

# HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Committee Reports and Announcements

August 28, 2014

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## LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Strategic Actions 1, 2 and 3

By Dan Kittilson

### 1. **Executive Committee**

- a. COLA welcomes Christine Herwig: Non-Game Wildlife Specialist to our August 28<sup>th</sup> COLA meeting. Christine will talk about Non-Game Wildlife and the Lake.
- b. **COLA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shore lands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lakes associations, local government, the general public and future generations.**
- c. COLA's annual meeting will be our August 28, 2014 meeting. Agenda items relating to our annual meeting will be the election of officers including President and President-Elect. Lynn Goodrich, our President-Elect, will be nominated as President at the annual meeting. Sharon Natzel will be nominated to serve as our President-Elect. Further nominations for Pres-Elect will be open from the floor.

Call for volunteers for Secretary, Executive Committee members and other committee members. If you have an interest in one of these positions, please contact me at [drkittil@q.com](mailto:drkittil@q.com)

**The proposed 2014-15 COLA budget will be approved at the August meeting.**

- d. Watch for COLA's Ad and Enhanced Business listing in the 2015 Park Rapids Lakes Area Discovery Guide. COLA's participation in the Discovery Guide helps us get our message out to tourists that come to the Park Rapids Lakes area to vacation and enjoy our clean lakes. It fits with our public relations strategy by giving us a vehicle for sharing our values, expands our partnering with local businesses in supporting the Park Rapids area and affirms our commitment to work together with others to protect our lakes.
- e. 2014 League of Women Voters Candidate Forums - all will start at 7 p.m.
  - i. September 30 - Hubbard County Commissioner Districts 1 & 3 at the Northwood's Bank Community Room
  - ii. October 2 - MN House 2A & 2B at the Northwood's Bank Community Room
  - iii. October 16 - Park Rapids Mayor at the Park Rapids Area Library lower level meeting room
  - iv. October 23 - Hubbard County Commissioner District 5 at the Lake George Town Hall
  - v. To be scheduled - Menahga School Board
- f. Candidate Forum Volunteers needed:

- i. Moderators: 1 per forum
  - ii. Question sorters: 2-3 per forum (from those e-mailed and during the event)
  - iii. Gather questions during the event: 1-2
  - iv. Room set up: 3-4 (COLA will assist)
  - v. Staff LWV table: 1-2 from 6:15 until 7:10
- g. **The Heavenly Seven Fellowship Hosts** for the August 28 COLA meeting will include Blue, Fish Hook, Gilmore, Hinds, Lower Crow Wing and Palmer Lake. 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.
- h. COLA will be making copies at the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce. COLA is a member of the Chamber so we will have "Member only amenity pricing" that will help minimize our copying costs.

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

- a. Mark your calendar and save the date.....Attend COLA's next meeting on September 25, 2014; social gathering at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwood's Bank Community Room.
- b. Interested COLA members that are unable to attend our September 25<sup>th</sup> COLA meetings will have the opportunity to participate in our "Teleconferencing" during the September COLA meeting. Burney Fischer and some of his graduate students will be participating via "Teleconferencing" to discuss the 2014 Capstone Course on Water Quality monitoring. Please let us know if you would be interested in connecting to our COLA meeting via teleconferencing.
- c. Hubbard COLA meeting schedule for the remainder of the year include the following dates in 2014: September 25 and October 30.
- 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](mailto:drkittil@q.com)
- e. Hubbard COLA's e-mail address: Correspondence and questions can be sent to [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com)

### **Improve Internal Communications**

Strategic Action #4

By Larry Roberts

Continuing to explore ways to improve communications with lake associations, lake boards and individual members.

How do we keep e-mails focused on important areas, yet keep membership informed of lake issues. An informed membership is critical to the success of HCCOLA.

