

# HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Committee Reports and Announcements

October 31, 2013

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## LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Strategic Actions 1, 2 and 3

By Dan Kittilson

### 1. **Executive Committee**

- a. I would like to thank Burney Fischer, James Farmer and the graduate students including Jennifer Okajima and Jana McGee for their work on the individual lake factsheets for the Capstone Lake Resident Survey. To date, five fact sheet reports have been compiled for the following lakes including: Long, Potato, Big Mantrap, Palmer and Little Sand. The factsheet summarizes the results of the on-line survey that was sent to the residents of the individual lakes.
- b. At the October COLA meeting, several additional lake associations will be reporting on their review of the findings and recommendations of the IU Capstone project and any action items that they have selected to implement. **All COLA Reps, Lake Presidents and COLA Committee members are encouraged to attend our October COLA meetings to learn more about the Indiana University, Capstone Project.**
- c. **COLA continues to look for a Treasurer and Secretary.** If you have an interest in one of these positions and have the necessary skills for Treasurer and/or Secretary or know of someone who has those skills and are lakeshore property owners, please contact us at [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com)
- d. Check out the new website at [www.hubbardcolamn.org](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org) and click on the COLA Blog to comment on the website.
- e. 2014 will mark the beginning of a new season for the Heavenly Seven lakes responsible for hosting the social gathering at our COLA meetings. The first year was very successful with our members getting to know each other better as they work together serving as COLA's fellowship hosts. The fellowship hosts for the February 6, 2014 meeting will include the following lakes: Tripp, Kabekona and Peysenske. Each group is responsible for setting up the Northwood's Bank Community Room, providing and preparing the refreshments and treats, and doing the tear down and clean up after the meeting. You also need to pick up the key at the Bank a day or two before the COLA meeting. **Until COLA has a Secretary, the Heavenly Seven Lakes are responsible for taking minutes at the COLA meeting.**

### 2. **President's Report and Announcements**

- a. Mark your calendar and save the date.....Attend the next COLA board meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2014; social gathering at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwood's Bank Community Room.
- b. On October 5, 2013 the Crow Wing Watershed – Hubbard County representatives including Hillary Stoltz, Wayne Swanson, Melissa Koebernick and Dan Kittilson participated in the Fostering Citizen Leadership in our watersheds workshop series.

- c. The UM Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (CRSDP) has invited Hubbard COLA to join their natural resources work group. Dan Kittilson will be representing Hubbard COLA on this partnership.
- d. COLA has been exploring our teleconferencing capabilities for our COLA meetings but we are not ready for this high tech venture at this time.
- e. Hubbard COLA has expanded our meeting schedule to include the following dates in 2014: February 6, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25 and October 30. COLA meetings were added during the months of March and May to facilitate planning during the critical time of the year.
- f. **What's happening on your lake?** Please provide updated contact information for your COLA reps, presidents and e-mail coordinators so we can keep our contact lists up-to-date. Lake associations are encouraged to send newsletters to John Hastings at [johnhastings@live.com](mailto:johnhastings@live.com) and Dan Kittilson at [drkittil@q.com](mailto:drkittil@q.com)
- g. Hubbard COLA's e-mail address: Correspondence and questions can be sent to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com)

### **Improve Internal Communications**

Strategic Action #4

By Larry Roberts

Members are invited to visit the COLA website at [www.hubbardcolamn.org](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org) to read the October, 2013 COLA Update and learn about COLA's Charitable Fund, Diving for Eurasian Water Milfoil on Lake George, WRAPping about Your Watershed, Lake Association Capstone Action Plans and the final Hubbard County Watercraft Inspection report.

### **Lakeshore Education Committee**

Strategic Action 5

By Sharon Natzel

- 1) . Mari Jo Lohmeier, 4-H Program Coordinator for the University of Minnesota Extension said the 4-H Youth Ambassadors are definitely going to have 4-H Project Day on Monday 2/17/2014 which is Presidents Day. They are looking forward to the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations team having an educational hands-on booth that is water-related. So, please save Presidents Day 2014 and let Sharon Natzel know if you would enjoy helping with the planning and/or staffing the booth. The overall goal of the event is to allow 4-H children opportunities to learn beyond the normal classroom plus possibly peak an interest in a project area. This event will open the person to new ideas and plant seeds of curiosity to promote growth overall.

We'll learn more about the specific time and location of the 4-H Project Day later - - Mari Jo is guessing around 9 AM for start time and may be until 3 PM or so. The Youth Ambassadors plan the event but we plan our own booth hands-on topic area that is repeated a few times that day for kids to rotate through based on pre-registration.

