

APPROVED - Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)

The Board of Director's Meeting Minutes Thursday 5-30-19

Held at Northwoods Bank Community Room

"HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers"

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Thank you to meeting hosts: Duck, Gilmore, Spider & Twin Lakes

1. Call to order - Pass the microphone introductions. Those present: **27** members representing **22** lakes and **7** guests.
2. Speaker: Burney Fischer, Clinical Professor Emeritus at Indiana University, Bloomington in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Burney teaches Urban Forest Management & Urban Ecology each spring semester. Burney is a Big Mantrap (BML) summer resident (May-October). Burney's topic was "Lake Watershed Management Thinking: Space, Scale and Time". His presentation is available at:
http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hccola_urban_ecology_talk_2019_2.pdf
3. Business Meeting:
 - a. Committee Sign-Up – each HC COLA Rep is asked to help with 1 Team – Educ Team Growth Needed
 - b. Sports Sale Sign-Up Help Sheet – please consider helping a few hours based on your schedule
 - c. Additions to Meeting Agenda – None heard
 - d. Consent approval – Minutes from 4-25-19
 - e. Treasurer's Report – Hanson/Colliander - Approved
4. HC COLA Secretary – Please consider helping out at this position for a year as Deb Massey moves to VP of HC COLA. If there is no volunteer to the secretary position, we will revert to having one of the meeting hosts act as secretary. This is not ideal, simply for the sake of consistency.
5. Update on DNR, MPCA, EQB comment periods.
Comment periods coming up yet - EQB EIS (Environmental Quality Board – Environmental Impact Statement) Rule Changes by 5/31/19. MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) public comment period regarding Line3 permits is expected in early June.
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/enbridge-line-3-pipeline-replacement-project>
Permits will cover air quality, 401 water quality certification, construction stormwater and industrial wastewater.
6. Register to attend the 6/17-18 event in Walker sponsored by the MN COLA, Assoc of Cass County Lakes, and MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates. You can register at <http://mncola.angelfire.com/> There is a \$30 registration fee. Speakers will include Senator Carrie Rund, Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance Committee; Rep John Persell, Chair of the House Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee; Paul Huttner, MPR Meteorologist speaking on "Changing Weather Patterns and the Impacts we can expect on our lakes and rivers; Sara Strommen, newly appointed Commissioner of the DNR. Additionally HC COLA will have a table at the event, showcasing our accomplishments over the past years.
7. Updates on HC COLA and our partners: MN DNR, HC SWCD, HC Environments Services, Univ of MN etc.; and our memberships: MN COLA, MN Lakes & Rivers, Conservation MN, Volunteer Heartland Lakes, etc. More information is available on our website: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2019.html>
8. Education – see the committee reports for more classes. Those right around the corner are:

- A. AIS Volunteer Training Thurs 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>
- B. HC COLA co-sponsor for class **“Shoreline Restoration - All Hands On Deck”**, Thur 6/13 on 11th Crow Wing – at Crow Wing Crest Resort – see flyer on back table & see HC COLA website and scroll down to “Events”
http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/scan_of_the_flyer_for_shoreline_restoration_class.pdf
- C. The **Aquatic Plant Identification Class** – Hands on with many MN plants, Fri 7/26 10 AM to 2 PM, includes light lunch. Northwoods Bank Community Room reserved. Instructor: Nicole Kovar, MN DNR Northwest Region AIS Specialist – register by sending email to Sharon at hccolamn@gmail.com – HC COLA sponsored.

Currently here is the update on fishing events / tournaments:

- *Northwoods Bass Club and all 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM.*
- *June 6 – Potato Lake*
- *June 20 – Boulder Lake*
- *July 18 – Long Lake*
- *August 1 – 11th Crow Wing Lake*
- *June 8, 11AM to 5PM, Garfield Lake, Laporte Take a Kid Fishing Tournament*
- *June 8, 6:30 AM to 3 PM, Lake Belle Taine, Shallow Lake, Deer Lake and Round Lake, Cirks Brothers Memorial Fishing Tournament*
- *June 15, 5 AM to 4 PM, Lake Plantagenet and Big Mantrap Lake, Bemidji/Cass Lake Muskies Inc. Tournament*
- *MN DNR Fishing Tournament Info & 2019 List:*
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/tournaments/index.html>

9. What’s Happening on Your Lake? – Meeting Hosts will lead off the discussion.

Spider shared that they have a goose sitting on loon eggs !!! and they now have a website!

Spiderlakeassn.org. Please let HC COLA know if you develop a website. We will be happy to link to yours.

Duck lake has bears as does Twin Lakes. Fish Hook has new signage at their public accesses thanks to the county and the DNR. Big Sand now has a dock at their public access.

Doug Kingsley from the DNR shared information on what their division has been working on this spring: They get their Walleye eggs from Walker area. They harvested what was needed in a short period but due to extended cold, they took a long time to hatch and were not ready for release until the weekend before Memorial Day. Muskie eggs are just hatching out now. The DNR caught muskies in Big ManTrap last year and banded them. This year they caught Muskies again looking for banded or non-banded. This helps to estimate the number of a particular type of fish in a lake. There is a listing of proposed DNR lake surveys dates on DNR site. It will be on <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/index.html> on HC COLA home page just below events. Julie Kingsley from HC SWCD wanted to extend her thank to HC COLA for their assistance with the Fresh Water Festival; 286 children from 4 schools participated. Also, Julie wanted to remind folks of the free monthly nitrate testing in Park Rapids on the first Friday of each month from 9-2. Several other events, like the fair will offer free testing as well.

Remember to share your newsletters – see Handout Table for those received in mail. Please review the HC COLA Master List & update your LA info <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/cola-representative-info.html>
It is password protected for HC COLA official business – password available at the meeting

10. Next Mtg: Thur 6/27/19, 5:30 PM refreshments / social & 6 PM Bus Mtg; Hosts: Big Mantrap, Belle Taine, Emma-Stocking-Bottle Lake Associations

Our June topic is presented by Nicole Kovar, MN DNR Northwest Region AIS Specialist. Nicole will help us understand the International AIS perspective. She will share info on the latest research in Zebra Mussels, veligers and spiny waterfleas, plus an update on Starry Stonewort management and More....

Adjourned at 7:55.