

# HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 29, 2013

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

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1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Kittilson at 6:55 P.M.

### **Representatives:**

**Bad Axe:** Mary Ann Erpelding

**Belle Taine:**

**Big Mantrap:** Helen Marsh, Bernie & Barb Fischer

**Big Sand:** Irene Weis, Candy Malm

**Blue:** Peter Tuomisto

**Boulder:** Steve Hall,

**Lower 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:** Deb Rogers

**Eagle:** Janine Weideman

**Fish Hook:** Don & Jan Rumpza,

**Gilmore:** Tom Thielges

**Island South:**

**Ham:** Paul Jensen

**Hinds:**

**Kabekona:**

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

**Long:** Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel

**Middle Crow Wing:** Karl Liomala

**Palmer:** Dan McCorry, Burt Ahern

**Peysenske:** Jeff Mosner, John Wilhelm

**Plantagenet:** Lin & Joel Ward

**Portage:** Jerry Knoblich

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

**Spider:** John Weber, Hillary Stoltz

**Stony:**

**Tripp:** Lynn & Theora Goodrich

**Twin Lakes:** Don McIntosh

**Guests:** Don Dearstyne, Portage lake resident and County Attorney, Doug Kingsley DNR Fisheries, Tony Mckeown and Kathy Bosch.

2. **Guest Speaker:** Don Dearstyne, County Attorney, spoke on how the County is the last step of Shoreland management enforcement and explained the process of how a case moves through the court system in Hubbard County.

3. Program: Jeff Mosner on the new Hubbard County COLA website. Please check it out at: [www.hubbardcolamn.org](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org)

- If you have questions or comments about the website contact Jeff Mosner [jmosner@gmail.com](mailto:jmosner@gmail.com). The website also contains a Blog and Facebook feature.

4. **Approval of Minutes from July 25, 2013 meeting: MSP**

5. **Treasurer’s Report:** John Weber

- Gilmore and Stony lakes haven’t paid their water testing to COLA yet. They are due.
- MSP Treasurer’s report

6. **New Business:**

a. **Review and Implementation of Capstone Report**

i. **Lake Association reports** on how using the Capstone project

- **Big Mantrap:** Revisiting and revising their lake management plan and see if reaching their goals. Evaluating their newsletter and website and updating it. Develop an ad hoc committee for organizational structure and management.
- **Long Lake:** Did a survey and had 123 respondents saying they preferred receiving information through email. They are updating their website, doing a monthly focused email. They are also linked to Facebook. Do a newsletter 2 times a year and send out via snail mail and email. Are looking at their lake management plan and setting new goals.
- **Duck Lake:** Developing a website and also have a Facebook page.
- **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:** Making a brochure for the lake association and going door to door with Lake Association information to increase membership. Are looking at the management plan and setting new goals, joined in the AIS watercraft inspection program as a goal for next year and are looking at developing a new webpage.

**ii. Committee reports on the Capstone project:**

- **Education Committee:** Do more with youth through partnership with 4-H. They have a number of other ideas that they are planning to implement.
- **Communication:** New COLA website, Facebook pages. The Communication Committee will be consulting with Peter Pierson, a free lance writer from Big Sand Lake, about broadening COLA's communication strategies.
- **AIS:** In the final Capstone report there are some corrections under the AIS portion and an insert will be written with the corrections.
- **Membership:** Created and printed a COLA bookmark that will be placed in area book stores and handed out to school libraries. They used their whole budget on this project. It will be cheaper to reproduce in the future. If you would like them for your fall meetings you can purchase them for \$.25.
- **Capstone Project:** Two Indiana University students are returning and are looking at taking the data from the 7 participating lakes and expanding the report. Bernie Fischer will be putting this project into a Journal for publication.

**iii. Next Steps:** follow up reports at the September 26, 2013 COLA meeting.

**b. Promote purchase of wild rice products and accessories for upcoming holiday season. Order forms are available on the COLA website.**

**7. New Business:**

**a. Election of new officers:**

- **President and President Elect:** Dan Kittilson for 1 year with President elect Lynn Goodrich taking over the second year. MSP motion to elect above mentioned.
- **In need of Secretary**
- **Treasurer:** John Weber is stepping down after 16 years as treasurer. **We are in need of a treasurer.** John will continue the office until a new treasurer is appointed.
- **Appointment of COLA Vice Presidents:** Sharon Natzel- Education; Ken Grob - AIS; Lynn Goodrich – Finances and membership and Larry Roberts – communications  
MSP motion to elect above mentioned.

**b. Potential new lake association candidates:** East Crooked, Skunk, and Owl.

**c. Review COLA meeting dates.** We currently meet 7 months a year including February, April, June, July, August, September and October. Review the idea of adding and

changing the dates, example: adding March and May.

## 8. Committee Reports:

- See handout on committee reports
- **Restore the Shore:** orders are to be to Theora Goodrich by all Lake Association coordinators by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **COLA Social:** Wed. Sept. 11 at 5:00 pm at Zorbaz's.
- **Teleconferencing:** is there an interest in setting up teleconferencing of COLA meetings?
- **Doug Kingsley:** reported that a law has passed that removes tax breaks for putting land into conservation easements. This is a big set back to this program.
- **Sept. 19, 2013:** Meeting at Northwoods bank community room at 7:00 pm on fishing regulation on Northern Pike on Lake George and the Crow Wing chain; Crappie on Big Mantrap; Walleye on Kabekona; and bass on Lake George
- **Stony Lake:** Put up a sign recognizing the Stony Lake Beavers 4-H club for cleaning up their beach.
- **AIS:** Ken needs resort survey sheets from Irene Weis, Hillary Stoltz, Bob Berdahl, Steve Hall and Dan Kittilson.
- **Sept. 4, 2013:** meeting for MN Collaborative to present AIS grant proposal to the Outdoor Heritage fund in the Cities at 6:30 PM
- **Oct. 5 Septic Care class offered by Extension office 9am at Northwoods Bank community room.**

## 9. What's Happening on Your Lake:

- **Spider:** Fall meeting and pot luck/brat feed scheduled everyone is welcome to come.
- **Emma/Stocking/Bottle:** Kathy Bosch has sent a letter to property owners asking to become a member of their association and raised \$4,000.00
- **Long Lake:** Sharon Natzel is the new president of the association. Are updating all the addresses of people around the lake and asking for funds for their AIS foundation.
- **Little Sand:** Has had 20 ft. secchi readings (that is great water clarity)
- **Palmer:** Final pontoon platform party of the summer on Labor Day weekend.

**9. Next Meeting: Thursday September 26, 2013, 6:00 PM – AIS lake association update; 6:30p.m. social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Northwood's Bank Community Room. Heavenly Seven lakes responsible for the September 26<sup>th</sup> COLA meeting social gathering include Middle Crow Wing, Portage, South Island and Spider.**

## 10. Adjourn Meeting at 8:55 PM MSP.

Respectfully submitted: Julie Kingsley

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