

**Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)**  
**The Board of Director's Meeting Minutes Thursday 6-27-19 & Approved 7-25-19**

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 Big Mantrap, Belle Taine, Emma-Stocking-Bottle

1. Call to order – Pass the microphone introductions. Those present: **25** members representing **20** lake associations and **6** guests.
2. The first speaker was Cede Waldo, who will be a senior at Kelliher Public School. The school district partnered with the Red Lake DNR to raise awareness of Invasive Species. Cede and her group used technology as tools for education. They won the statewide contest sponsored by District Energy, St. Paul, MN in the "Your Big Idea for a Sustainable Minnesota" contest. Winning YouTube Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9xn\\_qcVzHE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9xn_qcVzHE) KAXE Radio clip on Kelliher team win: <https://www.kaxe.org/post/kelliher-students-win-5000-sustainability-video#stream/0>

The second speaker was Nicole Kovar, Invasive Species Specialist, MN DNR speaking on the broader aquatic invasive species (AIS) perspective as it relates internationally and nationwide. She updated us on the latest research on spiny water fleas, zebra mussels, plus starry stonewort management. Through core sediment testing, it has been determined that spiny water fleas can persist in a body of water before they become a large enough population that is detected in the water column. This MAISRC poster explains background [https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/sites/maisrc.umn.edu/files/how\\_long\\_has\\_it\\_been\\_in\\_the\\_lake.pdf](https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/sites/maisrc.umn.edu/files/how_long_has_it_been_in_the_lake.pdf)
3. Business Meeting:
  - a. Fair Table Sign-Up Sheet to Help –consider helping a few hours based on your schedule. Setup on 7/17 & cleanup 7/21 taken care of. The fair runs 7/18, 7/19 and 7/20 – email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com)
  - b. Additions to meeting agenda: An email was received asking COLA to look into the use of fireworks and chemicals contributed to water as a result. A study team may form to understand opportunity.
  - c. Treasurer's Report: Bills are going out to lake associations in July. Motion Ken Grob/Larry Roberts – Passed, to donate \$100 for use of the Environmental Education Bldg, Fair Grounds for Sports Sale. Motion: Larry Roberts/Ken Grob – Passed to accept the treasurer's report as presented.
  - d. Minutes from 5/30/19: Motion Lynn Goodrich/Ken Grob – Passed to accept minutes as presented.
4. HC COLA Secretary – We will need a secretary for the 7/25 meeting & for a year beginning Sept 2019.
5. Mike Van Guilder reported on the HC COLA Loon Monitoring Program. It runs between Friday, June 28 and Monday, July 8. Surveys to be completed between 5 AM and noon. Return completed survey materials to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com). Currently 32 people have signed up.
6. Recent HC COLA activities report:
  - a. 4Hers planted buffer at Northern Pines Camp after learning about water quality, runoff & erosion.
  - b. Shoreline Restoration Class & Planting on 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing at Crow Wing Crest Lodge; co-sponsored with UMN Extension, Master Gardeners & HC SWCD. See the fun Time lapse educational video: <https://www.crowwing.com/blog/shoreland-restoration-in-front-of-the-lodge/> 2-1/2 hr presentation by William Lee of Hubbard County SWCD with topics how to be proactive along your shoreline, how best to amend soils, adjusting PH levels, native and non-native plants, plants for beauty as well as erosion control. The class participants planted different type of plants and shrubs supplied by the resort owner, in 3 tiers along the shore for the purpose of holding the bank in an area approx 50 ft x 10 ft.

- c. Sports Garage Sale – Thanks to every who participated by donating items and/or working. The sale brought in \$762. The very few items remaining were donated to the Animal Shelter. There probably will not be another sale like this for some years until people have a chance to collect / clean out.
  - d. AIS Volunteer & AIS Detector classes – 1 new detector on Long Lake. A resort on Upper Bottle using volunteer AIS Detectors to inspect boats prior to launch at their private access. An Aquatic Plant Identification Class will be held at Northwoods Bank Community Room on 7/26. To register email Sharon at [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com).
  - c. HC COLA Showcase: Sharon, Lynn, Dan K & Deb attended the 2 day event in Walker. It included showcases of lake and river projects across Minnesota and presentations by Senator Carrie Rudd and Representative John Persell talking about the legislative session just completed and looking forward to the future; DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen and MPR meteorologist Paul Huttner discussing climate change / global warming and what it means now and to generations to come. The event included the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and the MN COLA meeting. See <https://lptv.org/cass-county-northern-lights-casino-holds-water-connects-us-all-conference/>
7. Updates on HC COLA – related activities & plans too:
- a. HC COLA Partners: MN DNR, HC SWCD, HC Environmental Services, Univ of MN, ETC. Doug Kingsley from the DNR talked about stocking schedules. All members joined in thanking Doug for his dedication, attending our meetings and keeping us up to date on DNR activities.

From Doug Kingsley – lake & stream survey plus proposed fish stocking:

[http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/2019\\_lake\\_and\\_stream\\_survey.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/2019_lake_and_stream_survey.pdf)

[http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/2019\\_proposed\\_fish\\_stocking.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/2019_proposed_fish_stocking.pdf)

- b. HC COLA Memberships: MN COLA, MN Lakes & Rivers, Conservation MN, Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Association, Volunteer Heartland Lakes, etc. – One Additional Kiosk needed: [https://volunteerparkrapids.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=402242](https://volunteerparkrapids.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=402242)
- c. VIP – Please read and share the Committee Reports with your lake members – available online at: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2019.html>

#### 8. What's Happening on Your Lake?

Many associations have had or are planning to hold their annual meetings. Garfield Lake has 5 baby loons.

9. Other Business: Please review the HC COLA Master List & send email to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) with info to update the changes to your Lake Association info. Password is available at the HC COLA meetings.

10. Next Mtg: Thursday 7/25/19, 5:30 PM refreshments / social & 6 PM Bus Mtg; Hosts are Hinds, Fish Hook and Kabekona

During our refreshments / conversation from 5:30 to 6 PM, Isaac Zinniel, the Boy Scout who created the kiosk for the Wolf Lake Wildlife Management Area undeveloped access to help prevent the spread of AIS will have a table for you to stop by and chat with him at. He will have pictures and be able to explain how he and the team he led, built and installed the kiosk. Please come early and learn about this important project for our lakes area.

We will have loon monitoring reports available from June 28-July 8 during the refreshment timeframe.

Our July speaker will be Christine Herwig, MN DNR Northwest Region Specialist – Nongame Wildlife – update on loons and other wild birds...

Motion to adjourn: Lynn Goodrich/Deb Massey