

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting August 23, 2018

Next CLA BOD Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7PM

Guests:

Kim Holzer-ISDA

Kandy and Bill Brumley

River Leah Clemens - Southside Community Church

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent-President

Kathie McGonigle-Secretary

Janet Conlin

Dale Sprecher

Gary Suppiger

Gary Poston

CLA Members:

Sonia and Chuck Gladish

Josh Leppert

Bob Brimmer

Susan Whitehead

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and since we had guests attending the meeting introductions were made around the table.
- Fred introduced Kim Holzer from ISDA.
- It was moved by Janet Conlin that the July 26th meeting minutes sent out by email be approved. Gary Suppiger 2nd and the motion passed.
- Fred Vincent gave the Treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. There were no expenses this past period.
- Fred Vincent gave the Membership report. We have 72 paid members. Two are new members and we have had 3 queries from people who expressed interest. Thanks to Bob Brimmer for his efforts in getting the word out about the Cocolalla Lake Association. We appreciate Bob's support at the boat inspection station and his support to CLA.

- **New Business:**

July / August Water Quality Test Results: Janet Conlin gave the results from Tom Herron's e-mail. "We continue to see stable quality after an uncertain start. Oxygen levels have been good through the thermocline before anoxia sets in at about 9 meters. Temperatures through the 9 meter range drop from 23 degrees C at the surface to about 18 degrees to where oxygen drops off below 8 meters. Fish can follow temperature and oxygen gradient and they find the better conditions of inflow from surface water inflow and springs. The Secchi depth increased to 4 meters from 3.3 meters in June demonstrating a reduction in chlorophyll-a, which I still don't have lab data for. Phosphorus in the epilimnion (surface to thermocline) increased to 26.6 in July from micrograms per liter in June. Total Nitrogen at 4 meters increased, which is good, to 340 micrograms per liter from 246 in June. This relatively small change only increases the N:P ratio from 11.2 to 12.7 which leaves us well within the range of risk for a blue-green algae bloom this fall. We can take some solace in the potential benefit that smoke and atmospheric deposition can increase N to further buffer us, but it wouldn't likely account for enough to make a big change. Wind has pumped P from the internal loading of hypolimnion into the epilimnion resulting in the change in Phosphorus at 1 meter off the bottom from 45 micrograms per liter in June to 17 in July. We will keep an eye on things in September to see where things go. Rain is a good thing and so will cooler temperatures."

Milfoil Treatment Update: Kim Holzer was present to give an update on the Milfoil Treatment. They treated 30 acres with herbicide. Active ingredient was Diquat . The day was perfect for application. The applicators defined the borders and did not go outside the area. There was no overspreading and were very conservative on their application. Kim and her crew shadowed the application. The weeds reacted almost immediately to the Diquat. Divers pulled another day in the areas that were more sparse. Kim will do a Post Treatment Survey. A new aquatic herbicide has been approved by EPA for use next year that is more effective and very safe. **Kim recommended a website: invasivespecies.idaho.gov. On this website you can find treatment maps and information about treatments under the Idaho In Action tab.**

August Water Level: Vern Newby sent the water level by email. The level was 4.30 feet which is 5 inches higher than our lowest all time record. The water is also very clear at the bridge outlet.

Lake Host station update: Bob Brimmer reported \$155.00 in map sales. He has been selling them as a donation to CLA so some people are giving more than the \$3.00 fee. Thank you Josh Leppert for helping install the air conditioner properly. He also reports he has been posting water treatment information to keep people up to date with that process. He is also posting photos of large fish catches in the lake. The sheriff has been monitoring the campground frequently. The count of boats checked from May 4th to date is 780+. He is able to examine more boats due to the extended hours and expanded period of time. Last year from Memorial day to Labor day only 189 boats were checked. The Game Warden has been checking fish catches and licenses twice a week.

Several people reported the boat launch is causing problems due to a dip in the launch. **A number has been given to call Fish and Game to report this problem. The number is 208-769-1414. If you are having problems please call this number and maybe this will be looked at and solved.**

Southside Community Church Harvest Festival/October 6th, 2018: Fred introduced, River Leah Clemens , who spoke to us about the festival. The purpose of the event is to create an opportunity for the local community to get together and celebrate what's great about Cocolalla and the surrounding areas (Westmond, Algoma, Careywood and Sagle). She spoke to us about having a booth at the event to inform the community about what CLA does.

She also would like help to apply for a grant from TransCanada to help fund this event. They are planning to operate a pumpkin patch and a children's area with a bouncy castle and mini golf. In addition to many talented crafters and artisans, there will be local produce, small businesses, and a food truck court. Kim Holzer from IDSA expressed interest to attend and inform the community about the invasive aquatic species.

Their website is www.southsideharvestfestival.org.

The board will vote by email about the help from TransCanada.

- **Old Business**

2018 Southside School Tour update: Gary Suppiger said they are still on track with the school for the 1 day event in the fall. The date should be set by September.

Membership Drive Pamphlet: Fred said the goal is for September so we could hand them out at the festival.

● **Other Business**

Deserted Docks: Fred Vincent said Department of Lands (IDL) has no program to dispose of abandoned docks. Every owner needs to be responsible for disposing of their docks properly. There is now one located on the east shore. IDL also mentioned that other lakes had set up funding through donations from waterfront owners to have abandoned docks removed. We do have a contact that can do that work if so desired. This idea will be explored at a future meeting if the problem continues or increases.

Adjournment: There being no further business Cary Poston moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM. Fred 2nd the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie McGonigle, Secretary