

## Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting Thursday, March 25th, 2021

The Next CLA-BOD meeting will be held Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7 PM.

### Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent - President  
Vern Newby - Vice President  
Cinda Bennett - Treasurer/Membership  
Sonia Gladish  
Dave Crow  
Tom Herron

### CLA Members:

Bob Brimmer  
Chuck Gladish  
Jeremy Conlin  
Teresa Andring  
Lee Andring  
Cheri Tilford  
Rod Babcock

### Guests:

Rodger and Sherrie Thompson

- The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred Vincent.
- There were no October 2020 meeting minutes as the meeting was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. There was a brief discussion of the meeting summary in lieu of meeting minutes as sent by email. The summary primarily dealt with the status of the algae bloom that began over Labor Day weekend. Vern Newby moved that the summary be entered into the Association's minute book. Cinda Bennett seconded the motion. it was approved.
- Cinda Bennett gave the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes.
- Cinda Bennett gave the membership report. We have currently 69 paid memberships. Additionally, we received approximately \$1100 in donations over and above the membership dues. We sincerely thank all who were able to give us this very needed extra financial help! Cinda shared a note she received in the mail involving a \$3.00 map donation. The note indicated that this person had wanted to get one of the maps but didn't have the cash on hand. Bob Brimmer let the man have the map. The man came back to give Bob the cash but

couldn't locate Bob again last season. He decided to mail us \$3.00 to make sure things were squared up! That's what makes this place special.

### **New Business:**

- Fred Vincent - Milfoil/Curly Leaf survey updates. Fred was able to confirm with Jeremy Varley that the ISDA planned to do a late spring survey, probably in May, for Curly leaf. April would be preferable but our water temperature usually lags Hayden Lake for example by about 5 degrees. Based on last fall's survey no treatment was required this spring. However, subject to water temperature at the time of this year's survey, if a dense enough population of Curly Leaf was detected it might be possible to treat before they drop their turions. The ISDA plans to do a Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) survey around mid summer to allow for adequate plant growth. They are concerned that surveying for EWM in May is too early due to water temperature not allowing for initial growth. The ISDA is anxious to see the results of this year's EWM survey, as none was detected last season, and if we find the same this season it definitely makes a statement for the effectiveness of the Procelacor herbicide we used last time. Jeremy would greatly appreciate lakefront owners being vigilant as the growing season begins and if suspicious plant growth is detected please send pictures to myself so I can forward.
- Water testing for March was not done. There was a general discussion over this past winter's icing on the lake and the noticeable areas of open water bordered by normal (3-4 inches) ice covering. Member Kevin Brown took pictures of the opening using an infrared camera. While the ice was not a good backdrop for picture clarity, there definitely appeared to be warmer water (39 degrees F) in the open water. That was further verified by using a drop in thermometer. Tom Herron went through various circumstances that could have been responsible for this including the heavy rains prior to the lake freezing. Could have supplied warmer water running into the lake in spots. Wind is always a factor. Some discussion of decaying microscopic plant organisms providing a warming effect. This was documented in a lake in Minnesota in 2000. The consensus was that we should be memorializing the winter lake conditions as a reference to the summer conditions we encounter later in the year. There was also a suggestion that we attempt to monitor the temperature of the water exiting Johnson Creek as that area historically has been open through much of the winter. It was noted that there could be some technical difficulties in correlating that information and constraints to frequency.
- Vern newby reported the March Water level at the outlet was 5.59 feet. Last year the March level was 5.10 feet. Vern estimated that the Beaver Dam could be holding back about 1 and ½ feet at the present time. Also there seems to be a steady sediment build at the mouth of the outlet as well. We will be monitoring the water level carefully, along with the flow under the bridge, as it's extremely important for our lake to have a good flood flow which helps insure a "flushing" of sediment and other nutrients out of the lake.
- Cinda presented the Directors/Officers annual insurance premium of \$873 which is the same as last year. Payment was approved. Cinda also presented the donation request for the annual Water Festival sponsored by the Bonner County Water Conservation District. The

CLA has donated to this organization for many years except last year's, as the Festival was cancelled. It will appear on the April meeting agenda for approval

**Old Business:**

- As noted in the October 2020 summary and again in the Fall Newsletter, the CLA lost a good friend and Board member, Janet Conlin last year. Shortly thereafter, the association received generous donations from her brother in laws totaling \$700. The hope was that these funds could be utilized in a lasting way that would give some remembrance to the great service Janet provided to the organization. Tom Herron along with Janet have been the 2 persons responsible for our lake water quality testing for years among other services. Tom, now retired from DEQ, serves on our board and continues the testing. Over the past years we have been able to "borrow" the equipment from DEQ that is required for the testing. However, other lakes now have ramped up their testing and there is strong demand for this equipment. This can present logistical problems getting the equipment when testing would be best i.e., no wind and rain. It was discussed that the donations from the Conlin's should be utilized to help fund the purchase of our own equipment. Based on the significant donations received so far this year of \$1100, there was motion made by Vern Newby and seconded by Dave Crow, to utilize the our current donations, along with the Conlin's donations from last year to purchase the dissolved oxygen/temperature probe, along with the 20 meter cable and hard sided carrying case and probe weight. The initial cost estimate received late last year was approximately \$1700. The motion presented was to approve the purchase for approximately \$1800 to allow for possible pricing increases, tax etc. The motion was unanimously passed. Tom Herron was going to further investigate the balance of the equipment we rely on as to cost. This would be presented at the April meeting. The above probe would, however, be the major cost of the equipment we need.
- There being no further business Vern Newby moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM  
Cinda 2nd the motion

Sonia Gladish for Kathie McGonigle - Secretary