Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
Minutes of The Board of Director's Meeting; Thursday 4/29/2021 – Approved 5/27/2021
6:30 PM Meeting – Video-Conference
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1. The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Natzel. There were 29 attendees representing 19 area lakes and guests.

2. **Presentation:** Ellie Kriese, Aquatic Ecologist and Project Manager, RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. reviewed water quality testing procedures, provided training on the new water monitoring "chain of custody" form and the RMB lakes database as well as describing their children's programming on water quality. Children's activities can be found at Kids-Program-Booklet-04222020-1.pdf (rmbel.info). The recorded presentation on Season 2021 by Ellie is on the RMBEL website under Training - select slide show for audio: https://www.rmbel.info/training/

3. **Consent Agenda:** Consent approval was given for the minutes of the 10/28/2020 minutes as well as the treasurer's report which was reviewed and approved by the E-Team.

4. **Special election:** A special election was held for the office of Vice President/President Elect. Mike Dudley (Kabekona) was nominated and elected. There were no other nominations.

5. **2021 Budget**: The proposed 2021 budget was presented. Attention to the HC COLA ads appearing now in the *Discovery Guide* and *Resident's Guide* was made. The full page ads were paid using funds from other unspent categories (due to the pandemic) in last year's budget. Funding is not included in this year's budget.

    Motion by Mike Dudley, seconded by Burney Fisher to approve the proposed 2021 budget. Passed unanimously

6. **Charitable Grant:** Four lake associations applied for the 2021 grant. Motion by Gene Hanson and seconded by Larry Roberts to recommend the Kabekona Lake Association's application for the 2021 grant round be approved by the HC COLA Board of Directors for half of the project cost of their aquatic vegetation survey. The approved grant would be for $1518. Passed unanimously.

    Motion by Larry Roberts and seconded by Gene Hanson to open grant applications for up to $2000 for 2022 on June 1, 2021 and closing on April 15, 2022. Passed unanimously.

7. **Committee Reports:**
    Restore the Shore – tree orders will be picked up this weekend.
    Shoreland Advisors – lake associations should make it known to their members that there is a growing list of Shoreland Advisors available to coach in shoreland restoration. Lakeshore owners may email hccolamn@gmail.com.
    Water Monitoring – Cooler and equipment pick up will be held on May 12 at the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce building. Samples will also be returned at the Chamber of Commerce rather than at Charlies Boat and Marine. Dates and information can be found at
    https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr_feb_2021.pdf
    AIS Operating Team – The team is working in cooperation with the county in developing the inspection schedule with more than 15,000 hours planned. Alternative

technologies are being studied in regards to inspections. Input to the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council's draft proposal on AIS will be made. Bait bags for local vendors have been purchased and KIOSK posters are available. Lake associations are encouraged to prevent the spread of spiny water fleas by providing Swedish Dishcloths available through group order arrange by [MAISRC / MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates](). Orders /payment due by May 17.

8.   **Adjournment:** Motion by Mike Dudley and seconded by Burney Fisher to adjourn.

Next meeting to be held on 5/27/2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Presenters will be Nicholas Macklem giving an AIS update and Burney Fisher on "Exploring How Lake Associations Think about Their Lakes and the Shared Responsibility to Sustain Them." Lakes are welcome to share for 15 mins "what's new on the lake" after the business meeting adjourns.

Respectfully submitted
Keith Minkel, Secretary