

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 27, 2013

“COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers”

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1. Call to Order: President Dan Kittilson at 7:00 P.M.

Representatives:

Bad Axe: Mary Ann Erpelding

Belle Taine: Dick Boehmer

Big Mantrap: Barb & Burney Fischer,
Helen Marsh, Sue Ryan

Big Sand: Al Judson, Irene Weis

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Steve Hall

Lower Crow Wing:

5/6/7 Crow Wing: Dan O'Brien, Karl
Liomala, Keith Bemis, Dan Edstrom

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck: Deb Rogers

Eagle: Janine Weideman, Jan Braun

Fish Hook: Don & Jan Rumpza

Gilmore:

Island South:

Ham: Paul Jensen

Hinds:

Kabekona: Mike Dudley

Little Sand: Wayne Swanson, Dan & Ruby
Kittilson, Mary Jo Groehler

Long: Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel, Jeff
Bjorkman

Palmer: Bert Ahern, Betsy & Dan McCorry

Peysenske: Jeff Mosner

Plantagenet:

Portage: Jerry Knoblich

Potato: John Hastings, Bob Berdahl, Chuck
Diessner, Ken Grob, Kevin Brauer

Spider: John Weber, Hillary Stoltz

Stony:

Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich

Twin Lakes: Don McIntosh

Guests: Doug Kingsley - DNR Fisheries, Kathy Bosch - ESB, Nate Sitz - Hubbard Co. SWCD

Prior to the Board Meeting, Nate Sitz and Julie Kingsley from SWCD gave a report on the Hubbard County watercraft inspection data to date. They will do this before each COLA meeting. They provided information on the **Watercraft Decontamination Station** located at Johnson-On-The-Water in Dorset that is available on an on-call basis at **218-252-3701**.

Guest Speakers: Professor Burney Fischer - “Guidelines for Sustainable Lake Associations and Coalitions of Lake Associations: Research and Recommendations”

2. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2013 meeting: MSP

3. Addition to Agenda: None

4. Treasurer’s Report: John Weber – Approved - MSP

All 2012-2013 lake association dues have been paid. Membership now includes 29 lake associations and 2191 members which is an increase of 104 over the previous year.

5. Program: Guest Speaker, Professor Burney Fischer from the University of Indiana, presented the Guidelines for Sustainable Lake Associations and Coalitions of Lake Associations:

Research and Recommendations report prepared by the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SEPA) Capstone class. Through literature review and communication with COLA the students addressed research questions concerning COLA's public image, water quality engagement, membership, leadership, volunteering, and fundraising. After analyzing survey data collected from COLA leaders and lake association residents, the students released their findings and recommendations to COLA.

Hubbard COLA will review the study and break it into sections appropriate for each of its committees. Each committee will review a section and its recommendations and then select one item for action. COLA will also determine how and when the report will be released to the public and media.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. The Wild Rice Fundraising Project and COLA Sponge Project are still ongoing and should be promoted at lake association annual meetings and to the memberships.

B. Innovative fundraising ideas are being considered and encouraged. Anyone with good quality garage sale items, special skills, talents or ideas to contribute should contact Lynn Goodrich. tripplake1@mac.com

7. New Business:

A. COLA Website: Jeff Mosner is developing a new COLA website. It is under construction but can be viewed at www.hubbardcolamn.org. After looking at different options, he proposed to the Board to engage in a three year plan hosted through iPage which offers a lot more features than the other options. It was approved. - **MSP**

B. It was discussed if COLA should pay \$100 to remain a part of Conservation Minnesota even though they will no longer be hosting the COLA website and they don't share the same AIS focus as Hubbard COLA. It was moved and approved to maintain that connection for the time being. - **MSP**

C. Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries, informed COLA about two upcoming hearings about possible ordinance changes that may be of interest.

1. Ordinance 10 (July 16 at 9:00) regards speed limits on certain area lakes. Lake Kabekona residents may be especially interested in this.
2. Ordinance 17 (July 16 at 1:00) regards geothermal heating systems. The Board is considering deleting the current restrictions on those systems. It is believed that geothermal systems may cause ground water depletion and/or pollution. After discussion, it was moved and approved that COLA would ask the Board to table Ordinance 17 until adequate scientific information is available to determine the implications of geothermal systems on ground water. - **MSP**

8. Committee Reports:

The committees provided their written reports ahead of time and due to the late hour a motion was made and approved to let people read those reports and not discuss them at the meeting. - **MSP** The committee reports will be posted on the Hubbard County COLA website.

Acknowledgement and thank-you to Larry Roberts and Sharon Natzel for all their hard work on the GFO!

9. What's Happening on Your Lake:

Baby loon chicks and baby eaglets were reported on several lakes. Spider Lake had a much improved Secchi Disk reading compared to their first reading.

Next Mtg: Thurs July 25, 2013; 6:30 PM social gathering; 7 PM meeting, Northwood Bank's Community Room. Group 4 Hosting: Belle Taine, Ham, Little Sand, 10/11 Crow Wing

10. Adjourn Meeting: MSP to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Host Team – **Group 3:** Big Mantrap, Duck, Potato, and Twin Lakes

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