

## Hubbard County COLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2022

Minutes were Approved on Thurs 8-25-2022.

Meeting was held in Hybrid format. 12 in-person at Calvary Lutheran Church in Park Rapids and 19 via the Zoom platform. There were 21 member lake associations represented and 4 guests.

Present:

In-person: Sharon Natzel - Long Lake, Larry Roberts - Long Lake, Don Rumpza - Fishhook Lake, Jan Rumpza - Fishhook Lake, Ingrid Bey - Kabekona Lake, Terry Crooker - Wolf Lake, Mollie Crooker - Wolf Lake, Steve Strome - Blue Lake, Tom Van Bruggen - Big Sand Lake, Bridget Cook - Duck Lake, Mike Glynn - Stony Lake, Bob Wolf - Boulder Lake

Via zoom: Lynn Goodrich - Tripp Lake, Theora Goodrich - Tripp Lake, Burney Fischer - Big Mantrap, Ken Grob - Potato Lake, David Fastenow – Eagle/Island, Deb Massey - Twin Lakes, Jon Dennis – Spider Lake, MaJeana Hallstrom – Little Sand Lake, Tom Harmon – Fishhook Lake, Andrea Dutcher - Belle Taine, Krystie North - Plantagenet, Mark Warisch – Garfield Lake, Phil Kirkegaard – Palmer Lake, Angie Haukebo – Bad Axe, Walt Stachon – Ham Lake, Cheri Godfrey – 8th/9th Crow Wing, Shannon Geisen - Park Rapids Enterprise, Jake Shaughnessy – HC SWCD

The meeting was opened by Sharon Natzel, HC COLA President at 6:30pm

### **Program:**

Jake Shaughnessy, Water Quality Technician, from Hubbard County Soil and Water District (HCSWCD) spoke first about a Shoreline Education Grant on how to manage shoreline. The funding is from the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership. They chose the chain of lakes from Big Mantrap to Belle Taine. This chain was picked because large variety of fish and high usage. HC SWCD went on 43 site visits so far this summer regarding how to manage your shoreline to benefit fish habitat and water quality. Jake invited everyone to a Shoreland Workshop to Empower Citizen-Driven Conservation on August 19 at 1 p.m. at the Big Mantrap Lake Campground and Day Use Area, look for signs. They are planning on having “one on one” time and “DIY Stuff” ideas for shore protection and improvement. Door prizes of a special seed mix will be shared. The grant goes through next summer, so many more events will be held. The HC COLA and HC SWCD have copies of the Shoreline Living Guide and Urban Property Guides available for free. More info about this event was given in PR Enterprise and in HC COLA news.

“Starry Stonewort Program” Power Point ([LINK](#)) put together by MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates was shared by Sharon. Wolf Lake, at the DNR Wildlife Management Area undeveloped access in Hubbard County, has Starry Stonewort (SSW). The South Big Wolf Lake Association past president, Terry Crooker and his wife, Mollie Crooker shared information about Starry Stonewort in their lake. The lake association places channel marker buoys annually at the WMA undeveloped access after the Hubbard County Sheriff’s Office places the 2 warning buoys. There were timing and placement opportunities identified this year to take into account next yr. Nicole Kovar, MN DNR Northwest Region AIS Specialist, contracted with a private company to do hand pulling of SSW from the half acre infested area at that undeveloped access. There were 5000 lbs. of wet starry stonewort removed from this undeveloped access. This process doesn’t eradicate Starry Stonewort; more like a haircut. Their hope is to control the spread as SSW; it depletes the fish habitat. There have been studies showing property values going down in impacted Southern MN lakes. It is very expensive to control, i.e. Lake Koronis spends \$170,000 annually to control it. Wolf Lake has two educational kiosks with information about SS and its impact on our lakes and rivers. There is also a small amount of SSW present at the Beltrami public

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water access on Wolf Lake. There was additional hand pulling of SSW on a few other Beltrami County lakes.

Sharon shared information on waterless CD3 Systems ( [cd3systems.com](http://cd3systems.com) ) that are located at accesses on lakes with SSW (not in HC) for cleaning boats of AIS, etc. Designed to contain the spread of SS. These are available 24/7 with lights. Onsite watercraft inspectors encourage use and demonstrate when they are present. Want boaters to share knowledge, experience, and share pride in boat cleaning. Want to see one? Anderson's Cove on Steamboat Bay has a CD3 system in place. There are videos on the CD3 Website to view the cleaning system and process. If you have a handful of what you think is SS, twist it; it may be SS if you hear a popping sound like bubble wrap.

