

## HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

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

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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 26, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** President-Elect, Sharon Natzel at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Representatives:**

Bad Axe: Kaye Molin

Belle Taine: Tom Wenner, Lee Hammer  
Paul Jensen, Al Peterson

Big Mantrap: Burney Fischer

Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Steve Hall, Lynn Berry

Lower (1-4) Crow wing:

Middle (5-7) Crow Wing: Mike Spry

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

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:

Duck: Deb Rogers

Eagle/Island (N): Janine Weideman

Fish Hook: Jan & Don Rumpsa, Phil Smith

Gilmore: Tom Thielges

Ham:

Hinds:

Kabekona: Ralph Smeby

Little Sand: Marshall Howe, Dan Kittilson

Long: Sharon Natzel, Jeff Bjorkman,  
C.C. White

Palmer:

Plantagenet: Alan & Susan Colliander

Portage: Jerry Knoblich

Potato: Ken Grob, Bob Berdahl,  
J.Breckenburker

South Island:

Spider: Everett Miller

Stony:

Tripp:

Twin: Kari Tomperi

**Guest(s):** Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries; Matt Dotta, H C Commissioner; Jacci & Mike Hadfield, Pickerel Lake; Char Christenson, Island Lake; Sue Tomte;

**2. Guest Speakers:** Bob Berdahl introduced Kevin Farnum, Lake Koronis, and Joe Shneider, Christmas Lake. Kevin described the infestation of starry stonewort in Lake Koronis and their strategies to fight it. It was discovered in August 2015 and is the only lake in Minnesota with this new AIS so there is a learning curve for their lake association and the DNR. Joe informed about the discovery of 5000 zebra mussel juveniles in August of 2014 in Christmas Lake. The DNR quickly attempted to contain and treat the AIS in the infected area but the zebra mussels were able to escape and the battle was lost on the lake by September 2015. Zebra mussels are now found in almost 10% of all Minnesota lake surfaces and other new species are on the way. Most lakes won't recover if infested. Inspection is key.

**3. Consent of Minutes and Treasurer's Report – Sharon Natzel**

A. Both reports were accepted.

#### **4. Opportunities for each of you**

- A. HCCOLA newsletters are available for lake association annual meetings.
- B. “Our Watershed”, a free class by UM Extension, will be held on Friday June 17th from 4:30 - 8:30. Please get the information to lake association members.
- C. The HCCOLA Sports Sale Flyers are available. A sign-up sheet to help was passed.

**5. HCCOLA’s AIS Lake Monitoring Early Detection Program** - Manuals were introduced by Dan Kittleson. Each lake should have one copy and share it with their AIS team. A map of the lake is on the back cover.

#### **6. HCCOLA Committee Reports and Announcements**

- A. Peter Tuomisto related that all participating lakes had picked up their water monitoring equipment and completed the May testing. June water testing should be done on June 19 & June 20. Veliger sampling will be done the first and third weeks of July. Information will be sent out beforehand.
- B. Ken Grob related that there are still a number of lake associations and/or townships that are delinquent in providing funds for supplemental inspection hours. Checks need to be sent in immediately. Contact Ken if you need info on where to send checks.

#### **7. What’s Happening on Your Lake?**

Burney Fischer shared the Big Mantrap Lake newsletter. They added information from the HCCOLA website to “beef it up”. They believe it has helped increase their lake association membership.

**8. A snapshot of Boulder Lake was given by Steve Hall.**

**9. Next Meeting:** June 30, 2016, 6:00 pm, Northwoods Bank Community Room  
Host Lakes: Little Sand, Ham, Stony and Middle Crow Wing

**10. Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Rogers, Duck Lake