

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Board of Directors Hybrid Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM until approximately 8 PM – Approved 6-29-2023
Northwoods Bank Community Room, 1200 1st St. E, Park Rapids, MN 56470 and Zoom

In-person attendance 15 plus Zoom attendance 19 for a total of 34 participants. Quorum established with 20 member lake associations present out of 31. HC COLA Meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Natzel at 6:30 PM.

Wade Massure, MN DNR Park Rapids Area Fisheries Supervisor presented on the multi-faceted information available for a specific public waterbody. He showed us how to find basic lake information, fisheries survey data, stocking reports, regulations, water quality, clarity and more by using MNDNR LakeFinder website and its associated weblinks in his guided tour. Wade's slides are available on our website: www.hubbardcolamn.org → communications → [presentations](#)

MaJeana Hallstrom, Little Sand Area Lake Association, presented on their lake's aquatic vegetation surveys. The lake association received a grant from the HC COLA Charitable Fund in 2022 and it was completed in August 2022 by RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc. MaJeana's slides are available on our website: www.hubbardcolamn.org → communications → [presentations](#)

Andrea Dutcher, Belle Taine Lake Association Shoreline Monitoring Coordinator and AIS Detector covered the toolset and approach used for their lake for early detection of invasive species. Reach out to Andrea if you need tips to start up your lake.

Consent agenda items:

- Draft 4-27-2023 HC COLA Minutes - <https://hubbardcolamn.org/2023.html>
- Treasurer's Report - Keith Minkel

HC COLA Charitable Fund Advisory Committee recommendation:

- Beginning with the new grant round which begins June 1, 2023 and ends April 15, 2024, our HC COLA Charitable Fund Advisory Team recommends that we increase the in-kind match of labor / volunteers from \$12.00 per hour for unskilled activities to \$25.00 per hour for unskilled activities. Motion by Gene Hanson and seconded by Larry Roberts. Passed Unanimously.

We discussed the Hubbard County Decontamination Number is a temporary number – see the Hubbard County Official Website as they work to regain the phone number. The MN Decon site has the current temporary number also. Refer to: http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/ais/educational_information.php

We briefly discussed Northern Waters Land Trust, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates, MN COLA, MAISRC and future events:

Our HC COLA Membership Team to host “Meet and Greet”/ “Come & Go” & Celebrate 35 yrs of HC COLA, all public invited, [Zorbaz-Park Rapidz](#) at 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Taco Tuez, June 6, 2023. Buy Your Own Food & Beverage; Try Your Hand at Bean Bag / Spin the Wheel, Learn more about AIS Prevention

June 23 – 24th is the “Lab to Lake: MAISRC Regional Workshop” at Cedar Lakes Casino with Conference on Fri and Field-based activities on Sat. HC COLA will be helping on Fri with demonstration of CD3 unit capabilities. Registration and more info here: <https://maisrc.umn.edu/events/june-23-24>

HC COLA Hybrid meetings at Northwoods Bank Community Room & Zoom, last Thurs of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM: June 29, July 27, Aug 31, Sept 28, Oct 26

Attendee List Key: LA = lake association, P = in-person, Z=zoom, *=lake association's “designated voter” for this meeting

Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – P*

Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – P*

Big Sand LA: Tom Van Bruggen – Z*

Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P*

Duck LA: Bridgett Cook – P*

Middle Crow Wing LA: Cheryl Hilgemann – Z*, Andrew Schmidt – P

Eagle-Island LA: David Fastenow – Z*

Eighth & Ninth CW LA: Cheri Godfrey – Z*, Doug Kingsley - P

Emma-Stocking-Bottle LA: Gene Hanson – P*, Brian Long - Z

Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel – Z*

Ham LA: Walt Stachon – Z*

Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z, Rolf Smeby – P*

Little Sand LA: MaJeana Hallstrom – P*

Long Lake Area Assoc: Jaimie Beretta – Z, Sharon Natzel – P, Larry Roberts – P*

Plantagenet LA: Krystie North – Z*

Potato LA: Ken Grob - P, Craig Bihrlé – Z*

Spider LA: Jon Dennis – Z*, Rose Lawler – Z, Dan Olympia - Z

Stony LA: Bill Petersen - Z*

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z*

Twin LA: Deb Massey – Z*, Kari Tomperi - P

Guests In-Person include: Wade Massure – MN DNR Park Rapids Area Fisheries, Jerry Perkins

Guests on Zoom include: Randy Wenthold, Susan Rengstorf