HUBBARD COUNTY COLA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 25, 2013
“COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers”
www.hubbardcolamn.org

1. Call to Order: President Lynn Goodrich at 7:00 P.M.

Representatives:

Bad Axe: Dave McCurnin
Belle Taine: Dave McCurnin
Big Mantrap: Burnie Fischer
Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis
Blue: Ron Jacobson
Boulder: Steve Hall
Lower Crow Wing: Anthony McKeown (Crow Wing River)
Middle Crow Wing: Becky Romans
8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley
10th & 11th Crow Wing: Daniel Rud
Duck: Deb Rogers
Eagle: Janine Weideman
Fish Hook: Jan Rumpza
Gilmore: Tom Thielges
Island South:

Ham: Paul Jensen
Hinds: Lynn Weis
Kabekona:
Little Sand: Dan & Ruby Kittilson, Wayne & Dar Swanson, Marshall Howe, Jim Thomsen
Long: Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel
Palmer: Dan & Betty McCory,
Peysenske: Jeff Mosner, John Wilhelm
Plantagenet: Alan Collander
Portage: Jerry Knoblich
Potato: Chuck Diessner, Bob Berdahl, Ken Grob
Spider: Hillary Stoltz
Stony:
Tripp: Lynn & Theora Goodrich
Twin Lakes: Kari Tomperi

Guests: Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries; Sue Tomte, Fish Hook River; Jamin Carlson, SWCD; Chris Cowden, Watercraft Inspector; Tom Stursa, DNR Wildlife.

2. Guest Speaker: Tom Stursa, DNR Wildlife: “Nuisance Wildlife on our Lakes”

3. Approval of Minutes: from May 28th, 2015 meeting. MSP

   The total revenue for June was $365.88 and expenses totaled $402.24 including MN COLA membership, Web Site costs, Stony Lake Beavers sign and AIS resort folders. The question was asked how much of COLA’s Charitable Fund (Northwest Minnesota Foundation) accumulated earnings are spendable. Dan will look into this fund and report back to COLA.

5. Report on AIS Early Detection Training Class. (Dan)
   a. Training was co-sponsored by Hubbard County Extension with Sally Shearer. Thank you, Sally, for your ongoing support for COLA.
   b. 12 Hubbard County lakes were represented including Long, Fish Hook, Tripp, Belle Taine, Ham, Little Sand, Bad Axe, Spider, 10th/11th Crow Wing, Pickeral, Stocking (Wadena County) and Emma/Stocking/Bottle.
   c. AIS identification fact sheets and monitoring protocols are available on our website.

6. Veliger Sampling Training will be held on June 29th on Blue Lake in conjunction with RMB Lab and Moriya Rufer.

7. Early Detection cinder blocks are available for monitoring (Lynn & Dan)
   a. Members are encouraged to fill out registration forms and pick up blocks at each COLA meeting.
   b. Protocols on how to monitor for zebra mussels with cinder blocks were distributed at the meeting and are available on our website.
   c. A spreadsheet is being used to determine which lakes are utilizing cinder blocks to monitor for adult/juvenile zebra mussels. Lakes are encouraged to complete the form.
8. Sponges are available for lakes to distribute at lake association meetings. Contact Lynn if interested.


10. Old Business
   a. HCCOLA Sports Sale version 2 (Lynn)
      i. HCCOLA conducted another successful Sports Sale raising about $1300.
      ii. Thank you to all that donated items and worked during the sale.
      iii. Members are encouraged to set aside sale items for next year.

11. New Business
   a. Sandpiper Pipeline (Jeff M.)
      i. On June 5, 2015 the PUC approved the Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline with a number of conditions and that the route permit proceedings should restart and that the only routes to be considered for a route permit include SA (Enbridge’s preferred route) and SA – 03 AM (AM means “as modified”) which is in the same location in Hubbard County as Enbridge’s preferred route and that route only benefits areas south and east of Hubbard County.
      ii. Enbridge has applied for a Certificate of Need for Line 3 that will follow the same route as the Sandpiper Pipeline.
      iii. When a question was asked about Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) next steps, a motion was made and passed with 2 nay votes to close the meeting before further discussion regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline. The meeting was closed to only COLA members for further discussion regarding FOH’s future plans.

12. COLA Committee Reports and Announcements: See COLA reports on website.
   a. Restore the Shore – Deadline for orders is October 1st. New products this year include:
      1) MNL – Lakeshore & Waters Edge mix and 2) MNL – Pollinator’s mix.
   b. Jerry Knoblich reported that water testing should not be done before Sunday, July 19th due to issues with preserving the water sample if conducted earlier.
   c. Ken reported that COLA printed 4000 AIS cards for distribution through the watercraft inspectors and area resorts.

13. What’s Happening on Your Lake:
    Paul Jensen gave an overview of Ham Lake. Ham Lake is located in White Oak Township and is shaped like a ham. Paul provided cookies for our social gathering that were shaped like a ham for our enjoyment. Ham Lake is a spring fed lake that encompasses 178 acres with no resorts. It is primarily a bass and pan fish lake. Fifty families live on Ham Lake and 36 family units are members of their lake association. Their lake association was formed in 1998 and they have recently developed an historical booklet about Ham Lake and its residents.
    SWCD will be conducting nitrate testing at the County Fair. Residents can bring their water samples to the Environmental Building on July 17th or 18th.
    Senior day is on Friday, July 17th at the fair and Ken Grob has been nominated for Senior of the Year.
    COLA has purchased several banners and they are available for use at your lake association meetings or other lake functions. Please contact Lynn Goodrich if you would like to use a banner.

14. Next Meeting: Thursday July 30, 2015. 6:30 p.m. social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting, Northwood’s Bank Community Room. The Nifty Nine Host Lakes for the July 30th COLA meeting are Fish Hook, Eagle, Hinds and Lower Crow Wing Lakes. Please help our host lakes with cleanup and moving the chairs and tables.

15. Adjourn Meeting: MSP to adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Kittilson