

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 26, 2014

“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: Al Peterson

Big Mantrap: Burney & Barb
Fischer, Sue Ryan

Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Lynn Berry, Steve Hall

Lower Crow Wing:

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck: Deb Rogers

Eagle:

Fish Hook: Don Sells

Gilmore: Tom Thielges

Island South:

Ham: Paul Jensen

Hinds:

Kabekona: Rolf Smeby

Little Sand: Dan & Ruby Kittilson, Wayne Swanson

Long: Jeff Bjorkman, Sharon Natzel, Larry Roberts

Middle Crow Wing: Becky Romans

Palmer: Dan & Betty McCorry, Bert Ahern

Peysenske: Jeff Mosner, John Wilhelm

Plantagenet:

Portage: Jerry Knoblich

Potato: Ken Grob, Chuck Diessner

Spider:

Stony:

Tripp: Lynn & Theora Goodrich, Michael Van Guilder

Twin Lakes:

Guests: Michael and Jenny Bates – Williams Lake, Doug Kingsley – DNR Fisheries

Hubbard SWCD AIS Presentation: Nate Sitz presented information to the lakes that Have watercraft inspectors. As of June 22, 2014: 4, 591 boats had been inspected, Of which 2,193 were entering. 62 had drain plugs in (last year this time 318); 29 boats had water in them (225 last year); 4 Boats sent away to drain water out; 25 boats had vegetation (last year 203); 221 boats entering from infested waters (538 boats last year); 398 boats entering from out of state (724 last year). Boats entered from 26 different states.

Thank you to Heavenly Seven for this meeting: 8th & 9th Crow Wing, Bad Axe, Big Sand, Boulder and Plantagenet.

2. Guest Speaker: Paul Radomski – author of the book “Lakeshore Living.” You can find out more information about this book at <http://paulradomski.com/about>.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2014 meeting: MSP

4. Treasurer’s Report: Lynn Goodrich

- **MSP Treasurer’s report**
- Steve Hall has accepted the Treasurers position starting this fall. **Thank you Steve!**

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Opportunity for dialogue with COLA members – information gathering activity update from the Education Committee. Sharon Natzel reported that they received 587 responses with 37 people participating. The Executive Committee will review and compile the results and report at the July 31, 2014 COLA meeting.
- b. **Water and Sports Garage Sale** will be held at the Hubbard County Fair Ground July 11 at the Environmental building. You may drop items off on Thursday July 10 at the Environmental building between 2- 6 PM.
- c. **COLA Current Affairs:** A brochure has been developed and is available on the COLA website that you can print and take to your lake association meetings for Talking points about COLA.
- d. **Sandpiper pipeline update:** Sharon Natzel and Jeff Mosner reported that COLA opposes the proposed southern route and has sent letters to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on the matter. The Friends of the Headwaters group has submitted two alternative routes to the PUC. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has submitted their comments and said there were serious flaws in the Sandpiper southern route. There are 28 water bodies that are crossed and many wetlands and in-accessible areas that if a spill were to happen there they could not be contained quickly. On COLA's website there is a link for the Friends of the Headwaters so you can get current information.
- e. **President and Representative lists:** were passed around and updated. If you have new officers please contact Dan Kittilson.

6. New Business:

- a. **Hubbard County Fair July 16-18, 2014:** Volunteers are needed to man the COLA booth. Please contact Larry Roberts if you could volunteer for a shift.
- b. **Fall 2014 Indiana University Capstone Project:** Burney Fischer will be leading another Capstone project on Hubbard COLA Lake Monitoring. The "Lake Line" magazine will feature an article on a summary of last years Capstone project. It should be available late summer early fall and will be linked to the COLA webpage.
 - Please send a list to Burney Fischer on what types of monitoring is being done on your lake and also a contact person for him.

7. Committee Reports:

- The osprey nest on the power line across from Long Lake has a nesting pair again this year. Great River Energy who owns the lines had removed the nest last year after breeding season. Great River Energy and Itasca Mantrap Electric are considering putting a nesting structure a short distance away from where the osprey are currently nesting.
- **Fostering Citizen Leadership in our Watersheds workshop series:** Crow Wing SWCD, MN Pollution Control Agency and University MN Extension will be holding a second series of Leadership workshops for people in the Crow Wing, Leech, Long Prairie, Pine and Redeye watersheds. Workshops are free of charge and will consist of three in person Saturday workshops – Sept. 6, Nov. 1 and May 2, 2015 and two winter online webinars. If you are interested in participating please contact Melissa Koebernick at: Melissa.koebernick@mn.nacdn.net. Or call 218-732-0121.
- **Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates:** in conjunction with Hubbard COLA have played a key role in getting legislation passed to get funding to counties to

fight AIS. Please consider supporting MLR. To join MLR you can email Jeff Forester at jeff@mnlakesandrivers.org or call 952-854-1317.

- **Improve Internal Communications:** Jeff Mosner would like photos of your lake and the surrounding area to put on the COLA website. Contact Jeff at: jmosner@gmail.com.
- **Lakeshore Education:**
 - i. **Rain gardens for your Home Landscape** will be offered July 24, 2014 by the UMN Extension at Northwoods Bank community room from 6-9 pm. The event is free of charge but please contact Sally Shearer at 218-732-3391 or email: sshearer@umn.edu.
 - ii. **Course on Basic Plant/Lake Ecology and Basic Aquatic Plant ID:** Will be Friday Aug. 8 from 4:30 – 9:00 PM at the Northwoods Bank Community room. Again register with Sally Shearer UMN Extension.
 - iii. **Straight River Groundwater Management Area Pilot project:** information can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gwmp/areas.html> and select Straight River.
- **Civic Service Committee:**
 - i. **Restore the Shore:** order forms for 2015 are available on the COLA website or from Theora Goodrich. All orders should be in to your COLA Restore Shore representatives and to Theora by the Sept. COLA meeting.
 - ii. **Veliger sampling:** should be done in July and in August with samples preserved and into Charlie's Marine for pickup on Monday July 14. If your lake would like to participate this year please contact Peter Tuomisto.

8. What's Happening on Your Lake:

- **Tripp lake:** 2 eaglets in a nest
- **Many Lakes:** having 4th July boat parades
- **Little Sand:** 2 baby loons. If there are eggs that did not hatch the DNR are doing analysis of unhatched loon eggs. Contact MN DNR Wildlife.
- **Spider Lake:** 3 loon nests - two had twins and one had a single baby.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday July 31, 2014, 6:00 PM – AIS lake association update; 6:30 p.m. social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Northwood's Bank Community Room. **Heavenly Seven** for the next meeting will be: Middle Crow Wing, Portage, South Island and Spider Lakes.

10. Adjourn Meeting: at 9:10 PM MSP.

Respectfully submitted: Julie Kingsley July 9, 2014