

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Committee Reports and Announcements

July 31, 2014

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LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Strategic Actions 1, 2 and 3

By Dan Kittilson

1. Executive Committee

- a. **COLA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lakes associations, local government, the general public and future generations.**
- b. COLA welcomes two Speakers to our July COLA meeting:
 - i. Darrin Hoverson, DNR Hydrologist, will talk about Hydrology, Surface Water and Ground Water.
 - ii. Richard Smith with Friends of the Headwaters will discuss the Sandpiper Pipeline.
- c. **At the July 31st COLA meeting we will honor John Weber for his many years of service to Hubbard COLA as our Treasurer. John will be greatly missed as part of our COLA board but we thank him for his wonderful stewardship toward COLA's Vision, Mission and Values.**
- d. **COLA Current Affairs**
 - i. A one page hand-out called "COLA Current Affairs" is available for COLA Reps to distribute to your lake association members at any upcoming meetings. The hand-out can be distributed at lake association meetings, to your members electronically or enclosed with your newsletter. COLA leaders can be available to discuss COLA's Vision, Mission, Values and Accomplishments.
- e. **The Heavenly Seven Fellowship Hosts** for the July 31st COLA meeting will include 5/6/7 Crow Wing Lakes, South Island, Spider and Portage. 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. **Please 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.
- f. Due to the closing of Rapid Print, COLA will be making copies at the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce. COLA is a member of the Chamber so we will have "Member only amenity pricing" that includes the following:
 - i. Black and White.....\$0.10
 - ii. 2 sided Black & White.....\$0.20
 - iii. Colored.....\$0.50
 - iv. 2 sided Colored.....\$1.00

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

- a. Mark your calendar and save the date.....Attend COLA's Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2014; social gathering at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwood's Bank Community Room.
- b. Call for volunteers for the President-Elect, Secretary, Executive Committee members and committee members. If you have an interest in one of these positions, please contact us at hccolamn@gmail.com
- c. Hubbard COLA meeting schedule for the remainder of the year include the following dates in 2014: August 28, September 25 and October 30.
- d. **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 Lynn Goodrich at "Lynn Goodrich" <tripplake1@mac.com>; or Dan Kittilson at drkittil@q.com
- e. Hubbard COLA's e-mail address: Correspondence and questions can be sent to hccolamn@gmail.com

Improve Internal Communications

Strategic Action #4

By Larry Roberts

Nothing new to Report.

Lakeshore Education Committee

Strategic Action #5

By Sharon Natzel

- 1) Friday, August 8th from 4:30 PM to 9 PM at Northwoods Bank Community Room is the Course on Basic Plant / Lake Ecology and Basic Aquatic Plant Identification with plant key, herbarium, and live plants.

Mary Blickenderfer, UMN will provide the free training and the live plants. To register call Sally Shearer, Hubbard County UMN Extension at 218-732-3391 or email sshearer@umn.edu. Limit of 25 participants. Pizza / Pop will be provided for students by the Hubbard County COLA Education Team.
http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/2/6/5/3265696/2014_august_8_aquatic_invasive_plant_id_flyer.pdf

- 2) August 28, 2014: Christine Herwig: DNR Non-Game Wildlife and the Lake

We have arranged the HC COLA meeting agenda so others that are interested in the speaker/topic area can learn from our HC COLA guest speakers. The speakers will be available during the ½ hour social at 6:30 PM. At 7 PM after meeting introductions, the speaker(s) present. Then, following a short break, so that the speaker and visitors are able to take leave if desired, the regular business meeting continues.

- 3) Learn more about the Sandpiper Pipeline Route Proposed for our Lake Country and how you can help. <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/sandpiper-pipeline.html>

- 4) Learn more about the Straight River Pilot Groundwater Management Area and how you can attend monthly meetings hosted by the MN DNR – open to the public
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gwmp/area-sr.html>

Manage Public Image Committee

Strategic action #6

By Larry Roberts

Articles for the “Voices on the Water” series are on the website. We haven’t received one since May and I am sure many of our members have some stories to tell about their return to the lake this spring.. Share your lake experiences in a short story 5-700 words. Articles can be e-mailed to Larry Roberts, lrobertsmn@gmail.com.

Fourteen HCCOLA members volunteered to help staff the HCCOLA booth at the Hubbard County Fair. Thanks to everyone who helped out. This is an important event for HCCOLA to support.

Membership Committee Report

Strategic action #7

By Hillary Stoltz

Membership Committee discussed the preparation and mailing/emailing of the 2014-15 annual dues statements for the COLA member Associations. If there have been any unreported changes in Presidents and COLA Reps since our July COLA meeting, please send information to Deb Rogers before **August 10, 2014**. It is incumbent on each Lake Association to tally and report their membership numbers each year.

Hopefully there has been an increase in the lakeshore owners who have joined their Lake Association. It is the most efficient and responsible way to stay in touch with what is happening on your lakes.

Finance Committee:

Strategic action #8

By Lynn Goodrich

The tourist season is in full swing. Our weather so far has produced mild temperatures and quite a bit of rainfall. My time on Tripp Lake, although limited, has produced both good catches and great times. I encourage you all to get out on our lakes and enjoy the summer.

