

**HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HC COLA)**

**The Board of Directors Meeting – February 28, 2018, 6pm**

**Held at Northwoods Bank Community Room**

**Approved on 3-28-19**

***“HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers for this and future generations.”***

**THANK YOU to the meeting hosts: Long, Boulder and Portage.**

**1. Call to Order:** Pass the microphone intros. Those present: **23** members present representing **17** lake associations, **1** guest. Quorum of over half the member lake associations achieved.

**2. Speaker:** Julie Dickie, a State-licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator with Northwoods Wildlife Rescue, Inc. spoke about the wildlife we enjoy around our lakes, rivers and wetlands. She discussed some do's and don'ts when it comes to our Northwoods Wildlife. Basically her message was that a wild animal needs to be left and raised in the wild. Wild and Free in Garrison MN can handle larger animals and raptors. Northwoods Wildlife Rescue can do song birds & small animals.. To see Julie's presentation in pdf format go to <http://hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html> ; choose Northwoods Wildlife Rescue.

**3. Miscellaneous Information/Requests:**

Chili Challenge Donation Checks: Please make checks payable to the Hubbard County Food Shelf putting HC COLA on the memo line. HC COLA's entry is called "Keeping it reel Chili"! The Chili Challenge is Wed 3/6/19 at the American Legion in Park Rapids from 11 to 1 PM.

Kiosk for brochures on Wolf Lake: a Boy Scout is looking at building one as an Eagle Scout project.

Fishing Expo on April 12<sup>th</sup>: Volunteers are needed - sign up here:

[https://volunteerparkrapids.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=408477](https://volunteerparkrapids.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=408477)

**4. Business Meeting:**

No additions to agenda.

Consent approval for minutes from 10/25/18. <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/20181.html>

Treasurer's Report – reviewed & approved. The budget for the upcoming year was then presented. The county has agreed to pay half of the cost of the billboard and movie ads. There was a question about "special projects". Last year that heading included the movie ad. For this coming year the movie ad is in AIS. For the coming year special projects will pay for social marketing. There was discussion as to whether in future years social marketing should be under AIS. Water testing includes veliger testing. Moved/Approved (L. Goodrich/Massey)

**5. What's New On Your Lake:**

Long Lake - came together due to a proposed development for an RV park in a shallow natural bay area. In our research, we discovered an asset for our lakes area. The DNR link <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/sli/maps.html> shows lakes by county with a sensitivity index based on rapid assessment modeling techniques. If we can take good care of these areas, it may help lakes. Details: [https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/sli/sens\\_lakeshore\\_manual.pdf](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/sli/sens_lakeshore_manual.pdf) Following the topic of sensitive areas, we will have a speaker from Nature Conservancy in April.

Portage Lake – The DNR is helping to evaluate low dissolved oxygen on Portage. It is feared that there may be winter kill. Moran, Lapinski, and Hennepin winter kill frequently. On lakes where low oxygen is found, the DNR will come back in the spring with nets. They will try to restock with adult fish if necessary.

**6. Vote:** Need 1 Replacement member to the NW MN Foundation HC COLA Charitable Fund Committee. Grant Applications are due 3/1. One application has been received to date. Moved/Passed (Sharon Natzel/Charlie Pieper) for Gene Hanson of Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB) to fill the open position.

**7. Vote:** Research on Zebra Mussel Veliger Testing / Cost Options In Progress: Lake George

The county has again chosen not to fund zebra mussel veliger testing with State \$. It is important that Lake George be tested. A volunteer will sample veligers with testing cost of ≤ \$300. Moved/Passed (Ken Grob/Dan Kittilson).

## **8. Updates on HC COLA and Partners:**

SWCD will hold a meeting about geologic atlas mapping March 6<sup>th</sup> at NorthWoods Bank.

Thank you to Hubbard County commissioners. The Leech Lake 1W1P has been finalized and will be submitted to BWSR on 3/6, with approval anticipated by the end of March and then will start the implementation phase. Commissioners have signed the memorandum of understanding covering the Mississippi Headwaters 1W1P and are working to get back into the Leech Lake River 1W1P. This simply needs a new resolution. Everything is back on track. This will bring money to the Leech Lake Watershed – Hubbard and Cass counties.

MN COLA & MN Lakes and Rivers meeting Tuesday June 18 in Walker. The new DNR commissioner will be speaking. The HC COLA Sports Sale is targeted for June 13. Please start to gather donations to be sold.

**SWCD has been receiving \$100k per year. This is not included in the new state budget. Please consider contacting the governor and your representatives asking for this funding to be re-instated.**

## **9. Committee Reports:** <http://www.hubbardcolumn.org/2019.html>

More information will be available at March meeting regarding the 4/12/19 Park Rapids Lakes Area Fishing Expo.

See poster & flyers on HC COLA website Home Page under Events: <http://www.hubbardcolumn.org/index.html>

If you know of a restaurant that uses placements, we have complimentary HC COLA placemats available!!

The RESIDENTS GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PR ENTERPRISE. HC COLA free ad is on pgs. 36 & 48  
Township annual meetings - March 12! Supplemental funding for watercraft inspection is due end of Jan 2020.

## **10. Next Meeting:** Thurs 3/28/19, 5:30 PM refreshments / social & 6 PM Business Mtg. Hosts: Tripp & Blue

March Presenters are:

Nicholas Macklem, Environmental Specialist, Hubbard County Environmental Services: Hubbard County aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention program - Update

William Lee, Water Quality & Resource Specialist, Hubbard County SWCD:

Terrestrial invasive species that threaten Hubbard County, an introductory guide to identifying these species, their origins, their current status, common ways they spread and how to eradicate them while taking steps toward slowing their spread or reemergence.

Fees for Services is a term Hubbard SWCD uses to market services that are available for hire to perform. Hubbard SWCD offers the following services: veliger sampling, water chemistry monitoring, water chemistry sampling, terrestrial & aquatic vegetation mapping and TrafX counting systems management. Come to our meeting to find out more about hiring Hubbard SWCD to perform one of these services.

Thank you to Steve for budgeting and to Sharon for all her hard work!!!!!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.