

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Committee Reports and Announcements

June 26, 2014

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LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Strategic Actions 1, 2 and 3

By Dan Kittilson

1. **Executive Committee**

- a. **COLA welcomes Paul Radomski to our June 26 COLA meeting to talk about his new book Lakeshore Living.** You can learn more about "Lakeshore Living" at <http://paulradomski.com/about>
- b. **COLA Current Affairs**
 - i. A one page hand-out called "COLA Current Affairs" will be available for COLA Reps and Presidents to provide updates on COLA happenings. The hand-out can be distributed at lake association meetings, to your members electronically or enclosed with your newsletter. COLA leaders can be available to discuss COLA's Vision, Mission, Values and Accomplishments.
- c. **Fostering Citizen Leadership in our Watersheds Workshop Series – Year Two (FCL 2)**
 - i. Participating Watersheds include Crow Wing, Leech, Long Prairie, Pine, Redeye.
 - ii. Beginning September 6, 2014, the Crow Wing Soil and Watershed Conservation District, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the University of Minnesota Extension will hold the second series of leadership workshops for 30 citizens in the watersheds of Crow Wing, Leech, Long Prairie, Pine, and Redeye. The series is for applicants who would like to expand their leadership confidence and capacity to benefit the waters and lands of their watershed. To apply, for this workshop series, residents should be new to leadership roles, interested in taking on more responsibility, or new to watershed involvement.
 - iii. The Fostering Citizen Leadership in our Watersheds – Year Two series is free of charge and will begin this fall. It will consist of three in-person, Saturday workshops – September 6, November 1, and May 2, 2015 – and two winter online webinars. (Access to high-speed internet is desirable). The workshops will be held within the five watershed area with the first workshop scheduled for Brainerd. Participants are expected to attend all five sessions.
 - iv. Participants in FCL 2 will work together to better their leadership skills, processes and connections. Topics may include: building on strengths, motivating others, communication, facilitation, community capitals, followership and group dynamics. This series strives to support and strengthen emerging citizen leaders in their efforts to lead local efforts for the protection and restoration of our waters and lands
 - v. If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for the FCL 2 workshop series or have questions, please contact contact "Melissa Koebernick, Park Rapids, MN" <melissa.koebernick@mn.nacdn.net>; or at 218-732-0121.

- d. **Volunteers** are needed for the following areas:
 - i. COLA's Executive Committee
 - ii. One of COLA's Committees
 - iii. To assist with a special project
 - iv. To serve as our SecretaryTo volunteer please contact us at hccolamn@gmail.com
- e. **The Heavenly Seven Fellowship Hosts** for the June 26th COLA meeting will include 8th & 9th Crow Wing, Bad Axe, Big Sand, Boulder and Plantagenet. Each group is responsible for setting up the Northwood's Bank Community Room, providing and preparing the refreshments and treats, and doing the tear down and clean up after the meeting. **Please pick up the key at the Bank a day or two before the COLA meeting.** Until COLA has a Secretary, the Heavenly Seven Lakes are responsible for taking minutes at the COLA meeting.
- f. **MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates (MLR)** lobby for our lakes. MLR and Hubbard COLA have played a key role in getting more dollars in the fight against aquatic invasive species. The Minnesota Legislature recently passed an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) bill that provides funds to Minnesota Counties for AIS prevention efforts. As a result of our success in the legislature this year, we would encourage other lake associations in Hubbard COLA and individual lake residents to join MLRA to help in the fight against AIS. To join MLR you can email Jeff Forester at jeff@mnlakesandrivers.org or call 952-854-1317.

2. **President's Report and Announcements**

- a. Mark your calendar and save the date.....Attend the next COLA board meeting on Thursday, July 31, 2014; social gathering at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwood's Bank Community Room.
- b. Hubbard COLA meeting schedule for the remainder of the year include the following dates in 2014: July 31, August 28, September 25 and October 30.
- c. Nate Sitz has been participating in a Blandin Community Leadership Training along with other Park Rapids Lakes Area leaders. Please contact Nate at 732-0121 if your lake association would like to participate with Nate in a Community Clean-up Campaign this summer.
- d. **What's happening on your lake?** Please provide updated contact information for your COLA reps, presidents and e-mail coordinators so we can keep our contact lists up-to-date. Lake associations are encouraged to send newsletters to Lynn Goodrich at "Lynn Goodrich" <tripplake1@mac.com>; or Dan Kittilson at drkittil@q.com
- e. Hubbard COLA's e-mail address: Correspondence and questions can be sent to hccolamn@gmail.com

Improve Internal Communications

Strategic Action #4

By Larry Roberts

Keep sending photos of lakes, wildlife, etc. for our website to Jeff Mosner at jlmosner@gmail.com>; Check out the current photos and see if you can get your lake involved.