Some weedy lake accesses in Hubbard County have AquaWeed Sticks as a pilot. Please report your experience using one to HC COLA. ( [aquaweedstick.com](http://aquaweedstick.com) )

Andrea Dutcher, from Lake Belle Taine, part of the HC COLA Education Team shared that she is willing to provide a "garage talk" on shoreline monitoring if a lake association is interested.

**Business Meeting:** ( [HC COLA](#) ) for more information

### Minutes of 6/30/22

Minutes presented to the Board. Accepted without change by consent decree.

Tripp Lake is taking minutes. Next month minutes will be taken by Potato Lake. Thanks to Jon Dennis, Spider Lake for taking last month's minutes.

### Treasurer's report:

Keith reports expenses of \$1,543.00. Ending balance of \$35,722.90. Gave donation to HC Fair Environmental Education Building Committee. Already received thank you note from them. The Northwest Minnesota Foundation provided a bump of @\$2000 for the spendable fund in the HC COLA Charitable Fund Endowment account for this year, bringing our spendable to \$6,875.73. Motion- Lynn (Tripp Lake), Bridget (Duck Lake)

**Passed**

### Committee reports

Ingrid Bey, Kabekona Lake reported that a lakeshore owner was advertising camping on their lake lot. The property is zoned residential. Hubbard County will be informing property owners they are not in compliance with zoning. The Hubbard County Shoreland Management Ordinance requires a Conditional Use Permit for campgrounds. The lakeshore owner didn't comply with Hipcamp's policy stated on their website that recommends "hosts" to contact local government before hosting to make sure it is allowed.

Executive Team - Committee Heads asked to provide reports on teams / activities they lead.

Mark Warisch, from Garfield Lake, talked about their DNR Loon Restoration Program and the MPCA's "Get the Lead Out" program. Trying to get people to use tungsten and other lead-free materials instead of lead for fishing tackle and ammunition. It is very bad for wildlife, especially the Loon population.

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Educ Team: HC COLA collected 4 lbs. of lead & provided 242 samples of lead-free tackle at the Fair.

**Membership** - Will be sending welcome email letter to new lake assoc presidents and HC COLA reps.

**Shoreline Advisors**- Jan Rumpsa from Fishhook talked about the Shoreline Advisors Program which was featured at their annual meeting. Several lakeshore owners were interested in shoreline visits.

The CHI-St. Joseph's Auxilliary Garden Stroll in June 2022 was successful for getting the word out about shoreline restoration. A complimentary copy of the Shoreline Living magazine was provided thru HC COLA to participants during lunch.

**Spiny Waters Fleas (SWF)** - Ingrid Bey reported on the webinar she attended on SWF pilot from MAISRC. SWF are a disrupter of food chain. We know they are out there, not being found and reported. Look like gelatinous mass on your tackle. Detection is challenging, as they hide deep in water to avoid sunlight. Sampling needs to be in evening or early morning for best results. At peak late July through Sept. To find in lakes use plankton net with container and go down at least 40 ft. Then raise it slowly through water column to surface. Analyze contents. You would need to document and photograph results to send to MASIRC. Great time to get in on project. Can use Zebra Mussel veliger plankton net to check. Then use dish strainer to take out larger vegetation. Put remaining in white container to check for spiny water fleas.

Ken Grob commented "Very good presentation compared to others he's attended."

Contact [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in the SWF pilot and the education team will provide additional details.

FYI- Walleyes seem to be smaller on lakes with ZM and SWF infestations. I.E.: Mille Lacs

Larry Roberts -FYI- Number of thefts on lakes, many on Long Lake and the middle Crow Wings. Many cars not locked. So— Lock up and be observant.

Sharon advised check your zebra mussel settlement samplers every other week beginning in August.

Sue Schiess from Kabekona will talk on the HC COLA Shoreland Advisors Program at the August meeting.

Motion to adjourn. (Larry Roberts, Bob Wolf)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted: Lynn & Theora Goodrich, Tripp Lake