

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HC COLA)
Committee Reports and Announcements
September 24, 2015

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Lynn Goodrich

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

- a. E-Team established the voting procedures for the Closed Session at the September meeting.
- b. There is continuing discussion on how HC COLA, through influence and interaction with state, county and local officials, will address the threat of new AIS infestations in Minnesota waters and shield Hubbard County from these threats. The newest seems to be Starry Stonewort just found in Lake Koronis. We continue to see a spread to more lakes of Zebra Mussels, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Spiny Water Fleas and others.
- c. **Getting to know HC COLA lakes:**
Thank you to Portage Lake Association's Charlie Pieper and Jerry Knoblich for the informative presentation on their lake, its history and their battle with Curley Leaf Pondweed infestation.
- d. **HC 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. 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. 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 HC COLA and throughout the state.
- b. Interested HC COLA members that are unable to attend our September 24th HC COLA 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 HC COLA meeting via your phone by Wednesday September 23th. I will email instructions to you.
NOTE: We will only provide this service if we have prior request and notice.
- c. Mark your calendar and save the date.....attend HC COLA's meeting on **Thursday, October 29, 2015**; social gathering/networking at **6:30 p.m.**, and Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Northwood's Bank Community Room**. The meeting will feature a summary of the 2015 Hubbard County AIS program and preview of the 2016 program
- d. Lake contact information and newsletters: Please provide updated contact information for your HC COLA 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" □

Improve Internal Communications

By Larry Roberts

No report this month.

Lakeshore Education Committee

Strategic Action 5

By Sharon Natzel

1. No report this month.

Manage Public Image Committee

By Larry Roberts

1. We continue to request articles/stories from HC COLA members and others regarding their lake experiences. You can also include a non-lake experience.
Please forward articles to me at: lrobertsmn@gmail.com

Membership Committee Report

By Hillary Stoltz

1. The September 9th Social at Zorbaz, which was organized by the Membership Committee, was a great success and an opportunity for our members to have their spouses also join in the COLA camaraderie.
2. The Membership Committee welcomes its newest member, Kaye Molin, who is the new Bad Axe Lake representative. We anticipate our next committee meeting will be on an agreed upon date in October.

Finance Committee:

By Steve Hall, HC COLA Treasurer

1. Water Testing payments are now overdue. Reminders have been sent out to Presidents of Lake Associations who have not paid to date. Lakes still unpaid are: 2nd Crow Wing, 8th and 9th Crow Wings, Lake Belle Taine, Fish Hook, Spider and Stony. Please get your Water Testing payments in as soon as possible.
2. Membership dues continue to come in. To date 16 of 29 Associations have paid their dues. Membership dues are payable by November 1, 2015.

Impact Political Action Committee

By Chuck Diessner

1. No report this month.

Civic Service Committee

By Peter Tuomisto

1. Veliger Water Testing has been completed for this year. RMB Labs has found no veligers in our samples. Veligers are too small to see without a microscope but we can keep vigilant on the adult Zebra Mussels. Make sure to examine docks, boatlifts, pontoons, etc. as you take them out of the water for the winter. Also, as for the cinder blocks, please examine those also as you take the dock out. It is important for dock and lift service providers to also examine those docks and lifts as they take them out of the water.
2. Water Monitoring has finished for the year. September samples have been collected and sent to the RMB Labs for testing and recording. If you haven't returned the collecting tube to Charlie's, please do so. They will be cleaned and dried and stored for the winter.
3. Thank you for your volunteer efforts.
4. Please get the Restore the Shore orders in to Theora Goodrich.

AIS Committee

By Ken Grob 8.27.2015

1. No report this month