In the meantime, by Friday December 13th, 2013, we will need to determine what specifically we will do with the kids in a 45 min or less window for our educational hands-on water-related booth. We will need to come up with a colorful and inviting description as the kids will sign up for our topic ahead of time. We will need to determine the age/grade range (not just one grade level) so like 3rd grade thru 6th grade or 4th thru 8th, etc... We will need to figure out any logistical needs for our booth like

space, table(s), electricity, etc. Also if we will need to charge each child something for materials for our hands-on topic, for example. If the topic requires 2 time slots that is a possibility too. We'll need to determine how many volunteers we'll need from COLA also.

- 2) The Education Team plans to be able to share information from Ed Mutsch on how to obtain and utilize the GIS data with addresses for your lakeshore owners for your lake association. This is something that HC COLA receives a yearly update from Hubbard County.on. Having access to this costly data is a benefit of your HC COLA membership.

### **Manage Public Image Committee**

Strategic action #6

By Larry Roberts

### **Membership Committee Report**

Strategic action #7

By Hillary Stoltz

The Membership Committee reports that 28 out of 29 lake associations have paid their COLA dues for 2013-2014. I would like to thank the Membership Committee and especially Mary Ann Erpelding for their efforts to follow-up with lake associations and encouraging them to keep their membership in Hubbard COLA up to date. Your efforts are greatly appreciated....Dan.

### **Finance Committee:**

Strategic action #8

By Lynn Goodrich

The finance committee's efforts this past month have centered on developing the 2013-14 Hubbard COLA budget. This document will be presented to the board at the October 31, 2103 meeting for review, comment and approval. Additionally we have taken on the responsibility for the accounting of the Sponge/Rice Project.

We are in the early planning stage of our spring "Back to the Lake" social/fund-raising event that will take place spring of 2014. We welcome input, assistance and support from COLA membership in planning this event.

### **Impact Political Action Committee**

Strategic action #9

By Chuck Diessner

1. At the County Board meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> we believe that the Shoreland Management Ordinance (Sections 1102 and 1103) will be amended to provide that the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission will merge into one committee of 5 members, one from each district, and appointed by the Commissioners on December 5<sup>th</sup> to take office on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new committee will continue to perform their same separate functions by conducting separate meetings on the same day. COLA has been supporting the merger at various County Board meetings.

Applications to be appointed will be accepted in November. Anyone interested in being appointed should see Diessner, Kittilson, Cowman, or Weideman for more information.

2. We also believe that the County Board at its November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will amend Sections 513 of the Shoreland Management Ordinance relating to Geothermal Energy Systems.

The proposed changes include the ability to locate part of the system between the required dwelling setback and the ordinary high water mark (OHW) for dwellings that are legal nonconforming uses in terms of their OHW setback (for example, a dwelling that was built before the Shoreland Management Ordinance was adopted at less than the ordinance OHW required setback is a legal nonconforming setback and use; no water or other liquid from a system can be discharged in a manner that causes it to run over the ground surface toward public waters; and any permitted discharge from a system to the shoreland area must be from water supplied by sources approved by the Dept of Health and the DNR.

### **Civic Service Committee**

By Peter Tuomisto

1. Veliger Testing Clean results so far in those lakes being tested.
2. Water Monitoring We will need a new Water Monitoring Chair next year to replace Jerry Knoblich. It helps to have a pick up with a topper to transport the samples and collectors. Thank you Jerry for your years of service. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Thank you for your volunteer efforts in the testing and monitoring.**

### **AIS Task Force Report**

Strategic Action #10

By Ken Grob

1. County-wide watercraft inspection program is completed for the summer. Attend Julie Kingsley & Nate Sitz's report session at 6:00 pm before COLA meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> for all the details on watercraft inspection results.
2. Some Resort Folder Survey forms still need to be returned to Ken Grob so results can be summarized.
3. Work to develop a County-wide AIS Rapid Response Plan continues. Bob Berdahl is leading this project. Targeting end of year to have it completed.
4. Ken Grob and Jeff Bjorkman will present an update on our AIS programs and the watercraft inspection goals for 2014 at the Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.
5. COLA AIS Committee will meet on November 6 to plan watercraft inspection funding for 2014. This is an important meeting for all AIS Coordinators/AIS Committee members to attend.
6. State-wide DNR AIS Advisory Committee has formed three Sub-Committees to focus on the key areas: Communications, State Legislative Actions, and Sustainable Funding for LGU's. Matt Dotta, Hubbard County Commissioner, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee to represent the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC).
7. LAKE ASSOCIATIONS NEED TO START PLANNING WATERCRAFT INSPECTION LEVELS FOR 2014. Actions needed:
  - √<sup>1</sup> Lake associations need to decide/commit to the level of inspections they want in 2014. This should be done by November.
  - √<sup>1</sup> Obtain commitments from lake residents (lake association) for 2014 financial support level
  - √<sup>1</sup> Contact their Townships/Cities to indicate what is needed for support in 2014 (same as 2013 or more)
  - √<sup>1</sup> Attend township annual meeting in March to confirm support

