

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting April 25th, 2019

Next CLA BOD Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7PM

Guests:

Tom Herron, IDEQ

Marilyn Ems for CLA member Dave Compton

Board Members:

Fred Vincent: President

Kathie McGonigle: Secretary

Janet Conlin

CLA Members:

Bob Brimmer

Chuck and Sonia Gladish

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Since there was not a Quorum present no official business could be conducted.
- Approval of March Minutes will be done at June Meeting
- Fred gave the treasurer's report. We have a total of \$65,703.74 in the bank including the Harvest Festival remaining funds of a little over \$4000 and \$250 in the Fireman Fund. The report is attached to this email.
- Fred gave the Membership report. We have 70 current paid members.

New Business:

- March water level measurements were 6.0 ft taken on April 25th. This was lower than last previous 2 years by .4 and .7 respectively.
- March Water Quality Test: Janet and Tom weren't able to get out on the lake other than a quick look from the northend boat launch. They reported normal turbidity that they would expect this time of year. Tom also shared a 15 year summary of lake testing results and are happy to report we are improving yearly according to the Burns Trophic Level Index and the Carlson Trophic State Index. While the improving numbers are small, they have steadily

improved every year. The association and DEQ have been taking several tests to determine the lake's health such as Secchi Depth, and Nitrogen/Oxygen levels on a monthly basis for the past 15 years. A shortened version of that report can be obtained in May at the lake host station.

- Cocolalla Lake Milfoil Treatment update: Fred Vincent reported nothing has been decided yet. ISDA has currently indicated that they plan to survey our lake in June. At that time a final treatment plan will be formulated as to diver hand pull or herbicide treatment depending on the outcome. The soonest they will be able to begin treatments would be approximately the middle of July, but probably no treatments will be done until August on Cocolalla. The website to keep informed of treatment and survey plans is:
invasivespecies.idaho.gov.

- June is our Annual Meeting to appoint board members. We have two terms up for re-election: Cary Poston and Cinda Crow. We encourage anyone who would like to join our board to e-mail: Fred Vincent: fredvincent4@gmail.com or Kathie McGonigle: 1923ek@comcast.net.

- Lake Host Station update-Fred Vincent:

ISDA has decided to go with a Roving Crews at several lakes in the area. From May to Sept. 1st. Based on 4 days a week coverage as per last season (Thursday thru Sunday) that would mean 68 days that would have been

covered by our Lake Host. They will cover 37 of those days with the Roving Crew. We would have 31 days to cover ourselves.

ISDA has agreed that Bob Brimmer could fill a role as a "Lake Host? Verifier". The CLA would have to bear his cost @ \$12 hour and he would work for us not the ISDA. Our liability insurance company has agreed to cover this position under our current general liability coverage. His duties would be:

Meet and Greet people coming into the access
Check that their passport is current,
Educate people about invasive species
Promote our CLA.

Bob would fill in those days 31 when the Roving Crew is not present and a few days to be with the Crew in the beginning and maybe various days when needed. He would not work on days where the weather keeps

people away from using the lake. This would at least insure that all boats during his watch would be visually checked and if any concerns would arise he would receive support from either the Sandpoint or Hayden ISDA inspectors that would be alternating at our lake. Last year, Bob inspected over 900 boats!

Fred will reach out to the board by email to vote on options to pay for the Lake Host/ Verifier position.

“Take Me Fishing” days are coming. Idaho Fish & Game has set up several days for the opportunity families and friends to learn and have fun. There will be a Fish and Game trailer to sign up, get loaner fishing

rods, bait, tackle and staffed by experienced anglers. You can fish free for the event with no license if you check in at the trailer during the event.

Before and after the event licenses are required for anyone over 14.

Cocolalla Lake times are: Tuesday, May 21 3-6pm, Thursday, May 30th 3-6pm.

Old Business:

Community tour of Fish and Game Wetlands: In addition to the Southside School tour Fish and Game and ourselves put on in the fall, Fish and Game has in the past indicated their interest in putting on a similar tour for our community. A good time for this tour would be August. Please contact Fred Vincent at fredvincent4@gmail.com if you are interested. Based on the interest Fred will reach out to Fish and Game and organize some possible dates. Based on the last 2 school tours, Fish and Game does a great job of showing off the workings of these wetlands and hopefully we may see the results of last years planting of milkweed in the return of Monarch butterfly's!

Harvest Festival Liaison Position: We will be sending volunteer members to the Harvest Festival Meetings. They meet 3 times a year. River posted information of our CLA meeting on Next Door.” Thank You, River”

Adjournment: There being no further business Janet Conlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14. Bob Brimmer 2nd the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie MGonigle, Secretary