

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
Minutes of The Board of Director's Meeting; Thursday 5/27/2021 – Approved 6/24/2021
6:30 PM Meeting – Video-Conference

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Natzel. There were 26 attendees representing 21 lake associations and 1 guest.
2. **Presentations:** Nick Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Specialist, gave an update on the 2021 AIS Program. 45 Level 1 and 4 Level 2 inspectors will provide 15,204 hours of inspections at 35 accesses on 33 bodies of water in Hubbard County, with nearly half of the monetary resources for inspections coming from lake associations, townships and cities. Awareness of AIS in conjunction with HC COLA is accomplished by radio and movie ads, a billboard on Hwy 71, and bait bags provided to area bait shops. Starry Trek is scheduled for August 21. The Decon Station is available 7 days a week between the hours of 10AM and 6 PM by calling 218-252-6738.

Burney Fischer, Clinical Professor Emeritus at Indiana University, Bloomington, gave the first of a two part presentation on “Exploring How Lake Associations Think about Their Lakes and the Shared Responsibility to Sustain Them.”. Local lake associations were provided a worksheet to complete by Wednesday, June 9 to be used in the study and discussed at the June meeting. The worksheet can be emailed to Burney at bufische@indiana.edu.

These, as well as other presentations, can be found at <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>

3. **Consent Agenda:** Consent approval was given for the minutes of the 4/29/2021 minutes as well as the treasurer's report which was presented by Treasurer Steve Hall.
4. **2022 BOD Meetings:** Discussion was held on the format of the 2020 meetings. A hybrid of virtual and in-person meetings were suggested. Various venues are being investigated and the tools “Poll Everywhere” and “All 360” were suggested to be implemented to involve virtual attendees. The June 24 meeting may be used as a test meeting if arrangements can be made.
5. **Committee Reports:** Starry Trek will focus on lakes in the northern part of the county. Zebra mussel settlement samplers should be installed at accesses – place out of the way of boats/motors. Send hccolamn@gmail.com an email when you've installed ZMSS at your lake(s) accesses to help determine if we need to adopt a lake access not already covered by lake association volunteers. Full committee reports can be found at <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2021.html>
6. **E-Newsletters:** Monthly E-newsletters are found at Newsletters - Hubbard COLA (hubbardcolamn.org). Members are encouraged to submit articles.

7. **Updates:** Partnerships with RMB Environmental Laboratories, MN DNR, HC SWCD, NC Environmental Services and the University of Minnesota Extension Service were reviewed.

HC COLA memberships in MN COLA, MN Lakes and Rivers, Conservation Minnesota, and the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber were reviewed.

8. **Adjournment:** Motion by Alan Colliander and seconded by Deb Rogers to adjourn.

Next meeting to be held on 6/24/2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom with the possibility of a hybrid meeting. Presenters will be MN COLA discussing their “Grass Roots Agenda” and Burney Fisher continuing “Exploring How Lake Associations Think about Their Lakes and the Shared Responsibility to Sustain Them.”

Respectfully submitted
Keith Minkel, Secretary