



# Cocolalla Lake Association

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Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes (draft) March 24, 2022

Next CLA Meeting will be April 28, 2022  
Cocolalla Community Club House, 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees

### Board Members:

Vern Newby  
Cinda Crow  
Dave Crow  
Fred Vincent  
Tom Herron  
Dale Spreker  
Sonia Gladish

### Members and guests:

Karen Long  
Cheri Tilford  
Marie Spreker  
Bob Brimmer

The meeting was called to order at 700 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

## Standing Reports

*Approval of the Minutes* for October 28, 2021 (motion and second not recorded), approved unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report:* Our current balance is \$49,352.13. We have received \$2,550.00 from membership renewals and \$2630.00 in additional contributions. Please see the attached Balance sheet for March 24, 2022.

*Membership Report:* CLA has received renewal for 62 members. We would like to develop a membership of 90 or more members.

*Water Quality Report:* Tom Herron provided information on a culvert blowout on an old logging road off a tributary of Cocolalla Creek. The area has been developed and the culverts in this area have not been upgraded to accommodate the added load. He speculated that most of the sediments were filtered out prior to reaching the lake.

Lake quality samplings are scheduled to start in May. Lake flushing from the spring runoff has not been as vigorous as usual up to this point. Last year we narrowly avoided a major Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) as indicated was possible from last years water samples. Since nutrient loading into the lake is long term, continued efforts must be made to minimize the addition of all nutrients at all times of the year. It was noted that the ecology fencing along Johnson Creek is in place for the new construction on that site.

*Invasive Species Update:* No inspections have taken place today. It was encouraged to report any findings that lake uses notice so that action can be taken early.

*Lake Level Report:* It was noted that the water level noted on the gage is disrupted by the higher stream flows during the spring. Lake levels are estimated based on calmer waters nearby. The lake level was approximately 7.10 on the bridge gage, down from an observed high of 8.70 March 5th.

Water draws from the lake from all sources continues to be a concern. The more accurate the information we have the more likely we will be able to discuss possible effects of various conditions. Fred moved to explore the cost of establishing a bench mark for measuring the lake level during runoff periods. Seconded by Dale. Motion passed unanimously.

*Lake Host Report:* Bob stated that inspections have not started this year.

We will need to review the budget and possible grants available for inspections this season and what hours of operation will provide the most value. Fred will contact the Id Department of Ag to find out their plan for inspections and how the CLA might enhance those inspections.

**New Business:**

*Boat Launch Inspection Station:* Bob noted that incimate weather subjects inspectors and paperwork to rain. Vern and Bob will explore possible shelter remedies over the door.

*Land Use Best Practices:* was not discussed.

*Budget Review:* It was noted that the budget will start forming at the next meeting with the budget being adopted at the June meeting.

*BNSF Emergency Response Training:* Cocolalla Lake was the site for a multi-agency response to railroad accidents which may occur during the winter freeze over. This practice is important in the event of a real emergency and the CLA is better served by having the training local to our agencies that would respond. Please see the BNSF attachment to the March 24, 2022 Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.