

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HCCOLA)

Committee Reports and Announcements

June 25, 2015

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Lynn Goodrich

1. **Executive Committee (E-Team)**

- i. E-team members will be attending the MN COLA meeting on July 16th to ensure our statewide voice on issues concerning our lakes and waters.
- ii. The HCCOLA member email subscription is live on the home page of hubbardcolamn.org website.
- iii. Please submit your lake association meeting dates to me and let me know if we can be of assistance.

a. **Share your talents to make HCCOLA better:**

The Executive Committee (Team) is looking for people (members) to help build communications within HCCOLA and to get our message out to the public. Our waters 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.

a. **Getting to know HCCOLA lakes:**

Thank you to Big Sand Lakes Irene Weis and Candy Malm for their presentation on their lake activities, lake association and lake history.

b. **HCCOLA Sports Sale ver2.0**

Thank you to all involved in making this event successful. Once again we raised funds to support HCCOLA projects and activities. We are planning to continue and expand this event next year.

c. **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. Our mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lakes associations, local government, the general public and future generations.**

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

a. **AIS training & Trailer Decal Program**

The Minnesota Legislature repealed the MN DNR AIS training and trailer decal program at this year's session. In its place a new AIS affirmation provision to some licenses will begin in 2016. The news release is available from the DNR and HCCOLA.

b. Mark your calendar and save the date.....attend HCCOLA's upcoming meeting on **Thursday, July 30, 2015**; social gathering/networking at **6:30 p.m.** and meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Northwood's Bank Community Room.**

c. Interested HCCOLA members that are unable to attend our June 25th HCCOLA meeting will have the opportunity to participate via your phone during the 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.

- d. Veliger Sampling Training will be held on June 29th 1pm at the Blue Lake public access. This training, presented by RMB Labs, is designed for those lakes and their AIS volunteers that will be conducting veliger sampling this July and August. Further information will be available at the June 25th meeting.
- e. Lake contact information and newsletters: 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 their newsletters to Lynn Goodrich at triplake1@mac.com, or Dan Kittilson at drkittil@q.com □

HCCOLA's e-mail address: Comments, suggestions, and questions can be sent to hccolamn@gmail.com

Improve Internal Communications

By Larry Roberts

New direct email subscription is in place. Please go to the HCCOLA website to subscribe.

Lakeshore Education Committee

By Sharon Natzel

- 1) The Speaker series for the monthly HCCOLA meetings in 2015 will include the Lake Monitoring types from the 12/2014 Capstone Report on Enhancing Hubbard County COLA's Lake Monitoring Program by the Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs.
- 2) We have a DVD available for checkout from The DVD "Defending Favorite Places – How Hunters and Anglers Can Stop the Spread of Invasive Species." The full length program is 26 min & Short Version is 15 min. The DVD is from the USDA Forest Service Invasive Species Program in partnership with many organizations & individuals. Or download online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/invasivespecies/prevention/defending.shtml>
- 3) A few Lakes are still working on providing their initial Lake Monitoring Baseline info and will be contacted by the Education team to see if have questions on the input form.
- 4) AIS vegetation and invertebrate sampling mentors are available if you are implementing this program on your lake after attending the recent UMN Ext class cohosted with HCCOLA. Please contact the Education team if you need help getting started.

Manage Public Image Committee

By Larry Roberts

1. No report this month.

Membership Committee Report

By Hillary Stoltz

1. No report this month.
2. Please report any changes/updates in Lake Association Presidents or Representatives or their contact information to Deb Rodgers. Please download the updated Presidents/Reps list from HCCOLA website

Finance Committee:

By Steve Hall, HCCOLA Treasurer

1. The E-Team and Finance committee is working on the HCCOLA 2015-2016 budget in preparation for our August board meeting. We welcome all constructive input from members and lake associations.

Impact Political Action Committee

By Chuck Diessner

1. No report this month.

Civic Service Committee

By Peter Tuomisto

Civic Committee activities for 2015

1. Veliger Water Testing training will be done on Monday June 29th at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Blue Lake access. 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. Next Monday volunteers from MCWLA, Boulder, Duck, Big Mantrap, Bottle will get training in Veliger monitoring. All lakes doing the monitoring this year are welcome to get a refresher course next Monday. Testing should be done in conjunction with the July and August Water Monitoring weekends so as to transport the Veliger samples to DL. Remember, the Veliger samples do not have to be refrigerated and can be done ahead of the Water Monitoring. I will be making cinder blocks available (to hang on the end of docks) at each COLA meeting.
2. Hydro Lab - SWCD will again have the Hydro Lab testing for those interested lakes in 2015. 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.
3. Water Monitoring is going on as scheduled. May and June have been collected and sent to the RMB Labs for testing and recording. The next collection weekend is July 19 with samples returned to Charlie's Boat and Marine on Monday (July 20) as early as possible. The transportation to DL would like to leave before noon to avoid the rush at the Labs. The last two weekends of Monitoring are Aug 16 and 17, and Sept 20, and 21.

Sandpiper Pipeline Update

By Jeff Mosner

1. On June 5th, the PUC Commissioners approved a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper pipeline. [Click here](#) for full announcement from PUC. Hearings for the Certificate of Route will be announced soon. A Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (CEA) will begin shortly on the two routes left under consideration. Both of these routes cross the headwaters of the Mississippi and Hubbard County. Friends of the Headwaters (FOH), a local group opposed to routes through our lake country, is exploring various legal options.
2. Lynn Goodrich has copies of an informational video, recorded during FOH's last Sandpiper informational session which you might consider showing at a lake association meeting this summer.
3. We encourage you to visit FOH's website at <http://friendsoftheheadwaters.org/index.html> to retrieve the latest news, view events, read what local "voices" are saying as well as see what actions you can take to become a part of this effort. Also be sure to "like" FOH's Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/savemississippiheadwaters> to get the latest breaking reports.

AIS Committee

Strategic Action #10

By Ken Grob

1. No report this month.