

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)

Minutes of The Board of Director's Hybrid Meeting, Thursday 4/28/2022, 6:30 PM; Approved 5-26-2022

"HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers" www.hubbardcolamn.org

- 1. Presentation:** Bryan Haugen, Hubbard County Environmental Services, Environmental Specialist who manages the Hubbard AIS program, gave a recap of the 2021 inspection season and a preview of the 2022 season. No new AIS were discovered in Hubbard County but one lake is being monitored. There are 41 level 1 and 4 level 2 inspectors who will monitor 34 accesses on 32 bodies of water with 15,878 hours allotted. Local lake associations and townships contributed a total of \$156,568 (7,176 hours) to what is received by the state. See the Hubbard County Environmental Services AIS Prevention Supplemental Funding Reports here:
http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/ais/supplemental_funding.php

As a second presentation, Bryan highlighted changes to the Hubbard County Shoreland Management Ordinance No. 17, Amendment 20, August 17, 2021. Highlighted were new definitions, short-term rental requirements, water use structures and lot widths. He emphasized the need to contact Environmental Services when any work is being planned.

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/hubbardcounty/government/ordinances/docs/Ordinances/Ord%2017%20Amd%2020%20clean%20vrsn%20signed.pdf>

These, as well as other presentations, can be found at

<http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>

- 2. Call to order and determination of quorum:** The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Natzel. There were 29 attendees representing 18 lake associations and 3 guests. The meeting was hybrid in nature with 13 attending in person and 16 attending virtually.
- 3. New Member Welcome:** Steamboat Lake Association is welcomed as the newest member of HC COLA. They are being proactive in preventing the spread of Starry Stonewort.
- 4. Reports :** Consent approval was given for the minutes of the 10/28//2021 minutes. Motion by Gene Hanson and seconded by Jon Dennis to approve the treasurer's report. Approved unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer Position:** Having served HC COLA as treasurer since appointed 10-30-2014, Steve Hall has submitted his resignation from the position. Keith Minkel will serve as HC COLA treasurer.

As treasurer, Keith Minkel will be added on the Northwest MN Foundation HC COLA Charitable Fund account and will serve on the HC COLA Charitable Fund Advisory Committee. Keith Minkel will lead the HC COLA Finance Team as treasurer and Steve will continue to be a member of the team. The HC COLA Citizens Bank Account and Safety Deposit Box signatories will be modified for the new treasurer Keith Minkel.

Motion by Lynn Goodrich and seconded by Deb Massey to approve Keith Minkel as treasurer. Approved unanimously.

- 6. Secretary Position:** With the approval of Keith Minkel as treasurer, the secretary position is to be filled. Volunteers are being sought and approval for a new secretary will be voted upon at the May 26, 2022 BOD meeting. Those interested in the position can contact Sharon at hccolamn@gmail.com.

7. **Charitable Fund Grant:** Motion by Larry Roberts and seconded by Gene Hanson to approve \$1,167 to the Little Sand Lake Area Association to conduct an Aquatic Vegetation Survey in the summer of 2022, finances to be distributed by June 1, 2022. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Larry Roberts and seconded by Tom Harmon to approve the submissions of applications for grants for up to \$2,000 for 2023, applications to be submitted from June 1, 2022 through April 15, 2023. Approved unanimously.
8. **Charitable Fund Advisory Committee:** There is a need for a volunteer to be a member of the Charitable Fund Advisory Committee. Those interested in the position can contact Sharon at hccolamn@gmail.com. Approval will be voted on at the May 26, 2022 BOD meeting.
9. **Certificate of Appreciation:** Motion by Jon Dennis and seconded by Steve Hall to honor Everett Miller, soon to be centenarian of 5/12/22 from Spider Lake for his contributions to HC COLA as a founding member and its first Vice President. Approved unanimously. The Spider Lake Association will present Everett the certificate at their annual meeting.
10. **Restore the Shore:** Cheryl Hilgemann, Restore the Shore Coordinator, gave an update on the tree order. Due to the late spring and frost, the pick-up date is tentatively set for May 13-14. Restore the Shore Coordinators will be contacted with details.
11. **Laporte Days:** Motion by Larry Roberts and seconded by Rolf Smeby to have an HC COLA educational table at the Laporte Days on Saturday, July 2 at a cost of \$10. Approved unanimously. HC COLA will share space with HC SWCD and their nitrate testing. Volunteers will be needed to man the tent. Contact Sharon at hccolamn@gmail.com.
12. **HC COLA Events:** Members are encouraged to review upcoming HC COLA events at <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/events.html>
13. **MAISRC Update:** Members are encouraged to register for 6/9 MAISRC AIS Research Update in Detroit Lakes – there is no charge – see [flyer](#) for registration link, agenda, staff / topics being presented and more . Please promote this great opportunity to learn from world class staff within your lake association boards and your membership. HC COLA will have a display table at the conference.
14. **HC COLA Social:** A head count was taken to approximate the number of people who plan to attend the Tuesday, May 17, 2022 meet and greet at Zorbaz starting at 11:30 AM where attendees will buy their own lunch. 13 of those in attendance indicated they will be attending.
15. **Membership Committee:** Volunteers are needed to become members of the HC COLA Membership Committee. Details can be found at on HC COLA's website at [hubbard_county_colam_committee_guide_version_12-20-21.pdf \(hubbardcolamn.org\)](#) .

16. **HC COLA Website Update:** The AIS Operating Team and website manager have updated the website for “Resort-Campground-Short Term Rental with sections for guest, owner and lake service providers. See changes at [Resort Resources - Hubbard COLA \(hubbardcolamn.org\)](http://Resort Resources - Hubbard COLA (hubbardcolamn.org))
17. **AIS Operating Team:** AIS Prevention Coordinators for lake associations are asked to pick up the HC COLA hospitality unit packets to distribute and visit with resorts and campgrounds on their lakes before Memorial Day
- The packets can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot on Water Cooler Wednesday, May 11 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Also available at that time will be posters and waterproof AIS identification cards which can be distributed at annual meetings.
- Members are encouraged to **review the various opportunities** highlighted in the most recent [newsletter](#).
18. **Adjournment:** Motion by Steve Hall and seconded by Jon Dennis to adjourn.

Next HC COLA Meeting: Thursday, May 26, 2022 Hybrid HC COLA meeting with in-person at 6:30 PM, Calvary Lutheran Church.

Register in advance for your personal zoom ID if you plan to attend virtually on 5/26/2022 at 6:30 PM :

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqce-vrD4uGtSayN_sbveoC60dTpzv_Rnx

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the mtg.8

Respectfully submitted
Keith Minkel, Secretary