

Minutes of Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting, May 27, 2021

**Next CLA BOD meeting will be held June 24, 2021
Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00PM**

Guests: Kim Holzer, Ag Program Specialist, Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds

Board Members:

Fred Vincent, President
Vern Newby, Vice President
Cinda Bennet, Treasurer
Kathie McGonigle, Secretary
Dave Crow

Members:

Bob Brimmer
Shelley Vincent
Jeremy Conlin
Dale Sprecher

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

1)There was a correction to the meeting minutes sent out by email for April 22nd, 2021 to add Ed McGonigle to the member attendees. It was moved by Vern Newby to accept the corrected minutes and Dave Crow 2nd the motion.

2)Cinda Bennet gave the treasurer's report. We have a total of 53,662.23 in our accounts. Officers insurance was paid and 100 more maps were ordered. See attached treasurer's report.

3)Cinda Bennett gave the membership report. We now have 74 paid members. Our goal remains 100 members for 2021.

4)New Business:

- **April/May water quality test results:**Tom Herron emailed the report to Fred: A monitoring trip was set up on 5/17 with Tom and Dennis James but the wind was too severe to collect a meaningful profile. It was also realized the Silver Valley Lab no longer has their office in CDA for convenient processing

of samples and direct billing. There is a drop off geared toward a courier that would transport the samples to the SVL location in Kellogg, Idaho in the Silver Valley. This new arrangement began in march and presents a number of logistical problems for sample transport and processing. Additionally, SVL has lost their accredited status with DEQ due to issues with quality control and minimum detection limits for samples. DEQ is checking on alternatives but at this time there is no clear alternative to process Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen and Chlorophyll-A at one facility. Combined with the existing challenges of travel, boat launch limitations due to the condition of IDFG boat ramp and the likelihood of lower lake levels with a dryer season apparent we may likely be limited to collecting data for dissolved oxygen and temperature and measuring clarity using the Secchi disk. We may be able to collect and process Chlorophyll-a samples through Advanced Eco-Solutions in Newman Lake, WA. I am waiting to hear what suggestions DEQ has for an alternative Lab that would be cost conscious for us. Until we find out we will hold off on purchasing new equipment for sample collection beyond the new dissolved oxygen meter that we just received, which will be very useful to characterize water quality physical parameters. The new DO/Temperature meter is very good quality and provides great flexibility for sampling with a longer cable for the monitoring probe and it has a rechargeable lithium ion battery, Which is much more practical and dependable . We will still be able to monitor water conditions with our chemistry data and our investment in a new meter is very timely.

- **Cocolalla Curly Leaf/Milfoil survey schedule:** Kim Holzer attended our meeting and gave us an up to date report. She was out on the lake yesterday 5/26 and found no sign of Curly Leaf. It is too early for milfoil sightings. There was no infestation of either last year. Kim will be joined by a student from the University of Idaho this summer. There will be a Milfoil Survey later this summer. If you notice any suspicious plant growth around your lakefront please take a picture and forward to Fred Vincent @ fredvincent4@gmail.com or text to 206 427 1698. Be sure to position the sample so the leaves are fully visible.
- **May water level.** Vern Newby said the level was at 5.27. The water is flowing. He is not sure if the beaver dam has built up or is not active. That will be checked at a later date.
- **June Annual Meeting and Board/Officer Nominations:**

- There are 3 seats expiring this term. Fred Vincent is stepping down as President after 10 years. Fred has nominated Vern Newby to take the President's seat. Gary Suppiger was nominated to fill the Vice President's seat that Vern Newby will be vacating. Fred Vincent will now fill the currently vacant director's seat of Past President.
- Cinda Bennett's term as Treasurer is up for renewal and she has agreed to stay as a nominee for that position.
- Sonia Gladish board member position is up for renewal and she has agreed to stay as a nominee.
- Due to Janet Conlin's passing last year, her seat has been vacant. Fred nominated Dale Sprecher for that position.
- This leaves one director's seat vacant. If you would like to be considered for this position please submit nominations to Fred Vincent.

Lake Host Station: Bob Brimmer gave the lake host report. Last year from the time we started manning the launch there were 113 boats to 5/28/20. This year the count was 249 to 5/27/21. Cinda moved to pay Bob for manning the launch for 5/27 and 5/28. Dale 2nd the motion. Vern moved to cover Bob's pay for June 3,4,5 and 6th. Dave 2nd the motion.

Bob collected \$217 for maps. He first shows fishermen the types of fish in the lake and the possible spots to catch them. If a fisherman doesn't have the funds for a map, Bob works on the honor system, he gives them a map and they can bring their money on their next visit. They always bring the money.

2021 Southside June School Tour: Gary Suppiger could not attend the meeting but he reported to Fred that there will be no June School Tour due to Fish and Game staffing and late release of department covid restrictions. Fish and Game is on track for the annual fall school tour. They are planning to add additional stations to this year's tour and increased study material for the students. Additionally, Kim Holzer volunteered to bring the Department of Agriculture's Invasive Species Station as a new addition so the kids could learn about them. We are looking to settle of date as early as possible in September to insure comfortable weather. Great to see the growth in the program

Old Business:

Hydroplanes: Department of lands indicated to Fred that no permits had been applied for related to the buoy placements needed for the race course as of the

meeting. They also indicated that due to a recent court decision involving dock storage in Lake Coeur d'Alene, the Department of Lands now issues lease's instead of permits for encroachment into water areas that previously needed to be permitted. It is a little different process but also does require public notification in the media.

Website Domain: Vern moved to continue our Website Domain cost. That is approximately \$150.00. Cinda 2nd the motion.

Other Business: Jermey Conlin inquired if the Association had any aerial photos of the area involved in the development neighboring Cocolalla Creek at the South end. No one was aware of any. Jermey had been researching through the USDA/Maxar website to try and find pre-development photos of the riparian zone associated with that property.

Adjournment: Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Cinda 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathie McGonigle
Secretary