

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 27, 2015

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

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1. Call to Order: President Lynn Goodrich at 7:00 P.M. No additional agenda items.

Representatives:

Bad Axe: Kaye Molin

Belle Taine:

Big Mantrap: Carole Sierk, Sue Ryan, Burney Fischer

Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Steve Hall

Lower Crow Wing: Jenifer Pidde-2nd CW

Middle Crow Wing: Becky Romans

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck: Deb Rogers

Eagle: Janine Weideman

Fish Hook:

Gilmore:

Island South: Harold Bosse

Ham: Paul Jensen

Hinds:

Kabekona:

Little Sand: Dan Kittilson

Long: Barb Roberts, Carolynne White, Sharon Natzel

Palmer: Bert Ahern

Peysenske:

Plantagenet: Alan & Susan Colliander

Portage: Charlie Pieper, Jerry Knoblich

Potato: Bob Berdahl, Chuck Diessner, Ken Grob

Spider: Hillary Stoltz

Stony:

Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich

Twin Lakes: Kari Tomperi, Rose Pragole, Chuck Tritz

Guests: Steve Long – Schweitzer Lake, Tim James – MPCA

2. Guest Speaker: Tim James, Watershed Coordinator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

He shared the importance of the aquatic vascular plants which help protect our lakes, provide homes and habitat for songbirds, animals and water fowl that live in and around the riparian zone. There are 150 varieties of aquatic vascular plants in MN. Using global forest watch info, Tim explained the consequences of development on our lakes where prior to development less than 1% of the runoff enters the lake and with development up to 20-30% of surface runoff makes it to the lake. We can affect the runoff. These aquatic vascular plants help provide a buffer zone. He suggested utilizing the DNR's Restore Your Shore materials as a starting point <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/restoreyourshore/index.html>

3. Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Pipeline public comment period ends 9/30 at 4:30 pm. Draft Letter from HCCOLA to PUC to be discussed in closed portion of the Sept meeting.

4. Sleeping Fawn Resort / Podunk Poets Concert provided donation of \$2040 to HCCOLA for AIS education. HCCOLA will discuss being one of the sponsors for next year's concert.

5. Water Testing Update – Peter Tuomisto reported that RMB Environmental Laboratories found no zebra mussel veligers in our Hubbard County lakes samples this season. Participating lakes should keep your nets for testing next year. Sept 20-21 is final water quality monitoring of the season. Bring your 2-meter sampler and cooler to Charlies by 11 AM Monday 9/21.

Dan Kittilson spoke about cinder blocks (there are over 100 deployed in the county), docks / boatlifts and plant vegetation checks. Our “lake detectors” are asked to provide progress info to Dan. A few more lakes to engage. He recaps in a final report to the state for the county program.

6. “Restore the Shore” Lake Assoc Coordinators – order deadline is Oct 1st

Remember to keep the individual lake owners forms. Provide total Lake order / check to Theora.

7. Minnesota’s Outstanding Senior Citizens competition at State Fair – Ken Grob nominated

8. Approval of Minutes from 7/30/15 meeting – Motion made, seconded and passed (MSP).

9. Treasurer’s Report by Steve Hall – Reviewed 2014-15 finances and proposed 2015-16 budget. Revenue and expenses were reviewed. The Treasurer’s report was approved. **(MSP)**

10. HCCOLA Annual Business Meeting. Discussed the following:

- a) Voting – each member lake association (lake) present at the meeting is entitled to one vote. The designated HCCOLA rep from your lake will cast your vote. If they are not present then an approved alternate will then cast your vote. Vote will be taken by roll call.
- b) The positions of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer are filled and in second year now.
- c) There were no nominations from the floor for Secretary. Hosts for the monthly meetings will continue to do meeting minutes.
- d) The Treasurer reviewed the proposed budget earlier in meeting and it was accepted then.
- e) Next year 2016 meeting dates to mark on your calendar: 2/4/16, 3/31, 4/28, 5/26, 6/30, 7/28, 8/25, 9/29, 10/27/16

11. New Business

End of Season – reminder to check boats, docks, lifts. Report findings to SWCD, HCCOLA & DNR.

12. COLA Committee Reports and Announcements

- **Educ Team** - Sharon mentioned the DNR Straight River Groundwater Management Area Project Comment Period ends 9/24 – several lakes and rivers in Hubbard Cty within boundary

- **Membership Team** - Deb Rogers introduced Kaye Molin from Bad Axe Lake, the new representative who is receiving the baton from Mary Ann Erpelding.

- **AIS Team** – Ken provided information on the State Advisory Meeting Sept 16 – let him know if you are interested in attending and hearing more on AIS researchers at UMn

- Ken also mentioned he is on the planning committee for local AIS prevention programs presentation for the Oct 2016 Upper Midwest AIS Conference in LaCrosse, WI. He will be asking us for input.

- Ken said that the DNR has a program planned for new colorful signs for accesses for Spring 2016 so we will hear more about how HCCOLA could help out as the details become available

- Ken explained the State AIS work plan has 3 topics for ‘16 – rapid response plans for state and local, resorts and their watercraft inspections and containment of the super spreader lakes

13. What’s Happening on Your Lake: Portage Lake Overview by Charlie Pieper and Jerry Knoblich; Portage Lake was a meadow surrounded by White and Red Pine prior to the logging era in the 1800’s. Portage lake / dam helped to transport logs into Fish Hook. Portage Lake Association is active in treating and educating about the aquatic invasive Curley Leaf Pondweed.

14. Next Mtg: Thurs Sept 24, 2015; 6:30 PM social gathering; 7 PM meeting, Northwood’s Bank Community Room. Hosts: Plantagenet, Belle Taine, and Twin Lakes.

15. Adjourn Meeting: (MSP) to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Nifty Nine Host Lakes: Bad Axe, Long, Portage and South Island