

# HUBBARD COUNTY COLA MINUTES

February 3, 2011

Hubbard County COLA; Stewards of the Lakes P.O. Box 746. Park Rapids, MN 56470

[www.minnesotawaters.org/group/hccola/welcome](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/hccola/welcome)

## Call to Order:

√<sup>1</sup> **Round Table Introductions**

√<sup>1</sup> **Welcome to guests and visitors**

√<sup>1</sup> **Donations for coffee and goodies – Thank you to Mary Jo and Helen**

√<sup>1</sup> **Representatives:**

**Bad Axe:** Dave Steffen, Betty Haukebo

**Belle Taine:** Dick Boehman

**Big Mantrap:** Helen Marsh, Lyle Laske

**Big Sand:** Al Judson, Jo Judson

**Blue:**

**Boulder:** Steve Hall

**Lower Crow Wing:**

**Middle Crow Wing:**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:** Julie Kingsley

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:**

**Duck:** Thom Mooney, Dean Long

**Eagle:** Janine Weideman

**Emma/Bottle/Stocking:**

**Fish Hook:** Edie Evarts

**Gilmore:** Thom Thielges

**Island South:**

**Ham:**

**Hinds:**

**Kabekona:** Rolf Smeby

**Little Sand:** Mary Jo Groehler, Dan  
Kittilson

**Long:** Bill Cowman

**Mow:**

**Palmer:**

**Peysenske:**

**Plantagenet:**

**Portage:** Jerry Knoblich

**Potato:** Bob Berdahl, Ken Grob, Chuck  
Diessner

**Spider:** Gordon Severtson, John Weber

**Stony:** Dennis O'Connell

**Tripp:** Theora & Lynn Goodrich

**Twin Lakes:** Donnie McIntosh

**Guests:** Doug Kingsley – MN DNR, Shane Foley - SWCD

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** MSP November 4, 2010 Minutes

**Treasurer's Report:** John Weber: MSP COLA Treasurer's report 2/3/11

- Note: on Expenses of General Fund Checking Details: the COLA collaborative for \$60.00 was the meeting room expenses held at St. Joseph hospital meeting room for 11 County COLA's. Also Action Media was paid \$600.00 for developing COLA's story.
- All Lake Associations are paid up on memberships and water testing for 2010.

**2010/2011 Proposed Budget:** John Weber

### **A. Proposed Resolutions:**

- a. Approve commitment of \$1,200.00 to SWCD for Freshwater Festival
- b. Approve increase in multi-tier water testing fee from \$200/\$145 to \$200/\$155 per lake; this was an Executive Committee recommendation.
- c. Donate \$50 to SWCD Envirothon

- d. Approve \$100 for dues and \$100 for website hosting to Minnesota Waters
- e. Approve \$250 for Hubbard GIS Access in 2011.
- f. Approve \$125 for Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce membership. This puts COLA's name on material and COLA may use their meeting room.
- g. Approve \$2,200 for AIS Prevention Grant
- h. Approve recognition gifts to Rich Rothermel (\$50), Judy Novak (\$50), Lou Schultz (\$100)
- i. Approve payment to Jerry Knoblich (\$100) for water testing mileage in 2011.

MSP to accept the 2010/2011 budget as proposed above, which is also listed on our website.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A. Lakeshore Education & Communications (J. Kingsley/S. Hall):**

- a. Email Coordinator list was updated/COLA database updated. If there are any problems with contacting your members or an update on your lake's email coordinator please contact John Hastings at 732-3260.
- b. **COLA Call:** Steve Hall. Steve is asking for any ideas for articles for the newspaper or if someone is willing to submit articles to him. Contact Steve at 732-8907.
- c. **COLA Education Initiatives/Hubbard County Extension: (J. Kingsley, S. Hall, K. Grob.)** A meeting was held with Sally Shearer of UMN Extension with Shane Foley and Kelly Condiff to develop programs for 2011. Ideas that are being pursued are:
  - √<sup>1</sup> **Half day Education workshop/tour** – 4 rotating workshops in the morning with a shoreland restoration bus tour in the afternoon. Possible topics are: Shoreline restorations, rain gardens, rain barrels, buffer zones/Lakescaping, and overview of available grant opportunities. Date to be announced.
  - √<sup>1</sup> **Please notify your Lake Association as we are looking for potential shoreland restoration sites.** Please contact Steve Hall 732-8907.
  - √<sup>1</sup> **HLRP/LMP special grant applications are needed by June 2011.**
  - √<sup>1</sup> **Lake Emma Township Healthy Lakes Partnership grant applications are due by March 1.**
- d. **Website review: (J. Novak):** Please note the updated website where the COLA minutes and other information are posted.  
[www.minnesotawaters.org/groups/hccola/welcome](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/groups/hccola/welcome)
- e. John Hastings is asking for any information from your lake association for the COLA spring newsletter. The newsletter will be published in May. Contact John at 732-3260.

