

# HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 31, 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:**

**Belle Taine:** Dick Boehmer, Chuck Blair

**Big Mantrap:** Sue Ryan

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

**Blue:** Peter Tuomisto

**Boulder:** Steve Hall

**Lower Crow Wing:**

**5/6/7 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:**

**Island South:**

**Ham:** Paul Jensen,

**Hinds:**

**Kabekona:** Rolf Smeby

**Little Sand:** Dan & Ruby Kittilson,  
Marshall Howe

**Long:** Sharon Natzel, Jeff Bjorkman

**Palmer:** Betsy & Dan McCorry

**Peysenske:** John Wilhelm

**Plantagenet:** Bob Anderson

**Portage:**

**Potato:** John Hastings, Ken Grob, Kevin  
Brauer

**Spider:** John Weber

**Stony:**

**Tripp:** Theora & Lynn Goodrich, Mike Van  
Guilder

**Twin Lakes:** Don McIntosh

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

Guest Speakers: Ken Grob and Jeff Bjorkman – AIS Prevention and Watercraft Inspections.

Ken and Jeff gave a power point presentation that reviewed what has been done to prevent AIS contamination in Hubbard County and the watercraft inspection goals for 2014. The power point will be made available at the website [www.hubbardcolamn.org](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org) and through email distribution.

**2. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2013 meeting: MSP**

**3. Treasurer’s Report: John Weber**

- a. Lower Crow Wing Association is the only association that has not paid their annual dues. All water testing fees have been paid to COLA.
- b. MSP Treasurer’s Report

**4. 2013-2014 Proposed Budget** – Treasurer John Weber reviewed the proposed budget for 2013-2014 explaining the changes in some items. Proposed revenues and expenses are at \$9,864.00. **MSP.**

## 5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Holiday Gift Sale – A Soup’er Wild Rice and Pottery event was held so that supplies could be cleared out and recorded.
- b. Review and Implementation of the Capstone Project:
  - √<sup>1</sup> Capstone insert page - # 26A – This page explains that Hubbard County has no major AIS species in area lakes. There has been some confusion regarding page 26 of the Capstone report which states that “AIS applies to 12 of the 35 lakes studied”. Please refer to page 26A on the Capstone Report for further information regarding this confusion. The complete Capstone Report is available on the COLA website.
  - √<sup>1</sup> Lake Association Reports
    - Potato Lake – Kevin Brauer reported that with 265 properties on Potato Lake, they have 150 members. Their action plans will include strategies to expand membership, organize by neighborhoods for more personal contact, gather data and bring in younger board members. They are using an electronic newsletter and face book page.
    - Little Sand Lake – Marshall Howe reported that with 168 properties they have 50% membership. They are very active socially and bring a welcome packet to new residents. They use electronic messaging, publish a directory, conduct AIS surveys and water testing, and are looking at a face book page.
    - Enbridge Sand Piper Pipeline – The league of Women Voters has asked if COLA would join them in sponsoring a public forum with a panel of speakers that could address all sides of the issue. After a period of discussion by general consensus this was not deemed to be a COLA activity. We will publicize for the League.

## 6. New Business:

- a. COLA Calendar 2013 – 2014: COLA currently meets 7 months a year including February, April, June, July, August, September and October. For the coming year we will add March and May meetings to help facilitate planning at the beginning of our COLA season.

## 7. COLA Committee Reports and Announcements:

- a. Please let the executive board know about upcoming lake events to get them on the COLA Calendar.
- b. Education Committee – Sharon Natzel reported that her committee is working with Mary Jo Lohmeier, 4-H Coordinator for the UM Extension to plan a 4-H Project Day on President’s Day, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This activity will help youth learn about water quality through hands on activities. Please contact Sharon Natzel at [sorgwweh@aol.com](mailto:sorgwweh@aol.com) to volunteer to help with this 4-H Project Day.
- b. IPA Committee – There will be a public meeting on November 5 in the basement of the Law Enforcement Center to discuss the possible merger of the County Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. COLA urges interested parties to apply for a position on the newly formed Board. COLA is encouraging training for board members so they can be informed participants.
- c. Water Monitoring – Peter Tuomisto reported that we need a water monitoring coordinator to replace Jerry Knoblich. Jerry will work with the new coordinator in 2014 to help train

the new volunteer. The coordinator needs a truck to transport water samples to Detroit Lakes.

- d. COLA needs to fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

**8. What's Happening on Your Lake:** Please provide updated contact information for your COLA reps, presidents and email coordinators so we can keep our contact lists up-to-date. Lake associations are encouraged to send newsletters to John Hastings at [johnhhastings@live.com](mailto:johnhhastings@live.com) and Dan Kittilson at [drkittil@q.com](mailto:drkittil@q.com) Eight lake presidents attended the October 31<sup>st</sup> COLA meeting.

**9. Next Mtg: Thursday, February 6, 2014; 6:30 PM social gathering; 7 PM meeting, Northwood Bank's Community Room. Heavenly Seven lakes hosting the February COLA meeting will include Tripp, Kabekona and Peysenske.**

**10. Adjourn Meeting at 8:55 p.m.: MSP**

Respectfully submitted: Jan Rumpza protem sec.

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