

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
Minutes of The Board of Director's Annual Meeting on Thursday 9/24/2020 – Approved 10-29-2020
6:30 PM Meeting – Video-Conference

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

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Natzel. There were 31 participants (17 lakes), including 6 guests.

These 9-24-2020 presentation recording will be on the HC COLA website at <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html> There are slides also.

- 1) Our first presentation is "Partners Protecting Watersheds - Kabekona Lake Aquatic Management Area" by Luther Nervig – Kabekona Lake Management Committee, Doug Kingsley – Retired MN DNR Park Rapids Area Fisheries Supervisor and Kathy DonCarlos – Northern Waters Land Trust. Working together as partners, Kabekona Lake, the DNR and Land Trusts were able to preserve 4 areas in the Kabekona watershed that are permanently protected so will not be developed. This helps Kabekona Lake Watershed move close to the ideal lake watershed equation with 75% forested / undeveloped and 25% developed = lake water quality protection.
- 2) Our second presenter is Maggie McGill on the mission of Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLT). She covered why conservation matters to preserve land to protect water. NWLT is now accredited.
- 3) Our third presenter is John Sumption, Northern Waters Land Trust Conservation Specialist. NWLT is focusing outreach efforts on critical partnerships with Lake Associations to help identify high priority parcels and engage with landowners to protect those parcels. John demonstrated a new draft "Critical Habitat Mapping Tool" to help foster these cooperative efforts. The tool will be placed on the NWLT website when testing is complete.
- 4) Our fourth presenter is Peter Jacobson, part-time water quality resource, research and easement specialist at the Hubbard County SWCD. Peter shared the tools coming to bear on grant potentials for water quality. He encouraged HC COLA and Lake Associations to be engaged in the One Watershed One Plans as will help funding.

Business Meeting:

- 1) Consent Approval of Minutes. E-Team approved Treasurer's Report 9-15-2020.
- 2) Cheryl Hilgemann - "Restore The Shore" Committee Lead explained the 2020-21 Tree Order program. Emailed the HC COLA “Restore the Shore” Coordinators. The HC COLA website was updated. Individual Order Forms are available on the HC COLA website, instructions for Coordinators & final due date 10/23.
- 3) What's Happening on Your Lake:
 - Steve Hall, Boulder Lake explained they now have faucet snails. He explained their communication process to lakeshore owners and focusing on preventing additional AIS.
 - Jon Dennis is the new Spider Lake HC COLA Rep. He shared their key assoc goals – one of which is AIS vegetation focus. Hillary Stoltz will be alternate. She is moving off the Membership Team and we recognized her for all the membership service over time.
- 4) Urged to read the Committee Reports: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2020.html>

Education Team pointed out Two virtual workshops offered on Lawns & Lakes – There is a Connection. The first was held Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 and focused on land use and water quality. It was recorded and is on the HC COLA website: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>

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” for lake residents and others too.

Ideally it would be terrific to get volunteers on each lake. Register by email to hccolamn@gmail.com.

5) Next meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom; Registration info will be sent out mid-month. The meeting focus is on the AIS Prevention topics. Nick Macklem will provide an update on watercraft inspection information for this past year and next year.

6) Adjournment: Motion made, seconded and passed (MSP).

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