Lakeshore Education Committee

Strategic Action #5

By Sharon Natzel

- 1) Rain Gardens for your Home Landscape – UMN Extension Course offering on Thursday, July 24, 6 to 9 PM in Park Rapids, MN in the Northwoods Bank Community Room, 1200 E 1st St. Eleanor Burkett, UMN Extension Water Resources Educator will present on how you can create a rain garden in your own home landscape. You will also learn about site considerations, construction and maintenance. The event is free of charge and open to the public. To Register, contact Sally Shearer at 218-732-3391 or email sshearer@umn.edu with Name, Address, Phone, & email address.
- 2) A Course on Basic Plant / Lake Ecology and Basic Aquatic Plant Identification with plant key, herbarium, and live plants is being planned for Friday, August 8TH from 4:30 PM to 9 PM at the Northwoods Bank Community Room, 1200 E 1st St. Park Rapids.. Mary Blickenderfer, UMN will provide the training and the live plants. We are working with Sally Shearer, Hubbard County UMN Extension to coordinate and offer this training free of charge for the attendees. Pizza / Pop will be provided for students by the Hubbard County COLA Education Team. To Register, contact Sally Shearer at 218-732-3391 or email sshearer@umn.edu with Name, Address, Phone, & email address.
- 3) We have arranged the HC COLA business meeting agenda so you can easily listen and learn from the speaker – see details below.....
- 4) July 31, 2014: Darrin Hoverson: Hydrology / Surface Water / Ground Water
- 5) August 28, 2014: Christine Herwig: DNR Non-Game Wildlife and the Lake

Christine will discuss the nongame wildlife associated with lakes including eagles, loons, swans, other birds, amphibians, reptiles and insects like dragonflies plus pollinators too. She will share briefly about each group and what they require in terms of healthy lakes to survive and flourish. This portion of the talk will include things like nesting platforms and food webs (for example - who eats and who gets eaten).

Each speaker will be available during the ½ hour social from 6:30 to 7 PM to chat before the meeting. The meeting starts at 7 PM. After introductions, the speaker presents the topic area. Then we will take a short break so that the speaker and visitors can slip out easily.

- 6) To stay informed on the Sandpiper Pipeline Project being considered at the Public Utilities Commission, please use the links on the HC COLA website <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/sandpiper-pipeline.html> The public will likely be able to comment in autumn 2014 on the need for the pipeline....
- 7) To stay informed on the MN DNR Straight River Pilot Groundwater Management Area Project related to groundwater sustainability long term go to <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gwmp/areas.html> and select Straight River. Doug Kingsley is a member of this team as is Darrin Hoverson.

Manage Public Image Committee

Strategic action #6

By Larry Roberts

Articles for the “Voices on the Water” series are on the website. We haven’t received one since May and I am sure many of our members have some stories to tell about their return to the lake this spring.. Share your lake experiences in a short story 5-700 words. Articles can be e-mailed to hccolamn@gmail.com.

We will need volunteers to help staff the HCCOLA booth at the County Fair July 16-20. Please sign up to help for a few hours any day you can. No selling required, just handing out information and answering questions. See Larry Roberts or e-mail @ lrobertsmn@gmail.com

Membership Committee Report

Strategic action #7

By Hillary Stoltz

- √¹ The committee reviewed and gave final approval to the lake association information sheet and dues statement as developed by Deb Rogers. Deb will check with Lynn to determine who has the lake treasurer’s email list and what date to send out. Mary Ann will continue to do the follow-up work to contact lakes that are delinquent in paying their dues. She will find out from Lynn who will send her the list of lakes that need to be contacted. Hillary will also confirm with John Weber that he sent the dues notice and information sheet for the lake treasurer. If treasurer information is unknown for a lake association, the documents will be emailed to the lake association president.
- √¹ The committee noted that there are some COLA representatives that have not signed up for committee work. Hillary will announce in her report that she has added a “COLA Committee” column to the sign-up sheet so that unassigned reps can indicate their preference.
- √¹ Mary Ann had 50 additional COLA thank-you notes printed. She will check with Dan as to whether he would like a supply for his use. The membership committee will retain the remaining inventory.
- √¹ It was suggested that COLA bookmarks could be handed out at the Fair booth. The committee will check with Dan.

Finance Committee:

Strategic action #8

By Lynn Goodrich

Summer is upon us once again. Warmer weather, though not hot, with plenty of rain and thunderstorms has settled in. Our attention has become focused on the upcoming fundraising events featured below along with a couple of announcements.

- √¹ The “Water and Sports” Garage Sale is just around the corner. We have received some donations of sports related items but have room for plenty more.
The more we have, the more we can sell, the more we make.
So look around your place and ask your friends and neighbors to help HCOLA have

a successful sale. We have placed a donation request flyer and “Sports Garage Sale” advertising poster on our website. Please download and distribute them to your lake association members, post them on bulletin boards and just get the word out around Hubbard County.

