

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
Minutes of The Board of Director's Meeting; Thursday 6/24/2021 – Approved 7-29-2021
6:30 PM Meeting – Video-Conference

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Natzel. There were 31 attendees representing 18 lake associations and 4 guests. The meeting was hybrid in nature with 12 attending in person and 17 attending virtually.

2. **Presentations:**

Jim Kutzner jkutzner@mindspring.com and Tom Nelson nelso885@umn.edu of MN COLA gave a presentation of the “MN COLA Grassroots Agenda (GRA).” The GRA is the foundation of what MN COLA is all about and is under revision. Their other agenda is the Legislative Agenda.

The GRA has four main sections, each with detailed goals and action plans. These four are: Long Term Support of MAISRC; Better AIS Prevention and Control; Better Protection of Our Waters; and Recreation on Minnesota Lakes.

MN COLA welcomes feedback on the goals and action plans; email Jim & Tom. Information can be found at [MN COLA: Home \(angelfire.com\)](http://MN COLA: Home (angelfire.com))

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates with Lobbyist that MN COLA works with is at:
<http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/> Sign up for the complimentary newsletter.

Burney Fischer, Clinical Professor Emeritus at Indiana University, Bloomington, gave the second of a two part presentation on “Exploring How Lake Associations Think about Their Lakes and the Shared Responsibility to Sustain Them.” He summarized the results of 19 of the 21 worksheets given to members at the May meeting. The purpose was to evaluate how lakes have changed and what is causing the change. If the change is positive, it needs to be reinforced; if negative, the issue needs to be addressed and determine if action can be taken.

Various suggestions were made to modify and utilize the worksheet for measuring individual lake association member's perspectives of their lake. He is available for assistance by email at bufische@indiana.edu. The PowerPoint presentations and worksheet toolset are here for lake associations to tailor for their use <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/articles--studies--reports.html>

3. **Consent Agenda:** Consent approval was given for the minutes of the 5/27/2021 minutes and the treasurer's report.

4. **Committee Reports:** [Committee reports](#) and the [HC COLA structure](#) description will be emailed for members to review.

5. The next meeting will be held on Thurs 7/29/2021 at 6:30 PM either in person at Calvary Lutheran Church or by zoom. Presenters will be:

- Meg Duhr representing the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC). She will discuss the impact of zebra mussels on lake life and what can and cannot be done.
- Jake Shaughnessy, Water Quality Resource Technician from the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HC SWCD) will update us on grant opportunities related to preserving water quality.

Respectfully submitted
Keith Minkel, Secretary