

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors – Annual June Board Meeting
June 24th, 2021

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, July 22nd, 2021 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President Sonia Gladish– BOD Member
Vern newby – Vice President Tom Herron – BOD Member
Cinda Crow – Treasurer

CLA Members Present:

Dale Sprecher Shelley Vincent
Bob Brimmer
Dale Sprecher

Guests

Nic Zurfluh - Invasive Species Coordination and Out

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred Vincent.

- The May 2021 meeting minutes were approved as sent by email. Additionally, the June 2020 Annual Minutes were approved as sent by email. Sonia moved to approve both meeting minutes and Cinda seconded, and the motion passed.
- Cinda Bennett gave the June's 2021 Treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. Cinda also prepared the July 2020 thru June 24th, 2021 P&L (attached) to compare last to last year's budget projections. Cinda noted that our revenues exceed budget by \$1414. This came about through over budget membership revenues, increased member donations and map contributions. The donations are sincerely appreciated as they help defray the cost of keeping our own lake host at the boat launch, along with the water testing lab costs that DEQ is no longer able to cover for us. Last year due to budget constraints and a hiring freeze at ISDA, we covered the whole season at the boat launch. As such the Lake host expense and water testing costs exceeded budget which increased our net loss to \$4811.73 vs the budgeted loss of \$2828. Vern moved to cover the 2020/21 deficit from the Lake Management fund. Sonia seconded and it was approved. We have attached this year's budget and budget assumptions and at the moment are forecasting a \$3816 deficit. The ISDA is giving us support this season with their roving teams but due to staffing issues, one of the teams scheduled to cover at Cocolalla has to be covered by us. This is reflected in the budget. There was a discussion about the various assumptions and it was agreed that we need to move to a zero sum budget as quickly as possible so as to minimize the impact

on our Lake Management fund. Here again, we sincerely appreciate those that can give us additional donations over and above our current membership dues to help defray our additional costs. Vern made a motion to accept the 2021/22 budget and Sonia seconded. The motion passed.

- Membership Report - Cinda Bennett
Cinda reported that we received one new membership application bringing our total this year of paid memberships to 76. The CLA also received a donation from Tom and Annie Herron of \$430 for the Janet Conlin Memorial. As mentioned above the donation is greatly appreciated as it will help us complete the purchase of our new testing equipment and offset the ongoing water test costs. Thank Tom and Annie!
- Nic Zurfluh of ISDA was on Lake Cocolalla earlier this week. Nic oversees the State's watercraft inspection program, which includes our station at the North End boat launch, along with water quality testing. Nic mentioned that as of the day of the meeting the highway inspection stations had quarantined 27 boats with mussels, one with live mussels. The water testing primarily covers sampling for Veligers, which are the microscopic larval stage of the Zebra and Quagga mussels. Nic also reported while he was on the lake he did a site specific test (rake) for EWM and Curly Leaf Pondweed. Happy to report found only one EWM plant which they removed. We do need to keep an eye on our normal areas of concern around the lake front for any plant growth. This is the time of the year they spring to life but so far it looks like the ProcellaCor treatment 2 years ago has held.
- June Water Level - Vern reported that the current level at the outlet was 5.16. Last year it was 5.28. Vern tested the flow under the bridge and it was negligible. The Beaver Dam is probably holding back about 1&½ feet. It was also noted there was a dam discovered south of the bridge that was impeding part of the outlet.
- Water Quality test for June - Tom Herron reported that the clarity of the water as measured by the secchi disk showed visibility to 3.25 meters. This indicates reduced visibility for this time of year but is in keeping with the warm dry weather we are experiencing, which allowed increased algal densities in the water. The temperature and dissolved oxygen profile showed that oxygen depletion is greater than normal for the June sampling in most years. This too is due reduced precipitation and warmer than usual temperatures combined with reduced snowpack, which was around 85% of normal. The heat wave is likely to continue until July 16th, which is creating an extreme drought condition. It is very likely that this will have water quality impacts throughout the rest of the summer season. The June water samples were sent to Silver Valley Laboratory in Kellogg, Idaho. We should have the results by the July meeting. We will be conducting a July water quality test.

- Cattle grazing along Cocolalla Creek– There was a discussion around the cattle being grazed in the pasture areas next to Cocolalla Creek and the impact to the lake from increased nutrient loading into the creek. The rules regarding the management of grazing are under the purview of the USDA. Tom Herron mentioned that there are Grazing Conservation and Implementation Plans that have been worked out with many of the ranches. It would be necessary to see how the cows are using the pastures before any comments could be made. However, ranchers' rights to graze their land is long standing and takes precedence in most cases. It was also noted that we should be vigilant in keeping an eye on upcoming road work related to the expansion of 95. Dust, Debris will have an effect on the Lakes water quality.

- Lake Host - Bob Brimmer reported that as of the meeting they have inspected 581 boats. Bob noted that a piece of metal had been pried up by a boat trailer right at the end of the boat launch, pretty much in the middle of the ramp. It was causing some launching problems. Bob also noted the low water and a trough just past the end of the launch which is due to power loading also creating launching and load out difficulties. Bob has turned in \$360 worth of map donations as of the meeting. These maps of the lake depth have become very popular with visiting fishermen. Fred noted that a motion was needed to authorize hours for Bob covering 8 days (80 hours) that remained in June. Vern made a motion to cover the \$960 expense and Cinda seconded. The rest of Bob's hours for the season were approved through the July 2021 - June 30th 2022 budget that was approved.

- Web Hosting - Cinda indicated that we needed to renew our Web Host. It is a 2 year contract. The cost is \$299. Fred moved to accept the cost. Vern seconded. Expense was approved.

- Harvest Festival/ Southside School Fall tour of F&G wetlands - Fred noted that he had communicated with River Clemens regarding the remaining TransCanada funds that we are holding related to future Harvest Festivals. Unfortunately, River noted that she didn't think the Church or the Bible Camp were interested in proceeding with the Festival in the future. She suggested we discuss with the Southside School to see if we could transfer the remaining funds to the school's Partner in Education organization which is used for community engagement. We will ask Gary Suppiger to look into that. Gary reported through Fred that Fish and Game are scheduling a Fall tour of the wetlands for the School. They would like to conduct the tour as early in September as possible.

- Education committee - The organization is looking into how to expand the distribution of our "It's All About Our Lake" pamphlets. These pamphlets contain interesting facts about the lake as well as the contact information for all agencies in Bonner county related to property and dock development.

- Elections are held at the annual June meeting. The officers nominated and the terms of service are as follows:

OFFICERS

President – Vern Newby – 2 years

Vice President – Gary Suppiger– 2 years

Treasurer – Cinda Crow – 2 years

Secretary- Kathie McGongle - 1 year remaining of current term

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sonia Gladish - 2 year term

Dale Sprecher - 2 year term

Tom Herron - 1 year remaining of current term

Dave Crow - 1 year remaining of current term

Fred Vincent - Past President – serves until new president is elected

Fred moved that the nominated officers and directors be accepted. Tom Herron seconded. The motion passed. Elections were unanimous for all candidates.

The board acknowledged the 10 years of service that Fred had provided as President and looked forward to Vern Newby's stewardship. Vern noted that after 12 years of publishing the CLA Spring and Fall Newsletter, Shelley Vincent has requested that the organization begin to search for a replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish for Kathie McGongle