HUBBARD COUNTY COLA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 25, 2013

“COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers”

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1. Call to Order: President Dan Kittilson at 7:00 P.M.

Representatives:

Bad Axe: Mary Ann Erpelding
Belle Taine: Dick Boehmer
Big Mantrap: Barb & Burney Fischer, Helen Marsh, Sue Ryan
Big Sand: Irene Weis, Candy Malm, Peter Pierson
Blue: Peter Tuomisto
Boulder:
Lower Crow Wing: Jen Pidde
5/6/7 Crow Wing: Dan O’Brien, Karl Liomala, Keith Bemis
8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley
10th & 11th Crow Wing:
Duck: Tom Mooney
Eagle: Jerry Grudem
Fish Hook: Don & Jan Rumpza
Gilmore: Tom Thielges

Island South:
Ham: Paul Jensen, Jim Alger
Hinds:
Kabekona:
Little Sand: Wayne Swanson, Dan & Ruby Kittilson, Mary Jo Groehler
Long: Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel,
Palmer: Bert Ahern, Betsy & Dan McCorry
Peysenske: John Wilhelm
Plantagenet:
Portage: Jerry Knoblich
Potato: John Hastings, Chuck Diessner, Ken Grob
Spider: John Weber, Hillary Stoltz
Stony:
Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich
Twin Lakes: Chuck Tritz

Guests: Doug Kingsley - DNR Fisheries, Nate Sitz - Hubbard Co. SWCD, Sarah Smith – PR Enterprise

Prior to the Board Meeting, Nate Sitz and Julie Kingsley from SWCD gave a report on the Hubbard County watercraft inspection data to date. They will do this before each COLA meeting. They provided information on the Watercraft Decontamination Station located at Johnson-On-The-Water in Dorset that is available on an on-call basis at 218-252-3701.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2013 meeting: MSP

3. Addition to Agenda: None

4. Treasurer’s Report: John Weber – Approved - MSP
Dues statements will go out in mid August, still at $4 per Lake Association member. Four lakes have not yet paid for water testing. $1,000 has been transferred from the General Fund to the Legal Fund to close that item out. Dan indicated that final payment has been made to the Legal Fund. Dan acknowledged that John Weber has now served as our treasurer for 16 years.
5. Unfinished Business:
   A. The Wild Rice Fundraising Project and COLA Sponge Project are still ongoing and
      should be promoted at lake association annual meetings and to the memberships. We will
      have COLA sponges available at Taste of Dorset August 4th. Also at Park Rapids Legend
      and Logging Days August 9th & 10th, we’ll need volunteers to help with the Wild Rice and
      sponge sales at that event.

   B. Innovative fundraising ideas are still being considered and encouraged. Anyone with
      good quality garage sale items, special skills, talents or ideas to contribute should contact
      Lynn Goodrich. tripplake1@mac.com

6. New Business:

   A. COLA Website: Jeff Mosner has it online at www.hubbardcolamn.org. Jeff welcomes
      any photos of our lakes to add to the site.

   B. Julie Kingsley gave an update on the Watercraft Inspection Program. As of July 7th,
      4,893 inspections have been done, over 2,934 hours from 21 inspectors. 498 boats were from
      outside MN. 332 boats had come from infested lakes. We’re now doing inspections at 20
      lakes having just added Grace Lake in the N/E corner of Hubbard County.

7. Review & Implementation of Capstone Report on COLA/ Lake Association
   sustainability:

   Each of the committee chairs reviewed and passed out a summary of the Capstone Report as it
   related to their committee:
   Education - Sharon Natzel
   Finance - Lynn Goodrich
   AIS/Water Quality - Ken Grob
   Communication - Larry Roberts
   Civic Service – Peter Tuomisto
   Political Action – Chuck Diessner
   Membership – Hillary Stoltz
   Individual Lake Associations – Chuck Diessner

   The next step will be for lake associations to review the Capstone Report and report back at the
   August/September COLA meetings on how they can utilize the report and implement action
   steps for their lake association as it relates to the Capstone Project. Lake associations that would
   like to participate should contact Dan Kittilson or Larry Roberts for further information.

8. What’s Happening on Your Lake:

   Baby loons were reported on several lakes. Good success with nesting platforms. Several new
   Lake Association Presidents and COLA reps were in attendance.

Next Mtg: Thurs August 29th – Annual Meeting: 6:30 PM social gathering; 7 PM meeting,
Northwood Bank's Community Room. Group 5 Hosting: 8/9 Crow Wing, Bad Axe, Big
Sand, Boulder, Plantagenet
9. Adjourn Meeting: MSP to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Host Team – Group 4: Belle Taine, Ham, Little Sand, 10/11 Crow Wing

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