√¹ The “Water and Sports” Garage Sale took place earlier in July, and I am pleased to report that it was a great event and very successful. I would like to first thank the team of HC COLA members that generously gave of their time and talent to make it happen: Dan and Betty McCorry, Larry Roberts, Paul Jensen, Mike VanGuilder, Dan Kittlson, Don Sells, Jeff Mosner and Theora Goodrich THANK YOU!

A successful sale cannot happen without great stuff. So a BIG THANKS to all of you that donated your new and gently used sporting stuff. We had boating, fishing, hunting, camping, snow and water skiing equipment and some great artwork. Enough, I might add, to fill the Environmental Building at the fairgrounds. In particular THANK YOU Alan and Joyce Anderson, Don and Mary Ann Erpelding, Mary Jo Groehler, Bob Berdahl, Stu Hamilton, June Thompson. Your generous donations of boats, canoes, kayaks, artwork and more gave us the big-ticket items that drew in the customers.

In total we raised an impressive sum of just over \$2,200.00 to support HC COLA’s

mission.

The event was so successful, and we do still have some great stuff left, that it will become a yearly fundraiser for HC COLA. So plan on the HC COLA SPORTS SALE ver. 2.0 next June or July. It will, with your help and support, be bigger, better and even more successful. Remember us at the end of the season when you are pulling your boats and closing your cabins for the winter. I am sure you will be thinking to yourself. “What am I going to do with this or that? I don’t really need it anymore and I don’t have room for it anymore.”

√¹ The holiday season will soon be upon us. When thinking of a great gift, remember our selection of Artisan Pottery and Wild Rice. It just says Minnesota and will be appreciated by the lucky recipient. Stop by our website for the new flyer and order form.

√¹ There have been suggestions for other fundraising activities and I am looking for a few “Fun Loving & Talented” people to help take these ideas and turn them into successful fundraisers in support of HC COLA’s mission today and in the future. As always feel free to contact me, Lynn Goodrich at tripplake1@mac.com or (218) 652-3130.

√¹ Do you like money? If the answer is yes, and we all know it is, here is your chance to play. Since I will be assuming the duties of HC COLA president very soon I am looking for someone to assume the role of Finance Committee chair. You will get to do all kinds of fun stuff and ensure HC COLA has the where with all to continue its good work. Just email or call me so we can talk. I’ll even buy you a cup of coffee or ?

Our mission requires the commitment of us all. HCOLA needs you and asks you to step up, get creative, and be involved!

Impact Political Action Committee

Strategic action #9

By Chuck Diessner

1. The committee continues to review the matters before the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. We continue to be concerned that the Board (i) at times does not follow Eric’s analysis and recommendations, (ii) grants variances that do not meet the requirements of the Ordinance and (iii) many times it goes beyond its responsibility of just reviewing and ruling on the request as presented to ESO and the Board tries to solve issues that impact their decision in a way so that they grant a variance, which many times does not satisfy the Ordinance requirements.

Civic Service Committee

By Peter Tuomisto

Civic Committee activities for 2014

1. Restore the Shore orders for 2014 **will be due back to Theora Goodrich by Sept 1**
2. Veliger Water Testing will be done again in July and August. In 2014, Potato, Blue, Eagle, Big Sand, Little Sand, Long, Spider, the Crooked Lakes, **Ojibway, Belle Taine, Fish Hook and Kabekona will be participating.** Please let Pete Tuomisto know if your

lake would like to participate for the first time in 2014. I will be making blocks available (to hang on the end of docks) at each COLA meeting.

3. Hydro Lab SWCD will again have the Hydro Lab testing for those interested lakes in 2014. This is for monitoring the dissolved oxygen and the water temperature in your lake. Please see Julie Kingsley at SWCD if interested. There will be a charge for SWCD to perform this test. SWCD will also Veliger Sample and Map Vegetation for a fee. Contact SWCD if interested.
4. Water Monitoring Kits were handed out on May 14th at the Courthouse. We could still use another person to help transport the samples to Detroit Lakes once a month on Mondays. Please let Pete Tuomisto know if you can help. *Peter Tuomisto*

AIS Task Force Report

Strategic Action #10

By Ken Grob

1. County-wide watercraft inspection program continues to progress well. Nate Sitz reports that over 8700 inspections have been conducted through July 20, about 5300 on entering watercraft. The AIS watercraft decontamination station is operating with dedicated staff on Friday afternoons and Saturdays. Nate will provide the detailed watercraft inspection report for each lake association at 6:00 pm before COLA meeting on the 31st. Everyone welcome.
2. A sub-committee of the County AIS Task Force is working on the plan for use of the State AIS funds for 2014/2015. Lots of details and work to do to develop plan. Target is to have the report ready for submission to the Commissioners by the end of September. Although some funds are available this year, we do not plan to change any of the lake association or township commitments for watercraft inspection funds this summer.
3. The Resort Sub-Committee has completed most of the Resort visits. We planned about 60 visits this year. Lots of new info available, including promotion of sending resort guests to the SWCD decontamination station.
4. Wildlife Forever has posted the billboards that we fund. There are four in the area. Hwy 71 South of Bemidji (nice new one), Hwy 71 North of Menahga, Hwy 34 West of Park Rapids, and Hwy 34 West of Akeley (by Brauhaus restaurant). Also, local radio stations are broadcasting our public service announcements.
5. Dates to remember:
 - √¹ UMISC Conference in Duluth October 20-22. This is an excellent conference on AIS. It is the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference that is sponsored every other year.