

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
Minutes of The Board of Director's Annual Meeting Thursday 8/27/2020 – Approved 9-24-2020
6:30 PM Meeting – Video-Conference

“HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers” www.hubbardcolamn.org

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Natzel. There were 22 members representing 18 lake associations who responded to the voice roll call. Four additional individuals were present.
2. **Presentation:** Steve Henry, RMB Environmental Laboratories, Freshwater Sciences Project Manager, gave a presentation titled “Your Lake Preservation Program.” There were three areas of emphasis; Engagement, Knowledge and Advocacy. Steve stated that perhaps one of the most necessary needs is a community of like-minded individuals. Monitoring of water quality and chemistry, aquatic plant life and wildlife aids in increasing understanding of the lake. A variety of methods and suggestions were given to connect the three areas of emphasis. This, as well as other presentations, can be found on the HC COLA website at <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>
3. **Consent Agenda:** Consent approval was given for the 7/30/2020 minutes as well as the treasurer's report which was reviewed and approved by the E-Team.
4. **Election of Officers:** Motion by Peter Tuomisto and seconded by Bob Bray to approve Sharon Natzel to serve an additional year as president. Passed unanimously. No VP candidates.
5. **Social Marketing Ad:** Motion by Deb Massey and seconded by Larry Roberts to approve the purchase of a full-page community-based social marketing ad in the 2021 “Park Rapids Lakes Area Discovery Guide” following the lakes section at a cost of \$2,912. We'll modify to add the Hubbard County Decontamination Station Phone Number bringing the cost to just under \$3,000. Passed unanimously.
6. **Committee Reports: Full Reports here:** <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2020.html>
Two virtual workshops will be offered on Lawns & Lakes – There is a Connection. The first will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM and will focus on land use and water quality. Individuals will learn techniques for changing their own lawns to help improve water quality. *It may help participants prepare for our “Restore the Shore” program too.* The second workshop will be on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 PM with the target audience being those individuals who wish to volunteer to be “Shoreland Adviser” to lake residents and others too.

Both workshops will be taught by Karen Terry, retired Water Resource Management.

These workshops are sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension Service and Hubbard County COLA; these programs are free and open to the public. Information can be found at the HC COLA website at <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/news-and-events.html> **Please share the flyer by email with your lake association members and on your social media too!** Let's improve our area lakes water quality!

7. **Other:** Lake Belle Taine shared their aquatic vegetation monitoring program. They have sixteen shoreline monitor teams with 2-mile areas; sampling twice throughout the season. Emphasis is being placed on native aquatic vegetation in addition to early detection of any AIS.
<https://www.lakebelletaineassociation.org/how-you-can-help>
Aquatic Vegetation mapping was discussed. A private firm has contacted a number of lake associations to complete a mapping. Other options were presented.
http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/eyes_on_the_water_lake_monitoring_results_summary_history.pdf
Next month's presentation topic is on the Kabekona Lake Aquatic Management Area's Broad Partnership.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion by Deb Rogers and seconded by Hillary Stoltz to adjourn.
Next meeting: Thursday, September 24. 6:30 PM via Zoom Video-Conference

Respectfully submitted Keith Minkel, Secretary