

# HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 25, 2013

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

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1. **Call to Order:** President Lynn Goodrich at 7:00 P.M.

### Representatives:

**Bad Axe:**

**Belle Taine:** Dave McCurnin

**Big Mantrap:** Burnie Fischer

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

**Blue:** Ron Jacobson

**Boulder:** Steve Hall

**Lower Crow Wing:** Anthony McKeown (Crow Wing River)

**Middle Crow Wing:** Becky Romans

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

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

**Duck:** Deb Rogers

**Eagle:** Janine Weideman

**Fish Hook:** Jan Rumpza

**Gilmore:** Tom Thielges

**Island South:**

**Ham:** Paul Jensen

**Hinds:** Lynn Weis

**Kabekona:**

**Little Sand:** Dan & Ruby Kittilson, Wayne & Dar Swanson, Marshall Howe, Jim Thomsen

**Long:** Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel

**Palmer:** Dan & Betty McCory,

**Peysenske:** Jeff Mosner, John Wilhelm

**Plantagenet:** Alan Colliander

**Portage:** Jerry Knoblich

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

**Spider:** Hillary Stoltz

**Stony:**

**Tripp:** Lynn & Theora Goodrich

**Twin Lakes:** Kari Tomperi

**Guests:** Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries; Sue Tomte, Fish Hook River; Jamin Carlson, SWCD; Chris Cowden, Watercraft Inspector; Tom Stursa, DNR Wildlife.

2. **Guest Speaker:** Tom Stursa, DNR Wildlife: “Nuisance Wildlife on our Lakes”

3. **Approval of Minutes:** from May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. **MSP**

4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Presented by Steve Hall, **MSP** to approve Treasurer’s Report.

The total revenue for June was \$365.88 and expenses totaled \$402.24 including MN COLA membership, Web Site costs, Stony Lake Beavers sign and AIS resort folders. The question was asked how much of COLA’s Charitable Fund (Northwest Minnesota Foundation) accumulated earnings are spendable. Dan will look into this fund and report back to COLA.

5. **Report on AIS Early Detection Training Class. (Dan)**

- a. Training was co-sponsored by Hubbard County Extension with Sally Shearer. Thank you, Sally, for your ongoing support for COLA.
- b. 12 Hubbard County lakes were represented including Long, Fish Hook, Tripp, Belle Taine, Ham, Little Sand, Bad Axe, Spider, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing, Pickeral, Stocking (Wadena County) and Emma/Stocking/Bottle.
- c. AIS identification fact sheets and monitoring protocols are available on our website.

6. Veliger Sampling Training will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> on Blue Lake in conjunction with RMB Lab and Moriya Rufer.

7. Early Detection cinder blocks are available for monitoring (Lynn & Dan)

- a. Members are encouraged to fill out registration forms and pick up blocks at each COLA meeting.
- b. Protocols on how to monitor for zebra mussels with cinder blocks were distributed at the meeting and are available on our website.
- c. A spreadsheet is being used to determine which lakes are utilizing cinder blocks to monitor for adult/juvenile zebra mussels. Lakes are encouraged to complete the form.

8. Sponges are available for lakes to distribute at lake association meetings. Contact Lynn if interested.

9. Kudos to Ken Grob who participated in a panel discussion on AIS with Minnesota Public Radio.

10. Old Business

- a. HCCOLA Sports Sale version 2 (Lynn)
  - i. HCCOLA conducted another successful Sports Sale raising about \$1300.
  - ii. Thank you to all that donated items and worked during the sale.
  - iii. Members are encouraged to set aside sale items for next year.

11. **New Business**

a. Sandpiper Pipeline (Jeff M.)

- i. On June 5, 2015 the PUC approved the Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline with a number of conditions and that the route permit proceedings should restart and that the only routes to be considered for a route permit include SA (Enbridge's preferred route) and SA – 03 AM (AM means "as modified") which is in the same location in Hubbard County as Enbridge's preferred route and that route only benefits areas south and east of Hubbard County.
- ii. Enbridge has applied for a Certificate of Need for Line 3 that will follow the same route as the Sandpiper Pipeline.
- iii. When a question was asked about Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) next steps, a motion was made and passed with 2 nay votes to close the meeting before further discussion regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline. The meeting was closed to only COLA members for further discussion regarding FOH's future plans.

12. **COLA Committee Reports and Announcements: See COLA reports on website.**

- a. Restore the Shore – Deadline for orders is October 1<sup>st</sup>. New products this year include:
  - 1) MNL – Lakeshore & Waters Edge mix and 2) MNL – Pollinator's mix.
- b. Jerry Knoblich reported that water testing should not be done before Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> due to issues with preserving the water sample if conducted earlier.
- c. Ken reported that COLA printed 4000 AIS cards for distribution through the watercraft inspectors and area resorts.

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

Paul Jensen gave an overview of Ham Lake. Ham Lake is located in White Oak Township and is shaped like a ham. Paul provided cookies for our social gathering that were shaped like a ham for our enjoyment. Ham Lake is a spring fed lake that encompasses 178 acres with no resorts. It is primarily a bass and pan fish lake. Fifty families live on Ham Lake and 36 family units are members of their lake association. Their lake association was formed in 1998 and they have recently developed an historical booklet about Ham Lake and its residents.

SWCD will be conducting nitrate testing at the County Fair. Residents can bring their water samples to the Environmental Building on July 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

Senior day is on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the fair and Ken Grob has been nominated for Senior of the Year.

COLA has purchased several banners and they are available for use at your lake association meetings or other lake functions. Please contact Lynn Goodrich if you would like to use a banner.

14. **Next Meeting: Thursday July 30, 2015. 6:30 p.m. social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting, Northwood's Bank Community Room.** The Nifty Nine Host Lakes for the July 30<sup>th</sup>

COLA meeting are Fish Hook, Eagle, Hinds and Lower Crow Wing Lakes. Please help our host lakes with cleanup and moving the chairs and tables.

15. **Adjourn Meeting: MSP** to adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Kittilson