

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 25, 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: Irene Weis, Candy Malm, Peter
Pierson

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder:

Lower Crow Wing: Jen Pidde

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

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck: Tom Mooney

Eagle: Jerry Grudem

Fish Hook: Don & Jan Rumpza

Gilmore: Tom Thielges

Island South:

Ham: Paul Jensen, Jim Alger

Hinds:

Kabekona:

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

Long: Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel,

Palmer: Bert Ahern, Betsy & Dan McCorry

Peysenske: John Wilhelm

Plantagenet:

Portage: Jerry Knoblich

Potato: John Hastings, Chuck
Diessner, Ken Grob

Spider: John Weber, Hillary Stoltz

Stony:

Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich

Twin Lakes: Chuck Tritz

Guests: Doug Kingsley - DNR Fisheries, Nate Sitz - Hubbard Co. SWCD, Sarah Smith – PR Enterprise

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**.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2013 meeting: MSP

3. Addition to Agenda: None

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

Dues statements will go out in mid August, still at \$4 per Lake Association member. Four lakes have not yet paid for water testing. \$1,000 has been transferred from the General Fund to the Legal Fund to close that item out. Dan indicated that final payment has been made to the Legal Fund. Dan acknowledged that John Weber has now served as our treasurer for 16 years.

5. 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. We will have COLA sponges available at Taste of Dorset August 4th. Also at Park Rapids Legend and Logging Days August 9th & 10th, we'll need volunteers to help with the Wild Rice and sponge sales at that event.

B. Innovative fundraising ideas are still being considered and encouraged. Anyone with good quality garage sale items, special skills, talents or ideas to contribute should contact Lynn Goodrich. triplake1@mac.com

6. New Business:

A. COLA Website: Jeff Mosner has it online at www.hubbardcolamn.org. Jeff welcomes any photos of our lakes to add to the site.

B. Julie Kingsley gave an update on the Watercraft Inspection Program. As of July 7th, 4,893 inspections have been done, over 2,934 hours from 21 inspectors. 498 boats were from outside MN. 332 boats had come from infested lakes. We're now doing inspections at 20 lakes having just added Grace Lake in the N/E corner of Hubbard County.

7. Review & Implementation of Capstone Report on COLA/ Lake Association sustainability:

Each of the committee chairs reviewed and passed out a summary of the Capstone Report as it related to their committee:

Education - Sharon Natzel

Finance - Lynn Goodrich

AIS/Water Quality - Ken Grob

Communication - Larry Roberts

Civic Service – Peter Tuomisto

Political Action – Chuck Diessner

Membership – Hillary Stoltz

Individual Lake Associations – Chuck Diessner

The next step will be for lake associations to review the Capstone Report and report back at the August/September COLA meetings on how they can utilize the report and implement action steps for their lake association as it relates to the Capstone Project. Lake associations that would like to participate should contact Dan Kittilson or Larry Roberts for further information.

8. What's Happening on Your Lake:

Baby loons were reported on several lakes. Good success with nesting platforms. Several new Lake Association Presidents and COLA reps were in attendance.

Next Mtg: Thurs August 29th – Annual Meeting: 6:30 PM social gathering; 7 PM meeting, Northwood Bank's Community Room. Group 5 Hosting: 8/9 Crow Wing, Bad Axe, Big Sand, Boulder, Plantagenet

9. Adjourn Meeting: MSP to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Host Team – **Group 4:** Belle Taine, Ham, Little Sand, 10/11 Crow Wing

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