



# Cocolalla Lake Association

P.O. Box 133  
Cocolalla, ID 83813

## Minutes of the Board Meeting August 24, 2023

At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to order by Vern Newby,

### Present:

Vern Newby, President  
Cinda Bennett, Treasurer  
Tom Herron, Board member  
Dennis James, Board member  
Dale Sprecher, Board member  
Marie Sprecher  
Vita McKinney  
Kevin Brown  
Michelle Johnson  
Rick Taylor, Board member  
Jill Taylor

### Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the minutes for July 27, 2023 meeting, **motion** to approve: Dennis James, 2nd Cinda Bennett, **motion approved**.

Treasurers report: Balance of \$46,770.32.

Membership report: 72 current paid members.

Water quality report: Tom Herron had been out the previous day, water temperature remains constant, predicts it will soon be breaking the thermocline. Secchi 5.3 meter, excellent visibility for this time of the year. Algae and turbulence is down from expected. Phosphorus levels are low, comparative to south Pend Oreille. Expect change in the Fall with nutrients rising in the water column will precede algae bloom.

Invasives report: Focused Eurasian milfoil treatment conducted in early August. Initial observations indicate a successful treatment. A large patch of Curley Leaf Pond Weed was pulled out of the lake at the mouth of Cocolalla Creek. No CLPW was observed at other known locations. Contact Vern Newby to report any other visible patches of CLPW to coordinate eradication.

Water level report: at 5.00 feet at the outlet, approximately 1 foot higher than previous years at this time of the year. Beaver dam is blocking the outlet. No restrictions or permit required by Army Corp of Engineers, St of Idaho Department of Land, or Fish & Game to remove the beaver dam. However the land owners where the dam is located do not want it removed. A discussion to trap beavers for relocation or for pelts, **motion** by Dennis James to trap for relocation 2nd by Dale Sprecher **motion approved**.

Vita McKinney, the candidate for Lake Host position was introduced. She will be performing the host duties as a private contractor:

Compensation is \$500/month or \$2000 per season.

Dennis James **motion** to approve, Rick Taylor 2nd, **motion approved**

Dale Sprecher commented on the difficulty of unloading and loading boats at the public boat ramp. Comments regarding the boat ramp should be forwarded to IDF&G.

Gary Suppiger was not present for Fall Festival or Educational update.

Vern Newby, President, to be added as signature for checking account #1032360 at Umpqua Bank in Sandpoint. Current signatures are Cinda Bennett, Treasurer and Fred Vincent, past President and current Board member.

Options will be assessed at the September meeting for the October meeting, Vern will not be available for that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,  
Cinda Bennett - Treasurer and substitute Secretary for August 2023 meeting

The next meeting is September 28, 2023 at 7:00

Cocolalla Community Hall