

## Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting, August 27, 2020

Next CLA BOD Meeting will be held Thursday, September 25th, 2020  
Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00PM

### Board Members:

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

### CLA Members:

Ed McGonigle  
Bob Brimmer  
Chuck Gladish  
Dale Sprecher  
Norm and Bonnie Anderson  
Kim and Dave Stricker-New members

### Visitor:

Mike Harper

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

It was moved by Janet Conlin to accept the July 23rd meeting minutes sent out by e-mail to be approved. Gary Suppinger 2nd the motion.

Cinda Bennett gave the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. Bob Brimmer deposited \$149.00 map donations and \$22.00 contributions received at the boat launch. Bob's collection of map donations and contributions from the boat launch totaled \$2,160. This is greatly helping us offset the boat inspection cost for this season.

Cinda Bennett gave the membership report. We have a total of 77 members. Our goal this year is 80. At this meeting we gained a new member and had the possibility for 2 more which would get us to our goal of 80 paid memberships. Thanks to all!

### **New Business:**

- July/August water quality test results from Tom Herron and Janet Conlin. We have had good water quality this year with a Secchi Depth of 3.7 meters. Tom said there may be a possibility of a Blue/Green Algae Bloom this year.
- August water level by Vern Newby was 4.83. Approximately 6 inches higher than last year.
- Lake Host report by Bob Brimmer: We have had a total of 324 boats inspected so far this August. Bob further stated that he had inspected over 2000 boats this season, but called and corrected that number to 1246. **Last Sunday a pontoon boat was stolen and found with a lot of damage. We want to make sure everyone is vigilant with their boats and kayaks. Do not leave keys in your boat.**
- CLA audit requirements: Kathie McGonigle and Vern Newby noted we are not big enough of an association to require an external audit. The research suggests we should do an internal audit at least once a year. Kathie McGonigle will do further research and propose a change in the bylaws to encompass an internal audit.

#### **Old Business:**

- Beaver Dam Update by Fred Vincent and Vern Newby: Fred met with Todd Higen, Stream Channel Protection Specialist with Idaho Department of Water Resources. Todd and Fred were granted access to the land where the beaver dam exists and toured not only the dam but also areas downstream from the beaver dam. Todd had researched Department satellite imagery of the stream and indicated the dam has been there as far back as 1998 except for 2013. It appears the dam was breached that year. Overall, he felt that removal of the dam would not improve or protect the lake shoreline from boat wake erosion. There are positive attributes to dams related to providing a wildlife refuge for fish, birds, and amphibians. He felt there was still enough flow to help flush nutrients that may lead to harmful algae blooms, but DEQ and our board member Tom Herron would have better knowledge of that. IDWR has authority to permit removing the dam, however the adjacent property owners would need to give permission. Based on my conversation with the adjacent landowners they felt were other impediments to the outflow of the lake starting with the outlet bridge and they pointed out several constriction points downstream from the dam. It was clear at that time the property owners were not willing to grant permission to breach the dam.

Broadening the beaver dam discussion, Tom Herron brought out a DEQ google earth map of the outlet area and gave a brief synopsis of how through wind, wake and ice erosion the sediment loss that occurred has made its way to the outlet and begun to possibly raise the outlet elevation but definitely made changes to the channel. He felt

that the sediment flow to the outlet and resulting vegetation on these sediment deltas, is also contributing to a spreading of the flow resulting in a reduction in the energy of the flow to flush sediment and a factor in the lake remaining higher. There is no one cause of the rise in the water level. Continuing education with the property owners and boaters on reducing bank erosion and nutrients flowing into the lake needs to remain one of our top priorities before we can't reverse the effect it's having.

Gary Suppinger moved that there be no further action on the Dam removal. Tom suggested we continue to monitor but to table any activity at this point. The motion was restated to table any current dam breaching action, but continue to monitor the dam for activity and increase in size. Sonia Gladish 2nd the motion



Caption

### **Other Business: FundRaising Item:**

Jerry Simchuk, [www.SimchukLaser.com](http://www.SimchukLaser.com), makes items like the photo of the clock above, plaques and road signs with a silhouette of our lake and personalized with your name and location on the lake if you would like.

He has offered to donate 5% of each sale to the CLA with a cap of \$15 per item. **You can look at samples in the above website under the “Wood” area. When you order you need to use the code”CLA” so he knows where it originated.**

**This a great GIFT idea and will benefit our lake association.**

**Other Business:**

Sonia Gladish brought up someone looking into building a truck stop on the highway where the Westmond Chevron is currently located. We would only be concerned if it subjected the lake to oil or gas leakage. We will monitor County Commissioner meetings to see if any discussion for permitting occurs

Mike Harper noted that the county put boulders at the old boat launch on the north end next to the church camp. Someone had moved one of the boulders to launch a boat but it was moved back. Fred will contact the county agency overseeing this property to determine what lake access was permitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathie McGonigle  
Secretary