

## June 27, 2019 HC COLA Committee Reports:

### **Civic Committee Report:** Peter Tuomisto

We had a good turnout for the Water Monitoring weekend on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - 35 out of 35 coolers were dropped off at Charlie's. There were also a couple of first veliger samples dropped off.

The next weekend is July 14 (Sunday) and July 15 (Monday) with cooler delivery to Charlie's by 11:00 AM. The veliger samples should be done by then and also returned to Charlies by 11:00 AM on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

I have PVC zebra mussel samplers still available. Call me at 612-597-1386 and I can arrange to get them to you. Otherwise, I will have them at the HCOLA meeting.

From Steve Hall – HC COLA Treasurer - invoices for water/veliger testing will be going out in July so Treasurers should be looking for it in their email. The cost for just the monitoring will be real close to \$200.00 for the five tests pending the final count I will do after we receive the second invoice from RMB.

### ----- **Restore the Shore (RTS) Team:** Sharon Natzel

We are pleased to welcome Cheryl Hilgemann (Middle Crow Wing Lake Assoc) to the **Restore the Shore (RTS) team!** Cheryl is team leader-in-training this year with Theora Goodrich (Tripp Lake Assoc) as coach! Cheryl is excited to help HC COLA lake associations take advantage of the terrific Hubbard County SWCD program available for HC COLA lakes.

Cheryl and Theora remind us to start thinking ahead to August – Sept 2019! Each lake association RTS coordinator is able to place an order for their lake association members and pay for trees and bushes in small quantities (5 trees per bundle as an example) with a check from their own lake association for delivery of the order this coming spring of 2020. Cheryl and Theora will do the combined HC COLA order for the HC SWCD. The RTS coordinator picks up their lake's order at the fair grounds in early May 2020 and delivers to their own lake association members.

### ----- **AIS Operating Team Report:** Bob Berdahl

Wolf Lake Vegetation Monitor Training will be Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM at the undeveloped access at the Wildlife Management Area. People will bring their kayak / canoe / rowboat and learn identification on the water thanks to Bruce Anspach, Beltrami County AIS Program.

Nicholas Macklem, Hubbard County AIS Program is heading up Starry Trek this year and HC COLA volunteers are needed. Registration is open now for Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup> so please get the word out to your lake association members to register to help with this look across MN lakes for starry stonewort and other invasives. This is a great experience in learning identification of aquatic vegetation, taking samples and rake use. Then you'll be able to apply that knowledge when in the water. Register for the Park Rapids event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/starry-trek-2019-registration-63798369641>

### ----- **Education Team Report:** Sharon Natzel

**6/28 – 12:30 PM Century Adventures** expedition to learn about water pollution, Depot Park & Fisheries

**Thurs – Sat 7/18-20** Please Sign Up to Help at the HC COLA Table at the Fair in the Environmental Education Building for a couple of hours to share your care for the lakes & rivers – signup sheet at table

**The Aquatic Plant Identification Class – Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 2 PM** – Northwoods Bank Community Room. This free class is open to the public and includes a light complimentary lunch. We will be working with many aquatic plants from across MN - - a special opportunity with instructor, Nicole Kovar, MN DNR Northwest Region AIS Specialist. Register with Sharon at [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com)

Learn how to identify what aquatic plants you may see in the water by working directly with the aquatic vegetation - - hands-on - - in the classroom!

Learn what some of the AIS plants in MN look like and compare them to native lookalikes - - in the classroom!

Gain the skills to help check aquatic vegetation at public access you visit or on your boating adventures.

Look for AIS by keeping your “Eyes on the Water”!

**Loon Monitoring – HC COLA Program for Hubbard County – Fri June 28 thru Mon, July 8:**

Sign up with Mike Van Guilder during refreshments 5:30 pm to 6 PM at the HC COLA meeting 6/27 or email [hcCOLAmn@gmail.com](mailto:hcCOLAmn@gmail.com) for the information to participate in loon monitoring for 2019. We will provide the info similar to the DNR protocol.

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**Community Based Social Marketing Committee Report:** Steve Hill

The Gear & Equipment flyers were a big hit at the HC COLA Showcase Table in Walker at the “Water Connects Us All” conference. <https://lptv.org/cass-county-northern-lights-casino-holds-water-connects-us-all-conference/#> Pick up some for your lake association annual meetings at the HC COLA meeting. We will have these at the fair too.