

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 30, 2015

“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:

Big Mantrap: Burney Fischer, Sue Ryan

Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Steve Hall

Lower Crow Wing: Jenifer Pidde

Middle Crow Wing: Becky Romans

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing: Daniel Rud

Duck: Deb Rogers

Eagle: Janine Weideman

Fish Hook: Don & Jan Rumpza, Don Sells

Gilmore: Tom Thielges

Island South:

Ham: Paul Jensen

Hinds:

Kabekona: Rolf Smeby

Little Sand: Dan Kittilson

Long: Larry Roberts, Sharon Natzel

Palmer: Bert Ahern

Peysenske: Jeff Mosner, John Wilhelm, Nancy Gibbs

Plantagenet: Alan Colliander, Bruce Wilson

Portage: Jerry Knoblich, Charlie Pieper

Potato: Bob Berdahl, Ken Grob

Spider: Hillary Stoltz, Evertt Miller

Stony:

Tripp: Lynn & Theora Goodrich, Mike VanGuilder

Twin Lakes: Kari Tomperi, Rose Pragole, Chuck Tritz

Guests: Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries; Sue Tomte, Fish Hook River; Jamin Carlson, SWCD; Bob Iles, Hubbard SWCD; Calub Shavlik, DNR Fisheries; Kayla Hansch, DNR intern; Jason Durham, fishing guide; Carrie Hitchcock, Northwoods Press; Jean Ruzicka, Park Rapids Enterprise

2. Guest Speakers: Jason Durham, fishing guide (go-fish-guides.com): “Our Lakes from a fishing guide’s perspective”; Kayla Hansch, DNR intern & Calub Shavlik, DNR Fisheries: “Score the Shore”

- a. Jason commented that he can be contacted with any fishing questions.
- b. Doug Kingsley added that there will be public hearings in late August on proposed regulation changes for northern pike and walleye. More information is available on the DNR website.
- c. Kayla Hansch asked that any lake association interested in doing their own “Score the Shore” contact the park Rapids Fisheries office for more information.

3. Water Testing and Veliger Sampling Update/Reminder: Peter Tuomisto

- a. Peter asked that COLA reps remind the water samplers to do the veliger sampling with the next water sampling. The August collection dates are Sunday-Monday, August 16-17. Coolers should be dropped at Charlie’s by 11:00 AM on the 17th.
- b. Cinder blocks are still available.
- c. Cinder block protocol and forms will be added to the COLA website.
- d. A combined 58 lakes (includes duplicates) are doing veliger testing, cinder block monitoring and and vegetation monitoring.
- e. Lynn passed around the cinder block form and asked reps to indicate how many cinder blocks are placed on their lakes and include any missing details.

4. “Restore the Shore”: Theora Goodrich distributed the lake association coordinator kits. Individuals should submit their order to the coordinator and make the check out to their lake association. The lake association will then submit one check for the entire order to Theora by October 1, 2015. Trees will be delivered in early May 2016.

5. HCCOLA Meetings-Open/Closed: Lynn Goodrich

- a. HCCOLA board meetings are open to all with infrequent exceptions. HCCOLA reserves the right to

- hold closed meetings to deal with internal matters.
- b. The E-team will determine in advance and publish the need for a portion of a meeting to be closed. The timing of the closed meeting will be decided by the E-team and, as a general rule, will take place at the end of the board meeting. During a closed meeting only HCCOLA member lake association Presidents, Representatives and HCCOLA leadership will be allowed to attend.
 - c. John Wilhelm, Peysenske Lake Association President reported that he heard from a lake resident stating his concerns related to closed meetings.

6. Approval of Minutes: from June 25, 2015 meeting. **MSP** as amended to correct year to 2015

7. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Steve Hall, **MSP** to approve Treasurer's Report.

The total revenue for July was \$2146.55 including \$1307.95 from the Sports Sale. Expenses totaled \$2135.99 including \$800.00 for public service announcements for AIS and \$1074.00 for water testing. The COLA charitable fund balance is \$9376.64 of which \$3072.70 is spendable.

Dan commented that water testing costs \$210 per lake; HCCOLA accepts a range of \$155 to \$210 from each lake but encouraged all lakes to pay the entire bill.

8. Old Business

- a. HCCOLA Sports Sale version 2-Lynn reported that HCCOLA has received an additional donation of a 14' Starcraft fishing boat and Shorelander trailer, trolling motor and fish locator.
- b. Ken Grob was named Hubbard County Senior Volunteer for 2015 at the Hubbard County Fair. Ken was also nominated for Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens. The award will be announced on Seniors Day at the MN State Fair, Thursday, September 3rd at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell.

9. New Business

- a. Local fundraising Music concerts: Lynn
 - i. Sleeping Fawn Resort's "on the Beach" concert will be held August 16th at 2PM at the resort on Stocking Lake. Proceeds will benefit AIS programs. (refer to flyer)
 - ii. Friends of the Headwaters "Silent Auction and Concert" will be held August 16 at 7 PM at the Park Rapids Area high School. (refer to flyer)

10. COLA Committee Reports and Announcements: See COLA reports on website.

- a. Ken Grob noted that the recent zebra mussel infestations have been part of a chain of lakes or a stone's throw from another infested lake. Vigilance across the board is required.

11. What's Happening on Your Lake:

Jan Rumpza gave an overview and history of Fishhook Lake and River Association. The lake is 1642 acres and has a maximum depth of 76 feet. She noted that they are unique in that it include both the lake and the river. Their lake association was formed more than 20 years ago. They have done water testing for as many years, completed vegetation mapping and have added veliger testing. They control curly leaf pondweed that has been found by the bridge by hand pulling the plants. Jan also noted that there are several public sites on the lake and river so important to the city as well as lake/river residents. They have a good partnership with the city on AIS testing and improving curbside storm drainage through a SWCD grant and educating residents. Jan is working on a history book for their association.

14. Next Meeting: Thursday August 27, 2015. 6:30 p.m. social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting,

Northwood's Bank Community Room. The Nifty Nine Host Lakes for the August 27th are Bad Axe, Long, Portage and South Island lakes. The meeting will include approval of the next fiscal year budget and officers for the organization.

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

Respectfully submitted: Janine Weideman