

**Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)**  
**The Board of Director's Meeting Thursday 4-25-19, 6pm – Approved Minutes 5-30-19**

Held at Northwoods Bank Community Room

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

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Thank you to meeting hosts: Little Sand, Big Sand and Bad Axe

1. Call to order – Pass the microphone introductions. Those present: 27 members present (1 on conf call) representing 20 lake associations and 2 guests.
2. Presenter: Todd Holman, Mississippi Headwaters Program Director, The Nature Conservancy, spoke about how private landowners can seek conservation education, cost-share funding, program enrollment or even permanent conservation easements on a spectrum of service delivery options. He also shared information on the Crow Wing River Healthy Waters Partnership and a few other easement programs, speaking about potential ways to protect lakeshore and water health for this and future generations. His presentation is available at [http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hubbard\\_ct cola mtg\\_042519.pdf](http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hubbard_ct cola mtg_042519.pdf)
3. Business Meeting  
Committee Sign-Up – each HC COLA Rep is encouraged to sign up as a member of a committee. There were no additions to the agenda. Consent approval for minutes from 3/28/19  
Treasurer Report reviewed and approved.
4. The E-Team is recommending setting the sustaining membership dues at \$25/5 yrs. The \$25 would be payable by 8/31 of the current year joining as sustaining member. That \$25 would carry thru 5 years of membership and then the sustaining member dues at that time would be payable again. [see 3.3 and 3.10 in By-Laws <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/bylaws.html> Note: a regular member of a lake association is charged \$4/yr so the sustaining member is just slightly higher... The sustaining member does not vote but may serve on a committee according to by-laws, etc.] Motion (Lynn Goodrich/MaJeana Hallstrom) – 19 approval. Motion carried.
5. Sports Sale - - Flyers were made available for the sale to be held Thurs 6/6 and Fri 6/7 – and also for the donations of items for the sale. Scroll to “Events” on the HC COLA website: [www.hubbardcolamn.org](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org)  
Deliver your donated items for the Sports Sale Wed 6/5 from 9 AM to 2 PM to the Environmental Building at the Fair Grounds. Pricing / arranging Wed 6/5 beginning in the afternoon.  
Sale Thur & Fri 6/6-7 [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cola\\_garage\\_sale\\_poster\\_2019a1.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cola_garage_sale_poster_2019a1.pdf)  
Cleanup Sat 6/8 Morning.  
Please sign up to help & be sure to share the flyer seeking donated items & also advertising the sale with your lake association members, etc. The sale only makes money if we have items to sell & people to work the sale!
6. Updates on HC COLA – related activities & plans
  - a. Please watch for information dealing with our HC COLA Partners: MN DNR, HC SWCD, HC Environmental Services, Univ of MN, etc & those institutions of which we are Members: MN COLA, MN Lakes & Rivers (MLR), Conservation MN, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Assoc, Volunteer Heartland Lakes, etc. Sign up for the free MLR Citizens Action Network: <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/>
  - b. Committee Reports – Monthly Reports can be found at <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2019.html>
    - i. Civic – Water Quality Monitoring Info the same as 2-28-19 – see link: [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr\\_2019\\_02\\_28.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr_2019_02_28.pdf)
      1. Peter – Highlights include training / refreshments / equipment pickup Wed 5/8
      2. Theora - Restore the Shore

ii. AIS Operating Team – Please share the Community-Based Social Marketing Flyer created by the HC COLA committee on Gear & Equipment AIS Prevention [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/ais\\_flyer\\_2019\\_-\\_final.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/ais_flyer_2019_-_final.pdf)  
The team also reported that the DNR did not approve the Wright County Expansion at this time. [http://wrightswcd.org/Water\\_Management/2019wripupdate.html](http://wrightswcd.org/Water_Management/2019wripupdate.html) Also, it may be a good idea to “think small” regarding AIS. What about children’s toys that go from lake to lake?

- iii. Education – Please Provide Your Tasty Fish Recipes for May 5/30 for sharing & More
1. AIS Volunteer Training 5/3 and 6/6 from 1-4 PM Northwoods – Register with Sharon or DNR; Learn to Educate on AIS at the public access through schedule – Ideal to get 2 to 3 trained per each lake ....  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/volunteer.html>
  2. AIS Detector Training – help detect on your lake this season. Tuition reimbursement upon certification (\$195) possible—see Sharon. Last class in early June 2019 – Hurry!!  
<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-detector>
  3. The Aquatic Plant Identification Class – Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, will be held now from 10 AM to 2 PM (new - **updated time**) and includes light lunch. We will meet at the Northwoods Bank Community Room. We will be working with many plants from across MN -- a special opportunity thanks to our instructor, Nicole Kovar, MN DNR Northwest Region AIS Specialist. Register for this class with Sharon at [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) (If it is nice & not too hot & very calm, we may do a small portion of the class at a Heartland Park Shelter just down the road.)

7. What’s Happening on Your Lake? – Meeting Hosts led the discussion.

Bad Axe reported that ice is still on the lake and bears are at the feeders.

Little Sand reported that the ice has not gone out. The also discussed the need for open communication with Air BnB’s and VRBO’s. Air BnB’s are not considered to be commercial properties.

Big Sand still has thick ice. The deer are eating the evergreens.

South Island Lake said their ice is out and they are seeing bufflehead and wood ducks.

Portage, the ice is out and the docks are in!

5<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing saw 35 loons last Thursday, 45 on Friday, and 100 on Saturday.

Please share your newsletters by sending them to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com). Review your Lake Association info at <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/cola-representative-info.html> This area is protected for HC COLA official business. The password is available at the meetings. Please send any updates for your Lake Association to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com)

8. Next Mtg: Thur 5/30/19, 5:30 PM refreshments / social & 6 PM Bus Mtg; Hosts: Duck, Spider, Twin Lakes, Gilmore

Our May topic is “Lake Watershed Management Thinking: Space, Scale and Time”.

Our May presenter is Burney Fischer, Clinical Professor Emeritus at Indiana University – Bloomington in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Burney teaches part-time each spring semester (Urban Forest Management & Urban Ecology). Burney is a Big Mantrap (BML) summer resident (May-October).

Lakes and their surrounding watersheds are social-ecological systems (people and nature interacting). The management of these systems (spaces) can be at many scales (patches), from as small as a single bay on a lake (think neighborhood) to all the lake to the lake’s watershed to multiple lake watersheds. And, it all changes over time as humans continue to modify the land. My purpose through a series of slides is to demonstrate how watershed thinking is very comparable to how ecologists think of urban ecosystems – neighborhoods > city > metropolitan area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.