## **Lakeshore Education Committee**

Strategic Action #5

By Sharon Natzel

- 1) As a follow-up to the 7/31 Hydrology presentation by Darrin Hoverson, please review the the Healthy Water Series of articles, one of which Darrin co-authored on the HC COLA website: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/healthy-waters-series.html>
- 2) For our Sept and Oct meetings, we are identifying educational guest speakers. Agenda format would be similar to summer with speaker avail for social and present as first on meeting agenda followed by a short break. The business meeting follows the presenter.

## **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 Larry Roberts, [lrobertsmn@gmail.com](mailto:lrobertsmn@gmail.com).

Peter Pierson, our public image advisor determined the local pbs radio station is interested in using a “Voices on the Water” article for a broadcast segment. It will be the Little Sand loon article. Specifics are still being worked out.

## **Membership Committee Report**

Strategic action #7

By Hillary Stoltz

The annual COLA informal social event for ALL of the lake association representatives and their spouses will be held on **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Zorbaz starting at 5:30 PM. You can order dinner and drinks off the menu and at the bar. This is always a lot of fun and a chance for our mates to enjoy the COLA camaraderie.

The Annual Dues statements and Lake Association info questionnaires have been sent out to Reps and Presidents. Please do what is needed to get the completed form and your Lake Association dues checks back to COLA in a timely fashion. Your help is always appreciated.

## **Finance Committee:**

Strategic action #8

By Lynn Goodrich

The tourist season is winding down. Our weather this summer has produced green lawns and mild temperatures. My time on Tripp Lake, although limited, has produced both good catches and great times with friends and neighbors. I encourage you all to get out on our lakes and enjoy the what’s left of summer.

<sup>√</sup> The Finance committee has been busy at work developing the proposed HCCOLA 2014-15 budget. It will be presented to the board on August 28<sup>th</sup> for their approval.

Looking into the next year and forecasting the financial needs to carry out our mission has presented a few new challenges. The threats to our lakes and waterways seem to change and grow each year. Between AIS and the threat presented by the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline we find ourselves looking to new funding possibilities that will give us the flexibility and funds necessary to respond to these and other challenges.

- √<sup>1</sup> I would like to welcome Steve Hall as the new HCCOLA treasurer. Steve will head up financial committee and we will be looking to his guidance to keep us on the straight and narrow in the future. Do you like money? If the answer is yes, and we all know it is, here is your chance to help HCCOLA. Steve Hall will be looking to add new members to the finance committee. You will get to work on all kinds of “fun” stuff and help to ensure HCCOLA has the wherewithal to continue its good work. Just contact Steve Hall or myself. We’ll sit down together, answer all your questions and even buy you a cup of coffee to help seal the deal.
- √<sup>1</sup> Once again the finance and executive committees will look into the cost / benefit of HCCOLA becoming a 501c3 non-profit. If it were determined that it would be beneficial they will present their ideas to the board for their decision.

**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

There is no August report.

### **Civic Service Committee**

By Peter Tuomisto

Civic Committee activities for 2014

1. Restore the Shore orders for 2014 [will be due back to Theora Goodrich by October 1](#)
2. Veliger Water Testing [was 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 participated.](#) Please let Pete Tuomisto know if your lake would like to participate for the first time in 2015.
3. 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.
4. Water Monitoring. [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. Please pay your Water Monitoring fees if you have not done so.](#)

### **AIS Task Force Report**

Strategic Action #10

By Ken Grob

1. . County-wide watercraft inspection program continues to progress well. The AIS watercraft decontamination station is operating with dedicated staff on Friday afternoons

and Saturdays. Nate Sitz will provide the detailed watercraft inspection report for each lake association at 6:00 pm before COLA meeting on the 28th. Everyone welcome.

2. A sub-committee of the County AIS Task Force continues work on the plan for use of the State AIS funds for 2014/2015. Lots of details and work to do to develop plan. Target is to have the report ready for submission to the Commissioners by the end of September. Although some funds are available 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 has completed the Resort visits. Thanks to all the individuals who did visits and provided survey information.
4. Dates to remember:

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