The sale will take place at the Environmental Building at the Hubbard County Fair Grounds on Friday July 11, 2014 from 9am to 6pm. Setup will take place the afternoon prior on Thursday, July 10, 2014 from 2pm to 6pm. Please bring your sale ready donations to the fair grounds on Thursday afternoon pre-tagged with your suggested selling price. If other delivery arrangements are necessary, please email or call Lynn Goodrich. To make sure we can handle all your great stuff please email Lynn (triplake1@mac.com) us a list of your donations ASAP.

If you would like to pitch in and help at the sale, let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet at the HCOLA June 26th meeting, or just contact Lynn or Dan to volunteer your time or with any questions

All proceeds from this event will support HCOLA’s Project Fund.

- √¹ I have posted an updated information flyer and Rice & Pottery order form on our website. You can download and print these out to distribute to others or place an order. There is a limited selection, on hand, of artisan pottery items and some premium wild rice. We can order additional items and deliver them quickly. Dan, Lynn and others have made these available at selected lake association meetings and events. COLA lake association representatives or presidents, please contact me with your needs for your lake association meetings this summer/fall.
- √¹ I am pleased to announce that Steve Hall, of Boulder Lake and Shoreline Creations, has agreed to become the HCOLA treasurer. Steve is finishing up some other commitments and will take over this vital leadership position in the fall. HCOLA can only fulfill its mission with talented and committed members like Steve. Thank you Steve. Welcome aboard!
- √¹ There have been suggestions for other fundraising activities and I am looking for a few “Fun Loving & Talented” people to help take these ideas and turn them into successful fundraisers in support of HCOLA’s mission today and in the future. As always feel free to contact me, Lynn Goodrich at triplake1@mac.com or (218) 652-3130.

Our mission requires the commitment of us all. HCOLA needs you and asks you to step up, get creative, and be involved!

Impact Political Action Committee

Strategic action #9

By Chuck Diessner

No Report

Civic Service Committee

By Peter Tuomisto

Civic Committee activities for 2014

1. Children's Freshwater Festival on [Wednesday, May 7](#) at Wilderness Boy Scout Camp was a success.
2. Restore the Shore orders for 2014 [came](#) into the Fairgrounds in early May and were [repackaged and picked up](#). Our thanks to Theora Goodrich and her crew. Will be looking for new orders for delivery in 2015.
3. Veliger Water Testing will be done again in July and August. In 2014, Potato, Blue, Eagle, Big Sand, Little Sand, Long, Spider, the Crooked Lakes, [Ojibway, Belle Taine, Fish Hook and Kabekona](#) will be participating. Please let Pete Tuomisto know if your lake would like to participate for the first time in 2014. I will be making blocks available (to hang on the end of docks) at each COLA meeting.
4. Hydro Lab SWCD will again have the Hydro Lab testing for those interested lakes in 2014. This is for monitoring the dissolved oxygen and the water temperature in your lake. Please see Julie Kingsley at SWCD if interested. There will be a charge for SWCD to perform this test. SWCD will also Veliger Sample and Map Vegetation for a fee. Contact SWCD if interested.
5. Water Monitoring Kits were handed out on [May 14th](#) at the Courthouse. We could still use another person to help transport the samples to Detroit Lakes once a month on Mondays. Please let Pete Tuomisto know if you can help. Invoicing for the Monitoring will be sent out in June. Water Monitoring invoices will be sent out soon.

AIS Task Force Report

Strategic Action #10

By Ken Grob

1. County-wide watercraft inspection program is progressing well. Nate Sitz reports that over 4000 inspections have been conducted through mid-June, about 2400 on entering watercraft. The AIS watercraft decontamination station is operating with dedicated staff on Friday afternoons and Saturdays. It has been publicized with new signage, an article in the Enterprise, and PSA's on 92.5 FM several times a day. Email blast to resorts has also been distributed. Nate will provide the detailed watercraft inspection report for lake associations at 6:00 pm before COLA meeting on the 26th. Everyone welcome.
2. County Commissioners have passed a resolution that assigns responsibility to the County AIS Task Force for developing a plan for allocation of the state AIS funds. Plan outline has been drafted and work has started on the plan. Lots of details and work to do to develop plan. Although some funds will be available later this year, we do not plan to change any of the lake association or township commitments for watercraft inspection funds this summer.
3. The Resort Sub-Committee assembled and distributed the resort folders to the contact people for each lake. We plan about 60 visits again this year. Lots of new info included and we will promote sending resort guests to the SWCD decontamination station. Contact persons are requested to complete visits and return the survey sheets at the COLA meeting on the 26th.
4. Lake Monitoring Training Session was held on Saturday, June 7 in Park Rapids. Thanks to Julie Kingsley and Burney & Barbara Fischer for making the arrangements. We had commitments for 27 attendees, but only 14 attended, representing eight lake associations.
5. Dates to remember:
 - √¹ UMISC Conference in Duluth October 20-22. This is an excellent conference on AIS. It is the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference that is sponsored every other year.