#### **B. Government Liaison – Civic (J. Knoblich):**

- a. **Restore the Shore – J. Knoblich:** Mary Groehler will be the “Restore the Shore” Coordinator, with Jerry Knoblich's assistance for 2011. Restore the Shore order forms will be available on the website and will be emailed to Lake

Reps/Presidents. If you would like to volunteer to help with the tree distribution this spring please call Mary at 732-4200 or Jerry at 732-7687.

**b. Water Quality monitoring – (J. Knoblich):**

- I. Training/equipment pick-up will be Wednesday, May 11 2011 at the courthouse at 7 P.M.
- II. Water testers need to complete water testing registration forms and turn in by the end of April. Please contact Jerry at 732- 7687 **or Dan at 732-5566**
- III. May water testing dates are May 15 & 16, 2011.

**c. Children’s Freshwater Festival:**

- I. The festival will be held Wed. May 4, 2011 at Camp Wilderness Boy Scout Camp.
- II. 30 -45 Volunteers are needed. Please contact Melissa Koebernick, SWCD at 732-0121.

**d. Hubbard County Shoreland Guide: Local Water Plan**

- I. This guide is being published and will be available for distribution in the spring. Lake associations are encouraged to support the Shoreland Guide with a recommended contribution of \$100 per lake association or what your association can afford. Contributors will be recognized in the Guide.

**C. Government Liaison – State/LGU (K. Grob):**

**a. County meeting sign up sheet was sent around.**

**b. Impact Political Action committee: ( C. Diessner)**

- I. Board of Adjustment /Planning commission- this group has been attending meetings.
- II. H.F. 52/S.F. 13 proposed bills making it easier to obtain variances. COLA advises that each COLA representative and COLA members contact their area legislators to strengthen this bill so that clear consistent standards for variances are put in place. For more information on these bills contact Dan Kittilson at 732-5566
  1. Minnesota Seasonal Recreational Property Owners (MSRPO) lobbyist. MSP to pay \$1,000.00 to the lobbyist with an option by the Executive Committee to pay another \$500.00.

**D. COLA Meeting Attendance & Representation (M. Erpelding):**

- a. Nothing to report this meeting

**E. Aquatic Invasive Species/Exotics Task Force (K. Grob):**

**a. 2010 Watercraft Inspections reports are available on the website**

- a. DNR AIS Grants for 2011(Watercraft inspection & AIS Prevention Grants)
- b. 2011 AIS Task Force initiatives – will be posted on the COLA website.
- c. DNR AIS Stakeholder meetings in 2010 – **As a result of these meetings the DNR has 8 recommendations proposed for 2011 and a 13 page summary is available. This information will be posted on COLA’s website.**
- d. Zap the Zebra mussel information available at [www.100thmeridian.org](http://www.100thmeridian.org)

**Executive Committee Report**

- Executive Committee initiatives have focused on Strategic Planning, Action Media Communication Strategies, COLA Collaborative & routine COLA tasks.
- **There is a need for a volunteer as the recording Secretary for day meetings.** Please contact Dan Kittilson at 732-5566 if you are interested.

## **President's Updates/Announcements:**

- **HLRP Update (LMP's /Special Project Grants)**
- Lake Emma Township healthy Lakes Partnership Grants due March 1, 2011.
- Attend township annual meetings on March 8, 2011 – support for watercraft inspections/healthy Lakes projects.
- Minnesota Waters Conference, April 28-29, 2011 in St. Cloud (Hubbard County presentations).
- Legislative Town Hall meetings, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen (on the Senate Environmental committee) Friday, Feb. 4, 1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Alexandria.

## **Special Topics:**

- Future Speakers – Melissa Paak, a senior in high school has written a children's book on water quality.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- COLA vs. Hubbard County Lawsuit
- Strategy Management Plan (Strategy Map, Strategy Statements, and Strategic Plan Summary) the strategic planning documents are posted on the website.
- Strategic action groups develop Work Plan to address budget needs through August 31, 2011.
  - Present Work Plan to Executive Committee for preliminary approval in May.
  - Final approval at June COLA meeting.
- Multiple Revenue Streams (Leader/committee/contribution letter)
- Action Media (COLA's Story)
- VP candidate search

## **New Business:**

- COLA Collaborative – Hubbard COLA has been instrumental in the formation of the COLA Collaborative, an association of the Coalition of Lake Associations from 16 counties throughout Minnesota, and is a group of more than 25,000 citizens interested in the long term protection of Minnesota's waters.
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## **Initiatives For the Next Month:**

- HLRP class for 2010 – complete lake management plans & explore special project grants.
- Executive Committee initiatives (Strategic Action Plans, Action Media, COLA Collaborative)
- Impact Political Action – Monitor LGU's & State Legislature.
- Work on Education /Communication processes (COLA data base)
- AIS Task Force Initiatives

## **What's Happening on Your Lake:**

- Please send copies of you Lake Association newsletter to John Hastings & Dan Kittilson.
- Please provide updated contact information to your lake representatives, Presidents and e-mail coordinators.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Note the Change: Thursday May 5, 2011 7:00 p.m. at Northwoods Bank community meeting room, social hour at 6:30 p.m.**

MSP to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted: Julie Kingsley, secretary Feb. 20, 2011.