

Minutes for Cocolalla Lake Association Meeting, April 22,2021

Next CLA BOD Meeting will be held Thursday, May 27, 2021
Cocolalla Community Club House at 7:00PM

Guests:

Doug Cossette and Howard Shaw (Stateline Outboard Association)

Visitors:

Jane Sauter
David Compton
Dennis Anderson

Board Members:

Fred Vincent, President
Vern Newby, Vice President
Cinda Bennett, Treasurer
Kathie McGonigle, Secretary
Gary Suppiger
Tom Herron
Sonia Gladish
Dave Crow

Members:

Jan Neil
Don Anderson
Jeremy Conlin
Steve and Ann George
Bob Brimmer
Tom Herron
Chuck Gladish
Susan Whitehead
Frank Wright
Dale and Marie Sprecher
Gary and Michele Barton
Rod Babcock
Sherrie and Leonard Wilson
Lee and Teresa Andring

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Prior to the scheduled meeting agenda items being discussed, Doug Cossette and Howard Shaw presented the information for the Proposed HydroPlane Race on Lake Cocolalla. They represent the Stateline Outboard Association. Steve Bradshaw was invited to attend but a family health emergency prevented it. Howard and Doug came to explain their event and were interested in getting feedback from the lake owners as to their interest in holding a 2 day exhibition event during the summer. Their intent, if successful, would be to hold annual events. These boats are a smaller hydroplane from 8-14 feet, utilizing outboard motors. There are about 15-20 teams of various ages and various classes. They presented us with an aerial map of the south end and an outline of the course along with an issue of Propeller Magazine, which contained pictures and articles related to this type of event. It appears that the furthest north the course would go would be about halfway into the Tremble development and then turn west and come back south. They indicated they would cover all costs related to the insurance, course buoys, a line of anchor buoys for viewing morage which also would serve as a no pass barrier for general boating public., marine patrol, divers and clean up. The site would be at the south end of the lake with the Tremble property as a proposed site to launch and set up their campsites and equipment. However, as of the meeting they had not inquired with the property owner(s) about using the property in question for this event. They also had thought that any overflow campers could have used the north end boat launch campground but were informed that only day use is now permitted. Various members asked questions related to noise levels, propellers fragmenting south end aquatic growth, fuel spills, limited lake use by residents and normal lake visitors including seaplane traffic that is now more prevalent, wake disruption to race caused by continuing recreational boaters during race times, benefit to the public, lack of public space for viewing, possible conflicts with parking along Highway 95 and possible trespassing on Burlington Northern property. There are several agencies that would need to permit this type of event and as of the meeting they indicated they only had heard back from Fish and Game. We expect that if they are able to secure the property and get permitted, that public comment would be required. We will monitor the progress of this event. They indicated that those interested in more information could go to Seattleoutboard.org to get additional information on these types of events

After their presentation we returned to the business meeting.

1)It was moved by Gary Suppinger to accept the March 25th meeting minutes sent out by e-mail to be approved. Vern Newby 2nd the motion.

2)**Cinda Bennet gave the treasurer's report.** We have a total of \$54,034.02 in our account. We have had an additional \$313.00 donated from renewals received. Fred Vincent reported that we had received 2 very generous donations from The Joanne Aldrich Graham and Kenneth R Graham Foundation of \$700 and \$100 from 1st cousins Mary Carbaugh, Cathay Hassinger and Jim Moser to assist us with the purchase of the remaining items of our water testing equipment in Janet's memory. Vern moved to designate those funds to purchase the Water Testing Equipment needed to do the testing that Tom and Janet had been doing. Gary Suppiger 2nd the motion. This will complete the required equipment to do our ongoing water testing. Many thanks to who made donations this year!

3)**Cinda Bennet gave the Membership report.** We now have 72 paid members.

4) **New Business:**

- March/April water quality test results-Tom Herron. Tom was not able to get out on the lake this past month but will begin testing in May. The significant wind event of April 18th was noted. Tom did indicate that the low runoff would not necessarily bring an increase in sediment retention as there would be a corresponding lowering of sediment coming into the lake because of the low flow rate.
- Cocolalla Lake Milfoil/Curly Leaf survey updates-Fred Vincent. There was no updated news on when ISDA will be conducting their spring survey. Curley Leaf survey should occur first, hopefully this May, with the water level being lower and beginning to warm. We expect a June survey for Milfoil.
- April water level-Vern Newby-Vern Newby. The water level is 5.44. Vern did note that there was a low to moderate flow. Thus some water continues to escape through the beaver dam on the north side of the outlet.

- June Annual Meeting and Board/Officer Nominations-We need to replace one board member to fill Janet Conlin seat. Those board members with terms expiring will be listed in the May meeting agenda.
- Lake Host Station update-Fred Vincent. ISDA informed us that they are now in the process of hiring Roving Crews for this season this year. They intend to have a crew at Cocolalla Boat launch beginning, Friday May 21st. Bob Brimmer will fill in when the crews are not present. The scheduling is still being worked out, but we believe ISDA crews should cover approximately half of each month through September with Bob Brimmer covering the other half of each month. We believe inspections will be Thursday through Sunday and Holidays. It was discussed that due to the warm weather and boat traffic now appearing on the lake we would want Bob to work 3 weekends before the Roving Crews start beginning with May 1st weekend. The cost for Bob to man the station those 3 weekends is \$720. Gary Suppiger moved to approve funds for May. Dave Crow 2nd the motion. We will review Bob's summer schedule at the May meeting.
- Additional Water Testing Equipment purchase expense of \$770 was covered by Janet Conlin's family donations in remembrance of Janet.
- 2021 Water Festival Donation-Cinda Crow. It was proposed that we donate our usual donation of \$100. Sonia moved that we donate \$100. Gary Suppinger 2nd the motion.

5)Old Business:

- 2021 Community tour of Fish and Games Wetlands. Gary Suppinger suggested we do a Spring and Fall tour to catch up from last year. He will arrange with the school district and Fish and Game for the event.

6)Other Business: Comments by the Board related to Proposed HydroPlane Race on Lake Cocolalla.

Tom Herron commented that the water is very shallow and worries about the encroachment on the shoreline. Also, there is no place for spectators to watch and there is concern of waste and debris from the event and spectators.

Bob Brimmer is concerned about the cars parked at the boat launch encroaching on property owners land. The race could be viewed by boat.

Vern Newby said he is concerned about the noise and there is no benefit to the property owners.

Fred Vincent noted above that he believed there will be a Public Hearing to all comments from the community at large. We will present our (CLA) position at that time. As indicated above there are various agencies whose decisions need to come first.

7)Adjournment: Dave Crow moved to adjourn the meeting. Vern 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathie McGonigle
Secretary