

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Board of Directors – Annual June Board Meeting
July 24, 2014

The Next CLA- BOD meeting will be held Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Fred Vincent – President	Vern Newby– BOD Member
Cinda Crow – Treasurer	Dave Crow – BOD Member
Sonia Gladish – Secretary	Chuck Gladish – Past President
	Janet Conlin

CLA Members Present:

Dale Sprecher
Herman Collins

Guests

Betty Braker – U of I student in Fish & Wildlife Dept.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fred Vincent.
- Betty Braker spoke to us on the Asian Clam infestation in Lake Tahoe and also their presence in Lake Pend Orielle. These are fresh water bivalves mostly found in high mountain lakes. They thrive in a wide range of temperatures and water conditions in both deep and shallow water from shore line to 70 meters. Life span is from two to four years. They have both male and female reproductive organs. In the larval stage, they move with water currents and when they reach maturity they will attach to a hard surface. They are extremely prolific with up to 1,500 organisms per square meter. Due to the high density of organisms, they will die off as they become over crowded. This may cause a high increase in the calcium in the water which, in turn may promote the growth of other invasive species such as Zebra and Quagga mussels. Treatment options may include bottom liners to control oxygen. This can promote the return of native Pea Clams.

Samples were taken at Ellisport Bay in 2012 and Asian Clams were found. They were still in the larval stage and did not appear to be spreading at that time. The clams bore down into the sediment, so a simple surface sampling may only be the tip of the ice berg and not representative of the true infestation of clams. It is believed that these clams may have been introduced as a food source for workers in the mining, railroad and logging industries during the 1930s.

Fighting the Asian Clam infestation will cost a lot of money and the best course of action is to keep them from being introduced into Lake Cocolalla. We must all be diligent in having all water craft entering and leaving the lake inspected.

The following link contains valuable information on Asian Clams, produced by Cornell University: <http://www.extendonondaga.org/natural-resources/invasive-species/aquatic-animals/asian-clam/>

- The minutes for the June 26, 2014 meeting were approved with Janet so moving and Cinda seconded. The motion passed.
- Treasurers' report – Cinda Crow.
See the attachment for details.
- The CLA website needs to be updated. Since Kathy Dingman is no longer handling this we need a new website manager. It was suggested that Graham Conlin may be interested in handling this if we have someone to send him the information. This is being looked into and recent information is that Graham is willing to do the job. The website is badly out of date and hopefully it will now be kept current.

Fred met with Tom Woolf and was informed that the EWM infestation at the south end of the lake was not reduced appreciably by the recent treatment. This is probably because of the circulation and dilution of the herbicide there. Divers removed all of the EWM that they could find. A new treatment is planned in September with a new chemical. Also, hybrid EWM was found for the first time and the new chemical will be designed to control that with the same application. The herbicide treatment did reduce the Curly Leaf but it needs more control also.

- The new sign at the north end of Cocolalla Loop Road is finished and looks great. Thanks to Dave and Cinda Crow.
- Water tests are being done weekly and clarity is very good. Secchi disc readings show 4.25 meters visibility. The water temperature is 71.1 degrees F. at the surface and 58.6 degrees at the bottom. Fishing activity has been good.

Water level is about 4 inches below the last reading taken on 07/07/2014. This is fairly normal for this time of year although it is slightly below the level for this time last year. It has been a very dry summer.

- Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Gladish
Secretary and Membership Chairman

