

# HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HCCOLA)

## Committee Reports and Announcements

August 27, 2015

### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Lynn Goodrich

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

- i. E-team developed, reviewed and passed the 2015-16 proposed budget that will be presented to the board on August 27, 2015 meeting
- ii. The HCCOLA direct member email subscription is live on the home page of hubbardcolamn.org website. Please signup if you are not receiving our communications.
- iii. Please submit your lake association updates to me so that we can keep our records up-to-date.
- iv. Annual membership invoices have been developed and should be in your hands. As in recent years the membership is \$4.00 per lake association member.

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

Thank you to Fish Hook Lake and River Association's Jan Rumpza for her great presentation on their lake, its association and history.

#### b. **FOR SALE - Starcraft boat and Shorelander trailer**

We have recently received a donation of a 14' Starcraft fishing boat with Shorelander trailer, electric trolling motor and 2 LCD depth/fish finders. If you or any of your friends are interested in any of these items please contact me (Lynn).

#### 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. **Donation to HCCOLA for AIS education**

- i. Sleeping Fawn Resort/Podunk Poets Concert made a donation to HCCOLA AIS education of \$2040.00
- ii. Thank you to everyone involved:  
Joe and Ellen Scharber, performers; The Podunk Poets (Kelly Kidd, Cindy-Lou Jollotta, Jake Kelly, Patrick Generosa) and Redd Carter.  
Local sponsors include: Citizens Bank, Northwoods Bank, Paul Bunyan Communications, Forest & Floral, Charlie's Marine, Dorset Liquor, Mark Stone Construction, and Emma/Stocking/Bottle Lake Association.  
Product sponsors: Smokey Hills ODS, Black Swan Cooperage, Park Rapids C of C.  
Family members, resort guests, and Girl Scout Troop 30012.

##### b. **Committee Reports**

- i. I have requested that our committee chairpersons keep their reports short and informative. We value your time but want to keep you abreast of what goes on behind scenes at HCCOLA and throughout the state.

##### c. Interested HCCOLA members that are unable to attend our August 27<sup>th</sup> HCCOLA annual 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 by Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. I will email instructions to you.  
NOTE: We will only provide this service if we have prior request and notice.

- d. Mark your calendar and save the date.....attend HCCOLA's meeting on **Thursday, September 24, 2015**; social gathering/networking and **boat inspection report at 6:30 p.m.**, and Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Northwood's Bank Community Room**. We will be reporting and discussing the survey initiated earlier in the season.
- 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](mailto:triplake1@mac.com), or Dan Kittilson at [drkittil@q.com](mailto:drkittil@q.com)" □

### **Improve Internal Communications**

By Larry Roberts

Direct e-mail to HCCOLA members is in place. More people need to sign up in order to gauge its effectiveness for this first year. Go to HCCOLA website to sign up. Feedback is needed for us to evaluate and make improvements to this program.

### **Lakeshore Education Committee**

Strategic Action 5

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) A few Lakes are still working on providing their initial Lake Monitoring Baseline info and are being contacted by the Education Team.
- 3) Mentors available: a) AIS vegetation and invertebrate sampling mentors and b) lake management plan mentors; please contact the Education Team.

### **Manage Public Image Committee**

By Larry Roberts

1. We are still seeking articles/stories from HCCOLA members and others regarding their lake experiences. You can also include a non-lake experience.  
Please forward articles to me at: [lrobertsmn@gmail.com](mailto:lrobertsmn@gmail.com)

### **Membership Committee Report**

By Hillary Stoltz

1. Lake Associations are encouraged to provide updated lake association information to allow us to keep our records current.
2. Committees: If HCCOLA Reps are not signed up for a Committee, we can assign them if there is no preference, or they can inform anyone on the Membership Committee if they do have special interests or expertise to lend to their committee choice. HCCOLA Reps should be aware that they may request a change in Committee affiliation as well.
3. After discussion of alternate venues, it was agreed that the **HCCOLA Fall Member/Spouse Social** Gathering would be held on **September 9, 2015 at 5 PM at Zorbaz** on Little Sand Lake.

