

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
June 25, 2020

The next CLA BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent-President  
Vern Newby-Vice President  
Cinda Bennett-Treasurer  
Kathie McGonigle-Secretary  
Janet Conlin  
Cary Poston  
Dave Crow  
Gary Suppinger  
Sonia Gladdest

CLA Members Present:

Kris Newby  
Bob Brimmer  
River Clemons  
Jeremy Conlin  
Tom Herron  
Paul Skogland

Guests:

Jeremy Varley-ISDA  
Corey Hobson  
David Clark  
Gene Clark  
Steve and Elaine Knight

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Fred Vincent.
- Introductions were made of all present.
- Review of email activity summaries in lieu of meetings for March, April and May. It was moved by Cinda Bennett to approve and 2nd by Dave Crow. All approved. Review of previous electronic voting to renew Association Liability Policy and hire Bob Brimmer beginning 5/17 thru July 4th. It was moved by Cinda Bennett to approve those and 2nd by Dave Crow. All approved.

1. Approval of 2019 Annual Membership meeting minutes: Vern Newby moved to accept the meeting minutes. Dave Crow 2nd the motion. All approved.
2. Cinda Bennett gave the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. Cinda also prepared a 2019/20 P&L report (attached) to compare to last year's budget projection. Our revenues were \$825 ahead of budget thanks map and membership donations above dues. Our expenses were in line except for the Lake Host expense which was \$3748 over budget. We only budgeted through the end of last year's season. The actual expense for that time period was \$4824 vs the budgeted amount of \$3200 or \$1624 over budget. We didn't include May/June of 2020 as we didn't know at that time what the State was going to do. Unfortunately, Covid-19 and State budget cutbacks put the whole financial burden on us. The expense for this May/June was \$2988. As in past years we believed the State would have covered at least ½ of that. Net result is that our actual net loss for last year was \$4494.14 vs projected loss of \$1527. As approved by the board last year, this deficit was taken from our Lake Management Account. Our discussion related to the Lake Host position and it's value to the CLA follows below. As we have to continue to cover more of our lake management costs due to State budget cutbacks, and not wanting to raise dues, we sincerely appreciate any and all contributions members make over the annual dues to help offset these costs!
3. Cinda Bennett gave the membership report. We now have 68 paid members. Our goal is 80. Dues collected were \$2,660.00 and \$1,420.00 in donations.

#### **1. New Business:**

- **CLA 2020 Annual Budget :** The projected CLA Budget for July 2020-June 2021 is attached. The budget is showing a deficit of \$2,828. The primary expenses contributing to the deficit are the Lake Host expense from July 2nd thru September 5th of \$4920 (does not project May/June 2021) and \$740.00 to cover lake water lab testing (new expense this year). These expenses are being incurred this year due to mandated budget cutbacks being incurred by both the Idaho Department of Agriculture (not able to hire seasonal employees for roving boat inspections crews) and IDEQ. The discussion centered on the importance of the CLA to maintain continuity of our information related to water quality that has been kept since the 90's and to continue our vigilance at the boat launch related to invasive species. Deficit is to be covered by the Lake Management Account. Vern Newby moved to accept the Budget, Dave Crow 2nd and all voted to approve. Again, all donations are tax deductible and will help keep our Lake management fund in tack for future rainy days!
- **Milfoil survey/treatment date:** Jeremy Varley from ISDA was at our meeting to discuss the results from last year's treatment. He checked 88 GPS points around the

lake and found no sign of milfoil. This is excellent news! Last season we used the new herbicide, ProcellaCOR which is very environmentally friendly, while attacking the plants at their roots. It looks like we got the results we were after. Unfortunately, the survey crew did find some amount of curly leaf around the lake. You may see mats of curly leaf floating towards the north later this year. There will be no treatment this year as the plant will begin naturally to die off at this point and sink to the lake bottom. There will be another survey for curly leaf conducted this fall and based on those results a spring 2021 treatment will be scheduled.

- **June water test results-Tom Herron:** Tom went out May 14 and the clarity was very good at 4.25 meters. This was a 1 meter improvement from May. Did notice a “good” algae bloom in progress. Suggested it would be good for fishing. We expect June Lab results by July meeting but overall water quality looked good
- **June water level measurements-Vern Newby:** The water level is at 5.28 feet. Last year's measurement was 5.1. There were concerns that this year's higher water was due in part to beaver dams re-establishing on the North side of the outlet bridge and noticeable beach erosion due to the higher water.
- **Lake Host Station Update-Bob Brimmer:** Bob has put together a poster board with photos of fish caught this year at the lake. On display at Lake Host hut. Bob has checked 344 boats this year (Bob corrected that figure the day after the meeting and from 5/17 thru 6/25 he has checked 403 boats). He works Thursday-Sunday, 10 hour days subject to weather. Map donations are exceeding our expectations which helps greatly with his expense. The dock that was floating in the lake was cut loose and towed to the boat launch. The owner is a Canadian property owner. The dock will remain at the launch until he is able to get it moved back to his property when the borders open.

- **Board of Director and Officer Election:**

**OFFICERS:** Fred Vincent-President-nominated for new term, Vern Newby-Vice President-nominated for a new term, Kathie McGonigle-Secretary-nominated for a new term, Cinda Crow-Treasurer-1 year remaining of current term.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE:** Tom Herron-nominated for a 2 year term, Sonia Gladish-1year remains of current term, Janet Conlin-nominated for a new term, Dave Crow-nominated for a new term, Gary Suppinger-nominated for new term.

Paul Skoglund moved to elect all Officers and Board members. Cary 2nd the motion and all approved.

## **5.Old Business:**

- River Clemens updated us on the Harvest Festival: Her goal is to have a non profit established for the festival. We are still holding the money, \$4,121.33, from the

TransCanada Grant for the Festival in our account. The question is should there be a festival this year. This will be reviewed later. River is interested in any members who would be interested in volunteering for her Festival board. She envisions 3-4 meetings a year with possibly a couple more as needed prior to the event. You can contact Fred Vincent if interested.

**6: Other Business:**

- 2019 Southside School: Gary Suppiger said it is too early to know what is going on with the school due to COVID-19. He envisions that he will know in the next 30-45 days and we can then look into how to conduct this year's wetlands tour, if possible.
- Late summer community tour of south side wetlands with IDF&G. Probably not possible due to Covid-19 concerns
- Renewal of Website Manager: Vern moved to renew the contract. Cinda 2nd the motion and all approved.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathie McGonigle, Secretary