

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HC COLA)
The Board of Directors ANNUAL Meeting – August 30, 2018, 6pm
Held at Northwoods Bank Community Room
Approved 9-27-18

“HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers for this and future generations.”
THANK YOU to the meeting hosts: All 4 of the Crow Wing Chain Lake Associations.

1. Call to Order: Pass the microphone intros. Those present: **32** members present representing **22** lake associations, **2** guests.

Speaker: Calub Shavlik, Asst Area Supervisor, MN DNR Fisheries presented an evaluation of rainbow trout stocking in three Hubbard County stream trout lakes. The three lakes were Blacksmith, Crappie and Newman. Calub’s presentation is available at:
http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/evaluation_of_rainbow_trout_stocking_in_three_hubbard.pdf.

Speaker: Representatives from Garfield Lake presented an update on an ongoing MN DNR Fisheries study on zooplankton and phytoplankton levels in their lake. Garfield has found zebra mussel veligers for the second year, but thus far no adult zebra mussels.

Speaker: Dan Kittilson presented an overview of a "Lake Diagnosis Worksheet" developed by Moriya Rufer (RMB Labs) and Bruce Paakh. The diagnosis worksheet is a tool that you can use to better understand your lake and get some ideas for projects to implement on your lake. This worksheet will guide your lake to one of two tracks including either a "Protection Track" or a "Restoration Track". This worksheet will be available interactively on the RMB website sometime in the spring.

2. Consent approval of the Agenda. July minutes were approved (Lynn Goodrich/Burney Fischer). July treasurer’s report was approved (Lynn Goodrich/Dan Kittilson). Special note: Water testing invoices have been sent out. Membership invoices will be sent out in the next week.

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

A. Hubbard COLA Charitable Fund Activities Update: The Advisory Team is in the process of developing grant criteria and a brochure. Target for releasing the brochure is November. Grant applications ideally would be received in December with Board recommendations early next year culminating in funds being available in May.

B. A motion was made (Lynn Goodrich/Steve Hill) to suspend the bylaws relating to term lengths. Additionally, the motion would allow Sharon Natzel to remain as president for one additional year and Steve Hill to remain as president-elect and vice-president for one additional year. Deb Massey would assume the position of vice-president elect. Of 31 lake associations, 22 were represented, creating a quorum. Motion passed.

C. Steve Hill made a presentation regarding proposed changes to the layout of the COLA organizational chart. These changes do not represent modifications to the “organization” itself, but rather modifications to the visual presentation of the organizational structure, more truly reflecting how the organization is actually functioning.

D. 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>. Be on the watch for the “Eyes on the Water Survey” coming to your email box!

E. What’s Happening on Your Lake: The Crow Wing lakes talked about increased excitement on their lakes. Membership has dramatically increased in the last 2 years. They offer several opportunities for social gatherings including monthly breakfasts/meetings, a farewell dinner and “Meet in the Middle”.

Next Meeting is: Thurs September 27, 5:30 PM Coffee & Conversation – Mtg at 6 pm, Northwoods Bank Community Room. Host lakes: Eagle-Island, Palmer, South Island and Ham.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:05pm. Deb Massey - HC COLA Secretary