### **Finance Committee:**

By Steve Hall, HCCOLA Treasurer

1. The E-Team and Finance committee will present the proposed HCCOLA 2015-2016 budget at the August annual board meeting. Steve Hall will also present a review of the current year's finances.
2. 2015 water testing payments are past due at this time. Please submit your payment to HCCOLA
3. Dues invoices and member lake association information forms will be delivered soon. Dues are due and payable September 1, 2015 and are past due after November 1, 2015. Lake Associations please mail your dues checks and information sheets back to HCCOLA at P.O. Box 746, Park Rapids, MN 56470

### **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 has been completed for this year. August results should be coming back from RMB soon.
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. August has been collected and sent to the RMB Labs for testing and recording. The last collection weekend is Sept.20<sup>th</sup> with samples returned to Charlie's on Monday as soon as possible. The transportation to DL will be leaving at noon to avoid the rush at the Labs. If there is inclement weather on Sunday, we will be flexible on the departure time on Monday. Please remember to keep your samples refrigerated and/or packed with ice to keep them cool. The collection tubes will be turned in with the sample at Charlie's at that time.
4. Please get the Restore the Shore orders in to Theora Goodrich.

### **AIS Committee**

By Ken Grob 8.27.2015

1. County AIS Task Force continues to make progress on 2015 Objectives. Status by project follows:
  - **Public Awareness:** Resort visits continuing. Radio PSA's continue to promote decontamination. Tune into 97.5FM or 870 AM and listen. Julie Kingsley will provide verbal report at meeting.
  - **Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination:** Inspection program continues to plan. Julie Kingsley/Jamin Carlson will provide verbal updates on watercraft inspection at the meeting on July 27
  - **Veliger Sampling and Lake Monitoring:** Program progressing very well. Dan Kittilson and Peter Tuomisto will provide verbal updates (or handouts) at meeting.
2. PPI Team has started process for compiling yearend reports and planning for 2016. Final report on state fund usage is due by end of December.

## **Pipeline Update**

By Jeff Mosner (Friends of the Headwaters)

As previously noted, Enbridge has applied for a permit for a “Line 3 Rebuild” pipeline which, as proposed, would parallel Sandpiper. The current Line3 lies in their mainline corridor which follows Hwy 2 (through Bemidji, Cass Lake and Grand Rapids on its way to Superior). Originally constructed in 1962, according to Enbridge it is failing and needs to be replaced. Notice of this acceptance along with a schedule of public hearings (Park Rapids was August 19<sup>th</sup>) and open comment period can be found [here](#). *Special thanks to all those who attended this hearing – whether you spoke or not, your presence was felt.* Deadline to file public comments is September 30, 2015.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the PUC Commissioners approved a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper pipeline. [Click here](#) for full announcement from PUC. Since both pipelines (Line3 and Sandpiper) are proposed by Enbridge to follow the same route, the PUC has decided to combine the route permit approvals for both and perform a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (CEA) for both. The Department of Commerce (DOC) is in the process of outlining the scope of this CEA. The CEA scope document will be reviewed by the PUC by December, then released for bid and execution. The completed CEA should be released for public review by March 2016, followed by additional public hearings in April 2016. The PUC Commissioners decision for this Certificate of Route (CR) permit is expected in August 2016.

A Certificate of Need (CON) is also required for the Line3 project. As noted above, this has already been approved for Sandpiper (on 6/5/15). This process is going on in parallel with the CR process outlined above with a PUC Commissioner decision expected in June 2016.

FOH is still awaiting an appeals court ruling on a lawsuit it filed (due by September) calling for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of routes considered for the Sandpiper. The Minnesota Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) requires that any major structural project built in Minnesota with potential impact to the environment requires an EIS. The PUC is attempting to sidestep this law by substituting the above mentioned CEA.

Thanks to those who attended the highly successful FOH fundraiser concert/silent auction on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

I 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.