

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 29, 2014

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

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

Representatives:

Bad Axe: Bob Schmidt

Belle Taine: Fred Lundstrom, Al Peterson

Big Mantrap: Burney and Barb Fischer, Sue Ryan, Carole Sierk, Helen Marsh

Big Sand: Irene Weis, Candy Malm

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Steve Hall

Lower Crow Wing:

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck: Deb Rogers

Eagle: Janine Weideman

Fish Hook:

Gilmore: Tom Thielges

Island South:

Ham: Arland Waters, Paul Jensen

Hinds:

Kabekona: Rolf Smeby

Little Sand: Wayne Swanson, Dan & Ruby Kittilson, Jim Thomsen

Long: Sharon Natzel, Larry & Barb Roberts

Palmer: Dan & Betty McCorry, Bert Ahern

Peysenske: Jeff Mosner

Plantagenet:

Portage: Jerry Knoblich

Potato: Ken Grob , Bob Berdahl

Spider: Hillary Stoltz

Stony: Dennis O’Connell, Greg Johnson

Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich

Twin Lakes: Kari Tomperi

Guests: Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries

Carrie Hitchcock, Northwoods Press

- 1. Call to Order – Introductions and Announcements -**
- 2. Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2014 meeting minutes - MSP**
- 3. Treasurer’s Report: Lynn Goodrich – excluding Project Fund monies at NWM Foundation the total is \$16,191.85 – Approved - MSP**
- 4. Sharon Natzel - Education Committee**

Sharon led us through an information gathering session asking each of us to provide our ideas and thoughts on 3 topic areas. COLA communications and how we share it with our Lakes, what is COLA doing or not doing, and sharing skills and talents were the topic areas. Our input will be reviewed and we will learn the results at a future meeting.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. Sandpiper Pipeline Update (COLA Pipeline Committee) - the extended period for filing comments ended May 30, 2014, there will be hearings this fall with final decisions made in early 2015.

b. Fund Raising – Lynn Goodrich

Lynn reported the COLA Garage Sale will be Friday, July 11 at the Environmental Bldg at the Fairgrounds with set up the day before, from 2-6 PM. We need your items to sell, talk it up to your individual lakes. This could turn out to be an annual event or a one time event. Also considering a bake sale, silent auctions or raffle ticket sales on specific items within the garage sale, it all depends on items that are donated.

c. COLA Presence at Lake Association Meetings – COLA reps should provide updates on COLA activities at their lake association meetings. COLA leaders are available to attend meetings as well, contact any of the Executive Board.

6. New Business:

a. 2014 watercraft Inspections/Decontamination Station - Julie Kingsley reported there are 30 inspectors working at 27 lakes. They have already done 1242 inspections. Of those, 781 were entering our lakes, from 12 States including Alaska and Rhode Island. There are 13 drain plug violations to date, a nice improvement from last year. The decontamination station is now near the County Transfer Station in Park Rapids, a sign is going up this week. It is staffed Friday evening, 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday afternoon 12 Noon to 6 p.m., otherwise call the hot-line at 218-252-6738.

b. COLA Representative information – Deb Roger's reports that most of the information that we used to get as handouts are now on the COLA website. A flyer was distributed regarding the website.

7. COLA Committee Reports & Announcements: The Committee's reports were emailed ahead of time so just touched on highlights. The committee reports are posted on the Hubbard COLA website: http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/2/6/5/3265696/cr_2014_04_24.pdf

Jeff Mosner would like members to send him new photos to post on the COLA website. jmosner@gmail.com

Lynne Goodrich needs to know the quantity of rice/pottery you desire if you want to sell them at your lake association meetings. tripplake1@mac.com

Contributions are still needed for this year's Freshwater Festival. Please send donations to Hubbard COLA, P.O. Box 746, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Volunteer Opportunities: We could use another person to help transport the Lake Water Monitoring samples to Detroit Lakes once a month on Mondays. Contact Peter Tuomisto.

Plus we still need a Secretary and a Treasurer, contact either Dan or Lynn.

Dan McCorry raised a concern about zebra mussel monitoring with cinder blocks and that lakes could keep track of their monitoring and report findings to the DNR. Some members felt that this is an individual lake issue. Cinder block monitoring was referred to the Education/Executive Committee. Further information is available on the DNR website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/zebramussel_monitoring/report.html

8. What's Happening on Your Lake:

Doug Kingsley DNR, reported a few lakes had low oxygen levels this winter that resulted in various degrees of winter kill from slight to complete kill. These results were similar to past years and restocking has been done. There appears to be a good walleye hatch this year !

9. Next COLA Meeting: Thursday June 26, 2014, 6:30 PM social gathering, 7 PM meeting, Northwoods Bank Community Room.

The Education Committee has arranged for speakers for our summer meetings. The first of which will be Paul Radomski, a DNR Environmental Scientist who will be talking about his new book "Lakeshore Living". Spread the word to our Lake Associations and bring a friend. The **Heavenly Hosts** for June include 8th and 9th Crow Wing, Bad Axe, Big Sand, Boulder and Plantagenet.

10. Adjourn Meeting: MSP to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Heavenly Seven Host Lakes: 10th & 11th Crow Wing, Belle Taine, Ham and Little Sand

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