

# HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JULY 31st, 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:** Shawn Linehan, Dick Boehmer

**Big Mantrap:** Burney Fischer, Carole

Sierk, Sue Ryan

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

**Blue:** Peter Tuomisto

**Boulder:** Lynn Berry

**Lower Crow Wing:**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:**

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:** Jan Mondry,  
Daniel Rud

**Duck:** Deb Rogers, Lynn & Dennis Boulder

**Eagle:** Janine Weideman

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

**Gilmore:** Tom Thielges

**Island South:**

**Ham:** Paul Jensen

**Hinds:** Lynn Weis

**Kabekona:**

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

**Long:** Jeff Bjorkman, Sharon Natzel, Larry  
Roberts

**Middle Crow Wing:** Becky Romans

**Palmer:** Dan McCorry, Bert Ahern

**Peysenske:** Jeff Mosner

**Plantagenet:** Alan Colliander, Bruce  
Wilson

**Portage:** Jerry Knoblich

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

**Spider:** John Weber, Mary Adams, Hillary  
Stoltz

**Stony:**

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

**Twin Lakes:** Kari Tomperi

**Guests:** Paul Blackburn and Richard Smith, Friends of the Headwaters; Steve Lindow, Bad Medicine Lake; Paul Lennemann, Stocking Lake; Deanna Johnson, West Crooked Lake;

**Hubbard SWCD AIS Presentation:** Nate Sitz presented information to the lakes that Have watercraft inspectors. As of July 20, 2014: 8708 boats had been inspected, of which 5321 were entering. 124 had drain plugs in (last year this time 318); 88 boats had water in them (225 last year); 5 Boats sent away to drain water out; 73 boats had vegetation (last year 203); 419 boats entering from infested waters (538 boats last year); 788 boats entering from out of state (724 last year). Boats entered from 34 different states.

**Thank you to Heavenly Seven for this meeting:** Middle Crow Wing (5/6/7), Spider, South Island and Portage Lakes

**2. Guest Speakers:** Darrin Hoverson, DNR Hydrologist, who spoke on Hydrology, Surface Water, and Ground Water. Richard Smith, Friends of the Headwaters spoke on the Sandpiper Pipeline.

**3. Approval of Minutes from June 26th, 2014 meeting: MSP**

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Goodrich

- **MSP Treasurer's report**

**5. Recognition**-John Weber -thank you for your 241 months of outstanding contributions and volunteering for COLA. He began on June 10th, 1994.

**6. 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 which was delayed due to the length of the meeting.
- b. **Water and Sports Garage Sale:** Lynn Goodrich reported that it was a great success and looking forward to planning a second one for next year.

**7. New Business:**

a. **Hubbard County Resolution in Support of the Friends of the Headwaters ("FOH") Request of the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") regarding additional routes for consideration in the matter of the Sandpiper Pipeline Project (The "Sandpiper Project")** There was a motion from the floor that we support the request presented regarding the alternate routes of the Sandpiper Pipeline. Motion: MSP We thanked Richard Smith for his work in this endeavor.

**8. COLA Committee Reports and Announcements:**

- **Improve Internal Communications:** Nothing new to report by Larry Robert
- **Lakeshore Education Committee:** by Sharon Natzel.
  - ii. **August 28<sup>th</sup> COLA Meeting Speaker: Christine Herwig: DNR Non-Game Wildlife and the Lake.**
  - ii. **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.
  - iii.
  - iv. **Sandpiper Pipeline Route Proposed for our Lake Country:** <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/sandpiper-pipline.html>
- **Civic Service Committee:**
  - i. **Restore the Shore:** orders due back to Theora Goodrich by Sept. 1
  - ii. **Transportation of water samples to Detroit Lakes** still looking for another person to help transport samples. Contact Pete Tuomisto if you can help
- **Manage Public Image Committee:** Articles for the "Voices on the Water" series are on the website. Need more articles sent to Larry Roberts: [lrobertsmn@gmail.com](mailto:lrobertsmn@gmail.com)
- **Membership Committee:** Discussed the preparation and electronic mailing of the 2014-2015 annual dues statements for COLA member associations.
- **Finance Committee:**
  - i. Lynn Goodrich reported the "Water and Sports" garage sale was a great event and very successful which raised just over \$2,200 to support HC COLA's mission.

- ii. Support the Artisan Pottery and Wild Rice by giving it as gifts in the upcoming holiday season.
- iv. **Looking for someone to assume the role of Finance Committee Chair next year as Lynn is assuming the role of HC COLA's presidency.**

➤ **Impact Political Action Committee:** This committee continues to review the matters before the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustments.

**President's Report and Announcements:**

- ii. **Call for volunteers for President-Elect, Secretary, Executive Committee members and committee members. Please contact us at**

[hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com).

- iii. **HC COLA future meeting dates in 2014: August 28, September 25, and October 30.**

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

- **Tripp lake:** 12 loons on lake. Awarded Volunteer of the year
- **Lake Belle Taine:** new information sign by the public access
- someone reported that an Iowan family while boating on their lake ran over a family of loons and was later fined by DNR. It was apparent that the family didn't care at the time.
- The ospery nest on the power line across from Long Lake will have its own nesting structure thanks to the collaboration between Great River Energy and Itasca Mantrap Electric.

<p><b>10 . Next Meeting: <i>Thursday August 28, 2014, 6:00 PM</i></b> – AIS lake association update; 6:30 p.m. social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Northwood's Bank Community Room. <b>Guest Speaker: Christine Herwig, DNR Non-Game Wildlife Specialist</b> <b>Heavenly Seven</b> for the next meeting will be: Blue, Fish Hook, Gilmore, Hinds, Lower Crow Wing and Palmer.</p>
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**11. Adjourn Meeting:** at 9:10 MSP

Respectfully submitted: Becky Romans, August 3rd, 2014