

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HC COLA)
The Board of Directors Meeting – July 26, 2018, 6pm
Held at Northwoods Bank Community Room
Approved on 8-30-18

“HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers for this and future generations.”

THANK YOU to the meeting hosts: Hinds, Fish Hook, Kabekona.

Prior to the meeting beginning the members celebrated the 30 year anniversary of the Hubbard COLA with Patricia Alberg (1st president of Hubbard COLA) as a special guest.

1. Call to Order: Pass the microphone intros. Those present: **38** members present representing **25** lake associations, **5** guests.

Speaker: Calub Shavlik, Asst Area Supervisor, MN DNR Fisheries presented information on Muskellunge spawning habitat in Big Mantrap Lake, a native muskie lake. The presentation was the result of a 3 year study utilizing implanted radio transmitters. Calub’s powerpoint presentation is available at: http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/muskellunge_spawning_habitat_in_big_mantrap_lake_2018.pdf

2. Consent approval of the Agenda. June minutes were approved (Lynn Goodrich/Burney/Fischer). June treasurer’s report was approved (Lynn Goodrich/Alan Colliander).

3. Updates on HC COLA (activities and plans):

A. Legislative Listening Forum key talking points. Time devoted to narrowing topics from HC COLA perspective.

B. Committee Reports & Info from Organizations HC COLA is a member of: These reports were provided as a handout and are available online at: <http://hubbardcolamn.org/2018.html>. Specifically mentioned “Opportunistic Searches” on lakes – just keeping your eyes on the water for early AIS detection. Discussed zebra mussel detection methods and that lakes “need to be surrounded” with tubes; just one on a lake with not do the job. Garfield Lake has tested positive again for veligers. Approximately 16 lakes in the country are testing for veligers.

C. Lake Related Opportunities: Comments can be made through August 15 regarding the Ground Water Protection Rule. Early AIS Detection Class to be held 7/27. August 16th is a Community Education Class called “Protecting Our Lakes & Rivers”. Call 218-237-6600 to register. August 18th is “Starry Trek”. Go to <http://www.starrytrek.org> or email SharonMNatzel@gmail.com to sign up. Even if you cannot participate on August 18th, it is very important that you check your lake.

D. What’s Happening on Your Lake: Rolf Smeby presented Kabekona Lake. Kabekona will be the first lake in Hubbard County to install an I-LID system. When installed it will take pictures of everything happening at the public landing. The Kabekona Foundation has been instrumental in helping with the costs of setting up the program which are estimated at between \$6K and \$8K, with ongoing costs of approximately \$2K per year. It is expected to help understand boat access traffic patterns better, but will not take the place of watercraft inspections.

Next Meeting is the Annual Meeting: Thurs August 30, 5:30 PM Coffee & Conversation – Mtg at 6 pm, Northwoods Bank Community Room. Host lakes: All 4 of the Crow Wing Chain Lake Associations.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned. Deb Massey - HC COLA Secretary