

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Associations Meeting July, 23, 2020

Next CLA BOD Meeting will be held Thursday, August 27, 2020

Board Members:

Fred Vincent-President
Vern Newby-Vice President
Cinda Bennett-Treasurer
Kathie McGonigle-Secretary
Janet Conlin
Tom Herron
Sonia Gladish
Dave Crow

CLA Members:

Ed McGonigle
Jeremy Conlin
Bob Brimmer
Steve and Elaine Knight

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

1)Review of minutes for the June 25th, 2020 meeting. There were no corrections. Those minutes will be approved at the June 2021 Annual Meeting.

2)Treasurer's Report: The report is attached to these minutes. There was \$195 dollars from map sales this month and a \$100 donation from one of our members. Thanks to all who continue to support us over and above the membership dues. These extra funds are helping to insure our ability to continue our vigilance at the boat launch.

3) Membership Report: Cinda Crow reported we received 3 new memberships along with 4 renewals this month bringing our current total to 77 paid memberships. Welcome to the Fraser and Knight families. The name of the 3rd member was not available as of the date of publishing the minutes. On a personal note, Cinda read a letter that was sent to the CLA by one of the members thanking the board for the CLA efforts over the years to improve our lake's water quality. This member has owned property in Cocolalla since the 80's and wanted us to know they see the benefits of our efforts! This type of comment means a lot to the volunteers, many of whom, have donated literally thousands of hours to help make this possible!

4) New Business:

- Tom Herron and Janet Conlin gave the June/July water quality test results. The lake is very clear with a Secchi Depth (water clarity) of 4 meters. Basically no decrease from June. There were signs of an algae bloom beginning but wind events have prevented that as of now.

- Vern Newby gave the July water level report. The water level is 5.05 feet. This is only down 2 inches from our June report. We're definitely experiencing a higher water level this year
- Bob Brimmer gave the Lake Host report: Bob inspected 327 boats in July totaling 803 boats to date. He is seeing 42-45 boats per day. He reported some locals are complaining about the large amount of Washington fishermen.
- Fred reported on Shoreline development: There are several disturbances in the shoreline that have been reported to Fred. Boat launching from the south end development. At this time IDL is not permitting any private or public boat launches but hard to control private launching if visible encroachment is not present. Private launching does defeat our efforts to inspect boats coming into the lake. Johnson Beach Creek has had a homeowner disrupting the riparian zone along the creek and beach with a backhoe. Noticeable pile of sand on a Northwest property, probably to be used to create a beach. We have a free handout pamphlet that lists all the various agencies and what areas of shoreline development they oversee. They are available at the boat launch or you can contact Fred Vincent and he will mail you one. Please research what permitting is required to do this kind of work. We've worked hard to improve our lake water quality. Every little bit helps!
- There is concern around the lake with seaplane activity. This is also occurring in Bayview, with what appears to be private lessons taking place by the touch and go activity on the lake. With summer recreators now in full force, from hard to see paddle boarders/kayakers to fast moving ski boats safety is a growing concern, but also proper inspection of aircraft pontoons if coming from other bodies of water should be followed so as not to introduce any invasive weed fragments.

5) Old Business-Other Beaver dam update- Vern is going to go down the creek to investigate the dam and report back at our next meeting.

6) Other Business:

- Kathie McGonigle brought a FundRaising Item. An artist in Spokane makes lake signs with a silhouette of Cocolalla Lake with streams. It can be personalized with your location on the lake and your name. The wood is made from wine barrel slats and tops. He can make horizontal, vertical or round signs and he can add a clock if you wish. We will review this at our next meeting after Fred has had an opportunity to review with the artist, what potential financial benefit to the CLA might be possible.
- Several property owners have been concerned about the cows grazing in Cocolalla Creek off of I-95. Tom Herron has looked into that. He thinks the farmer has High Intensity Low Grazing Management in place. They rotate grazing for soil conservation. It seems well managed. The herd was moved to adjacent pastures within the first 7 days of sighting them in the creek and don't appear to be in proximity to the creek at this time. We will follow up to see what grants could be made available for fencing on that one pasture.
- Kathie and Vern are going to see if an audit is necessary for our account and report back at the next meeting.

7) The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathie McGonigle, Secretary