

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting March 28th, 2019

Next CLA BOD Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25th 2019 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7PM

Guests:

Tom Herron, IDEQ

Board Members:

Fred Vincent: President

Kathie McGonigle: Secretary

Janet Conlin

Gary Suppiger

Dave Crow

CLA Members:

Ed McGonigle

Bob Brimmer

Jana and David Wallace

Laura Forsberg

Chuck and Sonia Gladish

River Clemens

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and introductions were made around the table.
- It was moved by Dave Crow to accept the September 27th meeting minutes sent out by e-mail to be approved. Gary Suppiger 2nd the motion.
- Dave Crow gave the Treasurers report which is attached to these minutes.
- Dave Crow gave the Membership report. We have 75 active members and 60 have sent in renewals. We also had several donations along with the renewal fee.

New Business:

- Milfoil/Curley Leaf Update: Fred and several Board member attended a meeting this past February at Hayden lake where the ISDA laid out their current aquatic invasive weed strategy and plans for treatment for Hayden Lake and Cocolalla Lake. Jeremy Varley, Agriculture Section Manager for Noxious Weeds indicated the current plan for Cocolalla is to treat the small areas where EWM was found in the north and south ends of the lake during the post treatment survey done last fall. Additionally they intend to survey the lake this spring and revise the current plan accordingly.

Depending on the size of infestation area(s) found they will determine what type of treatment (diver hand pulling or herbicide) will be needed. There probably won't a plan until the June meeting and no treatment until the end of July or August. Based on the fall survey, ISDA did not feel Lake Cocolalla had a significant amount of Curly Leaf to warrant a treatment plan at this time. They will be revising if needed based on the Spring survey.

- March Water Quality Test: Janet and Tom were not able to get out on the lake in March due to the ice.
- March water level measurements: 6.7 ft (taken on the 29th) 2018 March meeting was 6.10 ft
- 2019 Lake Host Position: Based on pressure from neighboring Lake Associations along with Bonner and Boundary Counties, ISDA is formulating a new strategy to give coverage to additional lake access areas. Because of limited resources for this purpose ISDA does not currently intend to give Cocolalla lake the 40 hour per week coverage we had last season. ISDA is proposing 2 alternating crews to cover ourselves and the additional lakes required. The details were not clear at the time of our meeting Lake, but it appeared that this would mean not having our own lake host and less hours that inspections take place. Fred has sent them the history and success of our lake hosts over the years. Other strategies were discussed on how we could supplement the new coverage and Fred will discuss with ISDA. Nick Zurfluh of, ISDA indicated that the inspection coverage plans should be firmed up in April in time for our BOD meeting.
- CLA handouts: Our handouts need to be reprinted due to our yearly dues increase. Fred said he would correct the remaining handouts. Janet moved we reprint the brochure and Dave 2nd the motion. All approved.

Old Business:

- Harvest Festival Update: River Clemens reported it was very successful. TransCanada gave a grant of \$5,000. Approximately \$1,000 was used for last year's festival. River is working on Bylaws and applying for her 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. When that is set up the remainder of the funds will be transferred to that organization. River asked if the CLA would want to participate on the Harvest Festival Board. After discussion it appeared that having a liaison from the CLA would be more appropriate as a member of the community the Festival was looking to draw from for support. River indicated the purpose of this Festival was to create an annual event where residents and businesses from our area Cocolalla/Sagel/Athol could meet and interact in a local area. She is developing a website for the organization and other ways to communicate with the community. This year's Festival date is October 26th, 2019.

- Southside School Tour Update: Gary and Fred said the tour of the wetlands was very successful. The kids were given a task of finding and identifying the different types of bugs found in the wetland water bodies. Also, they participated in planting Milkweed plants in hope of repopulating Monarch Butterfly's. Fish and Game is offering an additional tour of the wetlands this summer for the community if there's interest. We will keep you apprised of that date.

Adjournment: There being no further business Gary Supigger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Dave 2nd the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie McGonigle, Secretary