

Hi all

Hopefully this email finds you well. We had an active month in April. I will try to use the Board meeting format to hi-lite the activities:

Treasurer's report is attached. I would like to express my thanks on behalf of the Association to Larry and Peggy Erickson, who once again gave us an extremely generous donation which will again be used to help offset the Association's expenses related to boat inspection. This year we have received in total \$1320 on donations above membership dues. This is greatly appreciated and needed so we can continue our support for boat launch inspections as noted below in New Business.

Membership - We received 2 dues renewals bringing our membership to 61. Hoping to hit our goal of 80 this year!

Water Quality - Tom Herron's boat was not yet ready but I'm assured he will be conducting a May test. Visually, the lake looks excellent and I have had several comments from members around the lake echoing the same!

Water Level - I took the measurement at the outlet on the 23rd and it was 5.8 ft. Last year was 6.0 ft on April 25th, which was lower than the last previous 2 years, .4 and .7 respectively. So it seems we're in a slight downward runoff.

New Business

The spring survey for EWM and Curly Leaf was completed, and according to the ISDA Invasive weed species website we're still labeled a high priority for EWM, but I don't have any official word on what areas will need treating and what type of treatment they propose to use this year.

The Board voted electronically to renew our Director and officer liability policy. Good news was the policy dropped 6% to \$873.00.

Boat Inspection - Unfortunately, the State has put in place a hiring freeze for seasonal workers and at the moment the ISDA has no way to staff the roving crews we utilized the last couple of seasons. I am working on another approach to getting some support from Bonner County Soil and Water Conservation District who oversee the Hi-way crews for ISDA. Hopefully, we can work something out with them to cover some days at the launch in addition to what we can afford to do with Bob Brimmer. Bob and I have discussed this situation and we are also working on how to protect Bob under the Covid-19 State and Federal Guidelines.

There was no Old Business

Other Business

On a sad note, I was informed of the passing of one of the Association's original members, Dalmar (Dal) Vander Meer. Dal was 94. Dal and his wife, Joan, purchased on Lake Cocolalla in

1962. According to the family, they searched most of the lakes in this area and settled on Lake Cocolalla because Joan wanted a shallow water entrance. Interestingly, Vander Meer is Dutch for from/by the lake! Dal was an original member of the Cocolalla Lake Association. I had the opportunity to work with Dal during his final years of active board service in 2005/6. Dal and I were appointed co-chairs of the finance committee by then President, Bonnie Anderson. Our work on the finance committee really set the stage for the forward movement of the CLA in being able to manage the current issues our lake now encounters. As Bonnie put it, "I remember when you and Dal took that job - and you were a great team = the young enthusiastic entrepreneur and the old aggressive stable institution. I also remember a member saying it was a foolish move in the face of past history but that was a history changing time. We did the people to people approach and it worked. We got the money and most important we got the attention of the agencies like never before"

Dal's legacy with the CLA lives on through his son-in-law, Vern Newby (current CLA Vice President) and wife Kristine (Vander Meer).