

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HCCOLA)

Committee Reports and Announcements

February 5, 2015

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Strategic Actions 1, 2 and 3

By Lynn Goodrich

1. **Executive Committee**

- i. The executive team is working on a new email subscription system to allow all members to subscribe to receive emails directly from HCCOLA. We expect to have it ready for the March 26th meeting.
- ii. Request that Jeff Mosner be added to the Executive Committee.
- iii. We are still looking to fill the vacant position of HCCOLA Secretary.
- iv. Looking to find funding sources to revitalize and expand lake management plans and vegetation mapping to ensure our lakes do not decline.

a. **HCCOLA'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. HCCOLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lakes associations, local government, the general public and future generations.**

b. Call for members to fill important positions within HCCOLA. The Executive Committee (Team) is looking for people to help build communications within HCCOLA and to get our message out to the public. I am continually amazed by the lack of knowledge by about issues that are paramount to the future success of Hubbard County. We need to inform and engage the public about these issues. They affect us all, whether we live in the city, country, or on a lake. Whether we are year round, seasonal, or occasional visitors. The future of this area is so closely tied to the environment that we must work tirelessly to protect and enhance it. Please help by sharing your unique talents with HCCOLA. You can email me at hccola.lynnng@icloud.com or give me a call.

c. Watch for HCCOLA's ad and Enhanced Business listing in the 2015 Park Rapids Lakes Area Discovery Guide. HCCOLA'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.

d. **The Heavenly Seven "Nifty Nine" Hosts** for the FEBRUARY 5 HCCOLA meeting will be Tripp 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 HCCOLA meeting.** Until HCCOLA has a Secretary, the Nifty Nine hosts are responsible for taking minutes at the HCCOLA meeting.

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

- a. Mark your calendar and save the date.....attend HCCOLA's upcoming meeting on **Thursday, February 5, 2015**; social gathering/networking at **6:30 p.m.** and meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Northwood's Bank Community Room.**
- b. Interested HCCOLA members that are unable to attend our September 25th HCCOLA meetings will have the opportunity to participate via our "Teleconference" during the

- February HCCOLA meeting. Please let me (Lynn G) know if you would be interested in connecting to our HCCOLA meeting via your phone. I will email instructions to you.
- c. HCCOLA second board meeting of 2015 will be on - **Thursday, March 26, 2015.**
 - d. **What's happening on your lake?** Please provide updated contact information for your HCCOLA 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 triplake1@mac.com, or Dan Kittilson at drkittil@q.com
 - e. Hubbard HCCOLA's e-mail address: Comments, suggestions, and questions can be sent to hccolamn@gmail.com

Improve Internal Communications

Strategic Action #4

By Larry Roberts

No report this month. A full report will be included in March 2015 Committee report.

Lakeshore Education Committee

Strategic Action 5

By Sharon Natzel

- 1) The "Lake Monitoring Template" Helps Teams Track and Report Activities related to Water Quality and Aquatic Invasive Species Education for 2015. See details on the HCCOLA website: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/other-resources.html> By March 26th HCCOLA meeting, have updated zebra mussel monitoring guidelines available.
- 2) Using the ideas garnered from the HCCOLA Q&A Survey Recap and Prioritized Goals from 2014, the following will be updated by the March 26th HCCOLA meeting:
 - a. Speaker series for HCCOLA meetings in 2015 will be drafted
 - b. Lake Management Plan mentors identified as resources for lake associations wanting to create Lake Management Plans or update their plans
 - c. HCCOLA news subscription instructions available online

Manage Public Image Committee

Strategic action #6

By Larry Roberts

No report this month. A full report will be included in March 2015 Committee report.

Membership Committee Report

Strategic action #7

By Hillary Stoltz

1. No report this month. A full report will be included in March 2015 Committee report.
2. Please report any changes/updates in Lake Association Presidents or Representatives or their contact information to Deb Rodgers.

Finance Committee:

Strategic action #8

By Steve Hall, HCCOLA Treasurer

- 1 Steve will present his first treasurer's report at the meeting on February 5, 2015.

Impact Political Action Committee

Strategic Action #9
By Chuck Diessner

1. ESO prepared an initial revised draft of the Shoreline Management Ordinance which was reviewed by the Planning Commission. We had meetings with Doug Kingsley and Darrin Hoverson regarding ESO's proposed changes, our concerns and the DNR's proposed response to the initial draft. Darrin was actively involved with Eric on behalf of the DNR regarding ESO's changes, which also included some of our concerns.

A number of DNR's recommendations were incorporated into the final draft of the SMO that will be presented at a public meeting on February 3, 2015.

Civic Service Committee

By Peter Tuomisto

Civic Committee activities for 2015

1. Children's Freshwater Festival at Wilderness Boy Scout Camp near Emmaville - **contributions are needed**. Please send checks payable to Hubbard COLA at PO Box 746 Park Rapids, MN 56470 with Children's Freshwater Festival in the memo line. Volunteers should contact Melissa at the SWCD.
2. Restore the Shore orders for 2015 will be coming into the Fairgrounds in early May to be repackaged. Volunteers are needed to facilitate this. The Shore Coordinator is Theora Goodrich.
3. Veliger Water Testing will be done again in July and August. In 2014, Potato, Blue, Eagle, Big Sand, Little Sand, Long, Belle Taine, Kabekona, Fish Hook as well as Spider, the Crooked Lakes and Ojibway participated in the testing. No veligers were found. Please let Pete Tuomisto know if your lake will continue testing in 2015 and if your lake would like to participate for the first time in 2015. 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 will be handed out on **May 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Training will be available if needed. Further information and program registration forms will be sent electronically to lake associations.

Sandpiper Pipeline Update

By Jeff Mosner

Please refer to the HCCOLA and FOH websites for the latest information. We will have a oral report at the February 5, 2015 meeting.

AIS Committee

Strategic Action #10

By Ken Grob

1. County AIS Task Force has completed work on the plan for use of the State AIS funds for 2014/2015. A final report was completed and approved by County Commissioners on November 4. SWCD Board review and full County Task Force reviews were completed on October 14th and 16th, respectively. Report was filed with DNR. It was well received and posted on DNR website as an example for other counties.
2. Watercraft inspection supplemental hour plans were presented to Lake Associations in December. To date all but two lake associations have responded. All but one lake association has committed

to the target or committed to a higher level. This is good news. PPI committee is still exploring options to find funding for Two Inlets Lake. This is a critical lake to the Fish Hook Chain, but in Becker County. Exploring funding commitments from Becker County and from other sources. Overall, Hubbard County will have watercraft inspectors at about 31 lakes and 37 accesses during 2015, with about 14,500 hours scheduled. This is an increase of over 5000 hours from 2014.

3. Early planning done on the public awareness and lake monitoring projects. Lots more to do. Need support from lake associations.
4. Ken Grob attended the DNR Roundtable in Mpls on Jan 9 and was a panel member and presenter at the AIS Summit in St. Cloud on Jan 20-21. Several other COLA members also attended the Summit.
5. Focused actions for next few months:
 - Submit Public Awareness Grant Application to DNR. This covers billboards and PSA's, along with resort contact materials.
 - Finalize allocation hours for all lakes and continue hiring process for inspectors.
 - Contact resorts to encourage their participation in screening guests for AIS, especially if the resort has a launch site
 - Organize the lake monitoring project. Train volunteers to do veliger water sampling and placing concrete blocks
 - Start work on Rapid Response Plan for Hubbard County.