

## HC COLA Committee Reports – Feb 2019:

### **Civic Service Team – Peter Tuomisto**



- 1) RMB Environmental Laboratories water monitoring prices have increased after 3 years at \$210. Our new HC COLA discounted price for the program is \$235, so an increase of \$25 per lake.
- 2) The RMB Environmental Laboratories zebra mussel veliger composite sampling (ZMVS) along with spiny waterflea analysis are at \$115 per bottle to analyze for 2019. For just ZMVS analysis alone, the price will be \$85.
  - a. We clarified for a lake that asked; if a tester can fit their two dates of ZMVS into one bottle with a 3:1 of 91% alcohol to water for each date sampled – that is OK.
  - b. In a combined bottle, if veligers are discovered during analysis, you will not know which date sampled had the veligers.
  - c. A couple experienced ZMV samplers on our HC COLA team suggest keeping with the practice of one bottle per ZMVS date to maximize sampling ease, if possible.
- 3) Water monitoring coolers for May / June and integrated sampler pickup for the 2019 season will be Wed May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM at Northwoods Bank / Community Room in Park Rapids. Refresher / Training for water monitoring, zebra mussel veliger sampling techniques plus an update for lakes is available along with refreshments. If you and/or your alternates are NOT able to make the pickup, please email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) to make alternate arrangements.
- 4) Mark your Calendar with the Dates for Water Monitoring and ZMV Sampling and when the coolers need to be at Charlies Boat & Marine for our terrific HC COLA volunteer “cooler shuttle-service drivers”:
  - Sun 5/19 – Mon 5/20 delivery to Charlies Boat & Marine, E Hwy 34, P. R. by 11 AM
  - Sun 6/16 – Mon 6/17 with delivery to Charlies by 11 AM
  - By Mid June – 1<sup>st</sup> ZMV testing – when water in littoral areas is 54 F <https://www.in.gov/dnr/files/ZEBRA-MUSSEL.pdf>
  - End of June / First part of July for 2<sup>nd</sup> ZMV testing
  - Sun 7/14 – Mon 7/15 - delivery of water monitoring & ZMV samples - 11 AM to Charlies
  - Sun 8/18 – Mon 8/19 with delivery to Charlies by 11 AM
  - Sun 9/15 – Mon 9/16 with delivery to Charlies by 11 AM
- 5) AIS Volunteer Training is available on 2 separate dates to choose from: Fri 5/3/19 or Thurs 6/6/19 at Northwoods Bank Community Room from 1 PM to 4 PM. This training is available for citizens who are interested in informing the public about aquatic invasive species and how to slow their spread and is taught by DNR Watercraft Inspection Program staff. Twenty people are required per class and must be registered 7 days in advance. Please email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) with the date you'll attend. A DNR volunteer agreement form and a background check are required of all AIS volunteers annually. DNR info <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/volunteer.html>

After you receive your certification as an AIS Volunteer, you can coordinate ahead of time which dates / times you plan to educate at your public access with Nicholas Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Services, email: [nmacklem@co.hubbard.mn.us](mailto:nmacklem@co.hubbard.mn.us) and phone: 218-732-3890.

- a. Remember that AIS Volunteers do not have the legal authority to tactilely and visually inspect watercraft like the Hubbard County Inspectors.
  - b. AIS Volunteers are there specifically for helpful reminders and education. For example:
    - Identify themselves as an AIS Volunteer trained by the Minnesota DNR as an educator for the public.
    - Drain plug removed (ZM veligers can live in the pooled water)
    - Where is boat coming from? (If an infested water body, share risks of AIS and transporting watercraft from infested waters.)
    - How long has the boat been out of the water? (if coming from infested waters boats usually need 5 days to completely dry out to kill ZM veligers, or decon)
- 6) Starry Trek – Sat Aug 17: Save the Date to help search our county lakes public access areas for Starry Stonewort.

- 7) The Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HC SWCD) is planning the May 15, 2019 6th Graders Freshwater Festival for area schools which takes place at the Camp Wilderness Boy Scout camp near Emmaville. To volunteer, call the HC SWCD office at 218-732-0121 Ext/4. HC COLA is providing the \$1200 donation for our member lake associations.
- 8) Please contact the HC SWCD if you want to hire them to perform Hydro Lab testing on your lake for monitoring the dissolved oxygen and temperature of water column.
- 9) Restore The Shore (RTS) Orders for 2019 will be coming into the Fairgrounds May 3-5. Volunteers are needed to repackage the orders. The RTS Coordinator is Theora Goodrich [tdgoodrich@mac.com](mailto:tdgoodrich@mac.com)
- 10) Aquatic Plant Surveys is a service that RMB Environmental Labs can perform for a fee.  
<http://rmbel.info/field/aquatic-plant-surveys/>
- 11) The Park Rapids Lakes Area Fishing Expo will be Friday, April 12, 2019 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Riverside United Methodist Church – 1005 Park Ave. N. (Hwy 71). HC COLA is one of the sponsors & we'll need volunteers to help. See the HC COLA website event section – scroll down: <http://www.hubbardcolan.org/index.html> Spread the word!
- 12) The HC COLA Sports Sales will be targeted for June 13 – 14. Setup on Wed afternoon 6/12. More info to follow & look into your garages for items that want another home! Mark your calendar to help out too!

#### **Education Team – Sharon Natzel**

- 1) See List of HC COLA activities in our 90-day ACTION Park Rapids Lakes Area educational plans for residents and youth <https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21ACZxltz3vCqF0nU&id=F91488D5F1BE8EBB%2169405&cid=F91488D5F1BE8EBB> The #1 item is that a carpenter is needed for the educational kiosk(s) for Wolf Lake to help prevent the spread of Starry Stonewort: [https://volunteerparkrapids.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=402242](https://volunteerparkrapids.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=402242)
- 2) Remember that the Chili Challenge to benefit the Hubbard County Food Shelf is March 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM. Bring your predated check to the HC COLA meeting, made payable to Hubbard County Food Shelf. Our HC COLA entry is called “Keeping it reel Chili!”
- 3) The Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) Charitable Fund is seeking proposals for up to \$1500 – Remember that the proposals are due 3/1/19 – see info on our website to apply <https://www.nwmf.org/fund/hubbard-county-cola-charitable-fund/>
- 4) The HC COLA events calendar for the upcoming activities will be available. We appreciate your energy & engagement! We will have the events on our HC COLA website & will be posted on community calendars HC COLA is a member of; i.e. PRLA Chamber of Commerce & Volunteer Heartland Lakes, etc....

#### **AIS Operating Team – Bob Berdahl**

- 1) Wright County enhanced watercraft decontamination and inspection program will be in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of its planned pilot. Wright County Commissioners will meet 2/26 and consider starting the process to amend their ordinance to allow more Wright County lakes into the Wright Regional Inspection Program (WRIP): [http://www.wrightswcd.org/Water\\_Management/wrip.html](http://www.wrightswcd.org/Water_Management/wrip.html) We continue to learn & stay informed.
- 2) Wolf Lake Response Plan in progress with both counties, DNR, HC COLA and other partners. Planning for monitoring, kiosks/access signage, landowner letter & educ, caution buoys, car counting, etc. More details will be shared at our HC COLA meetings on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.