

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 26, 2015

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1. Call to Order

President Lynn Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Tonight’s Nifty Nine Hosts: Blue Lake and Big Mantrap

<u>Representatives:</u>		
Bad Axe:	Eagle: Janine Weideman	Palmer:
Belle Taine:	Emma/Bottle/Stocking:	Peysenske: Jeff Mosner
Big Mantrap: Sue Ryan	Fish Hook:	Plantagenet: Alan Colliander
Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis	Gilmore:	Portage: Charlie Pieper
Blue: Peter & Jo Tuomisto	Ham:	Potato: Bob Berdahl
Boulder: Steve Hall	Island South:	Spider: Tom Creighton, Dennis O’Connor
Lower Crow Wing:	Hinds:	Stony: Dennis & Pam O’Connell
Middle Crow Wing:	Kabekona: Rolf Smeby	Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich
8th & 9th Crow Wing:	Little Sand: Dan Kittelson,	Twin Lakes: Kari Tomperi
10th & 11th Crow Wing:	Marshall Howe	City of Park Rapids:
Duck: Tom Mooney	Long: Sharon Natzel	

Guests: Doug Kingsley, Park Rapids DNR Fisheries

2. Thank you to Mike Van Gilder for his efforts to save osprey nesting.

- a. Mike Van Gilder was recognized for his work with the Itasca Citizens Advisory Group in persuading Great River Energy to relocate an osprey nest that was perched near a power line. The new nesting site is now on a special platform on the transmission line structure, and was completed before the ospreys returned from their winter migration.

3. Capstone 2: Lake Monitoring (Burney Fischer)

- a. Burney provided a report summarizing the Capstone recommendations, including the importance of lake monitoring, opportunities for improvement, and identifying priorities beyond TSI (trophic state index). This report provided the impetus for the early detection and information gathering surveys. (See “Lake Monitoring Capstone Report – Summary of Recommendations, B.C. Fischer, 3-26-15”.)

4. Lake Monitoring 2015: The restart of something great.

- a. Early Detection Survey (Dan Kittelson)
Dan distributed the “AIS Early Detection/Lake Monitoring Summary”, which sets out goals and protocols (see the document) in conjunction with the Capstone study. It also is part of the County plan using the money that was designated by the State. The strategy is to identify early infestation of invasive species so that other lakes can be prevented from becoming infested. The steps in our program include implementing monitoring on all lakes, providing training on dedicated and opportunistic protocols, conducting veliger testing in the Mantrap Chain, adding other chains of lakes such as Fishhook Chain, Crow Wing chain, and lakes such as Long Lake, Kabekona, Long Lake and Duck Lake for testing, monitoring for zebra mussels with cinder blocks and providing SWCD staff support for monitoring. As training registration forms and additional information becomes available, it will be distributed.
- b. Tier One Information Gathering Survey (Sharon Natzel)
Sharon explained the “COLA Lake Information Gathering” survey by reviewing the lake monitoring baseline form. She stressed that this form should be completed and returned to her by April 16. As stated, this information is very important as it will establish the baseline that will be used to identify future changes or trends. Sharon pulled up Blue Lake’s information on the DNR website to familiarize everyone with the site, what information is available and how to find it. Web sites are shown in the Lakeshore Education Committee report.

Doug Kingsley (DNR) explained how some of the collected data will be used to identify any impacts on cold water species such as cisco. Doug will go into depth on monitoring in the April meeting.

Sharon provided forms for Restore the Shore and Score Your Shore, as well as a vegetation map.

