities and compliance with existing regulations.
- Kim Holder and Nic Zurfluh from ISDA addressed our Invasive Weed Treatments. We are happy to have Kim Holder as the new Program Manager for Invasive Species in our area. She has an extensive education and background in Invasive Species Management. Her previous position was at the Smithsonian. Nic Zurfluh is the Section Manager. Our treatment for Milfoil will be around September 11th, covering 20 acres that were previously surveyed last fall on the south end of the lake. New notices will be posted related to the affected area including a buffer zone of approximately ¼ mile from treatment area. They indicated that there will be a fall survey that will include all invasive species to predict what treatments will be needed next year. Nic said that 27 boats have been intercepted on the Idaho State lines with Mussels.
- Vern Newby reported the water level as of this day at 4.24 feet. That level is 2 inches below last year's measurement at this time.
- Fred presented the By- Law Amendment for a vote. All approved.
- Bob Brimmer updated us on the Boat Inspections: He has inspected 182 boats since the Memorial Day Weekend. He continues to sell the lake maps for \$3 each. They are a popular item for fisherman bringing approximately a

\$60.00 income. The Idaho Fish and Game pulled a 55 gallon drum from the lake by the boat launch. Boaters were going over it causing their motors to lift. Fish and Game services the bathrooms at the launch 3 times a week. The Game Warden checks the campground weekly for boat licenses and checks the campsites. The Sheriff's office is also involved in checking the campground for illegal activity. Labor Day Weekend will be the last weekend the launch will have Bob inspecting.

- Gary Suppinger spoke with the grade school and they are interested in a field trip for the students through the Fish and Game Wetlands. We will be coordinating that with Gary, the school and the Fish and Game Wetlands Program.
- There being no further business Vern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, Cary Poston 2nd the motion.
- Water Quality Report - Janet Conlin - Unfortunately, the report was overlooked at the meeting due to the number of guests presenting. Janet reports that the July lab report supported the July findings by Tom Herron and Janet that the lake was stratifying and the surface temperature was now extending to 7 meters. Approximately 75 degrees F. Nitrogen to Phosphorus ratio was worsening and it is looking like an algae bloom is possible this fall. The August Secchi depth remained at the previous depth of 4 meters. There is now a noticeable increase in particles in the water column beginning to erode the water clarity we have enjoyed this summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathie McGonigle, Secretary