- c. Sharon showed a training video from RMB Labs on how to properly conduct Secchi disk readings. The readings are to be taken twice a month, from May through September. Doug Kingsley explained how the readings reveal the balance of the interrelationships between various components in the water, and how important it is to take Secchi disk readings.
 - d. Peter Tuomisto asked that each lake send in its water quality measurement form by May 1. On May 13 at 7:00 p.m., lake representatives can pick up their equipment and receive a 30 minute training session. The information sheet that he distributed has the specific dates that monitoring should be done.
- 5. HCCOLA Direct Email Subscription Pilot Program (Sharon Natzel)**
- a. Information has been sent to lake association presidents and reps of lakes that are members of COLA. People can enter their email addresses and lake on the COLA website to be added to the mailings. Initially, only the approved minutes and committee reports would be sent, but the mailings could be expanded in the future. The target market is the individual lake association members. Based on how the pilot goes during 2015, further action will be taken.
- Sharon called for a volunteer to help Larry Roberts with the program; there were no volunteers.
- 6. Food Shelf Chili Challenge Results**
- a. This year's entry by Theora Goodrich on behalf of HCCOLA was the third straight win, raising a record \$3,250.00 for the Food Shelf. Theora was recognized for her stellar fund raising and culinary successes. A group picture was taken with a check for the winning amount; it was later published on HCCOLA website and in the Park Rapids Enterprise, acknowledging COLA's contribution to the Food Shelf.
- 7. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2015 meeting.**
- a. Motion by Janine Weideman, seconded by Tom Mooney. Motion passed. Meeting minutes were distributed and are available upon request.
- 8. Treasurer's Report: Steve Hall.**
- a. Motion to accept by Dan Kittelson, seconded Julie Kingsley. Motion passed. Treasurer's report was distributed and is available upon request.
- 9. Unfinished Business**
- a. SWCD Freshwater Festival 2015 (Lynn Goodrich)
The Freshwater Festival will be held on May 13 at the Boy Scout Camp on Bad Axe Lake. Everyone was encouraged to make donations and/or volunteer to help at the event. Those who are interested should call Melissa (SWCD) at 732-0121.
- 10. New Business:**
- a. **Increasing the Executive Committee by Adding Members (Lynn Goodrich)**
Lynn Goodrich discussed the need to expand the Board to include Jeff Mosner (Web Master) and Bob Berdahl (County AIS plan). Motion by Lynn Goodrich, seconded by Sharon Natzel. Motion passed.
 - b. **HCCOLA Sports Sale, version 2.0 (Lynn Goodrich)**
 - 1) Additional members are needed to join the team from last year.
 - 2) Flyers were available, and members were encouraged to take them and start distributing them. Additional flyers will be available the COLA website, "hubbardcolamn.org".
 - 3) The event will be held June 18 and 19 in the HC Fairgrounds Environmental Building.
 - a) Thursday, June 18: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. setup; 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. sale.
 - b) Friday, June 19: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (sale); 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (teardown/cleanup)
 - 4) We need donations of lightly used/unused/collectable sports equipment. This can include boats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, sail boats, fishing equipment, camping equipment, hunting equipment, etc.
 - i. Reminder that all proceeds go to COLA, which is 501c3, and that "large donations" are tax deductible. Proceeds are used to fund COLA projects..
- 11. Committee Reports and Announcements:**
- a. See HCCOLA Committee Reports 3/26/2015.
- 12. Lake Happenings**
- a. Restore the Shore: trees will be arriving around the end of April/first of May – depending on the weather. As the dates are finalized, members will be asked for their help in sorting and distributing the trees.
 - b. Long Lake (Sharon Natzel): a mailing was sent to Lake Association members regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline. Their goal is to raise \$25,000 to protect the area from the pipeline; they have raised 50% of their goal amount. A reminder has been sent.

- c. Cinder Blocks: Rolf Smeby and Peter Tuomisto have them available for this year. More information will be coming. The goal is to have all lakes participate in cinder block veliger monitoring.
- d. Several members noted that the eagles have returned to their areas. No ice out yet on area lakes.

13. Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 30, 2015: 6:30p.m. Social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting
Northwoods Bank Community Room.

The Nifty Nine Host Lakes: Potato (Team Leader), Palmer, 8th & 9th Crow Wing

14. Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lynn Goodrich, seconded by Charlie Pieper @ 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Ryan (Big Mantrap), Acting Secretary