

Hubbard County COLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 6:30 PM – Hybrid Meeting Format – Approved by Consent Agenda 10-27-22

The 9-29-2022 HC COLA Hybrid Meeting was held at 6:30 PM at Calvary Lutheran. Eight members were present in-person and 19 members attended via Zoom for a total of 27 attendees. There were 22 member lake associations out of 31 represented, constituting a quorum. See the attendee list at the end of the minutes please.

The HC COLA Annual Meeting was opened by President, Sharon Natzel at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept 29, 2022.

- 1) Walt Stachon**, Ham Lake Association, HC COLA Rep and our newest Shoreland Advisor on the Education team, **presented** on the **shoreline restoration** that he and his wife, Deb completed last year. They first discussed their proposed project with the Hubbard County SWCD and then received the appropriate permission from the DNR Hydrologist. Walt and Deb did the work themselves using coir logs, native plant plugs, seeds and installing an irrigation system. The primary goals were to stop erosion, loss of land and prevent runoff to the lake. The pictures and description of the steps taken throughout the project and into the following summer season will help inspire others and be a valuable reference; <https://youtu.be/HghngC-86c>.
- 2) Consent Agenda: Minutes and Treasurers Report**
Minutes Approved from 8/25/2022 BOD Mtg – were provided in email earlier with no comments received
Treasurers Report – Keith Minkel:
RMB Environmental Laboratories invoice was received and paid by HC COLA for the zebra mussel veliger samples and spiny waterflea samples. However, HC COLA has not received invoices from RMB for the lake sampling May – Sept yet. HC COLA will be able to bill the participating lake associations for their sampling this season once the costs are determined.
- 3) The HC COLA “Restore the Shore” Program (RTS)** update was provided by Cheryl Hilgemann, Coordinator for our meeting. The Hubbard County SWCD is working on the pricing with the nurseries; expect completion next wk. HC COLA’s RTS program will be on paper forms for tree orders this year to still enable ordering the small quantity of trees (5 to a bundle). An online ordering system is being developed by the HC SWCD for the general public.
- 4) Sharon reported that the MN DNR Loon Restoration Project team is working with HC COLA to be the “loon liaison” for Daisy Lake**, a small lake with no public access on the outskirts of Nevis. Daisy Lake has no lake association and few residents. The DNR has identified the need to **build an artificial nesting platform (ANP)** based on their observations of Daisy Lake in the past. Specifications and reimbursement for supplies will be provided by the DNR for this Daisy Lake ANP. This winter 2023, we’ll **need a few volunteers to help coach a series of short classes where 4-Hers, in the Hubbard County UMN Extension program, will learn about loons and build the ANP, readying it for ice-out.** A poll was taken and 2 individuals indicated an interest to learn more about the coaching opportunity.
- 5) In 2015, HC COLA helped partially fund a sign for the Stony Lake Beavers 4-H Club** where they maintain the Stony Lake beach as beach stewards. The 2’ x 2’ sign was vandalized and is being replaced. Mike Glynn from the Stony Lake Association is getting price quotes. **Dave Fastenow made the motion to pay up to \$100 for the 3-way split of costs to replace the damaged sign. Ken seconded. Motion passed unanimously.** (Our portion was \$100 in 2015.)



- 6) **Each lake association representative or president shared a brief overview of their most important achievement accomplished this season and two challenges.** This sharing will help uncover future educational topic areas. *(Please see the recap of the individual lake association's input, in alpha order, in the **separate document**. If your lake isn't represented in this list, it is not too late to provide your lake association's achievement this season and 2 challenges; just email HCColaMN@gmail.com).*
- 7) We are repeating a study on water influenced property value that was originally completed in 2012 on 2011 Hubbard County data by the Assessors Office. They do not have time to provide this report. HC COLA will produce the report hopefully by the October meeting.
- 8) Our next hybrid meeting is Thurs 10/27/2022 at Northwoods Bank Community Room at 6:30 PM and on Zoom.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned. Lynn moved. Larry Roberts seconded.
- 10) We then played an educational video by Jon Dennis, HC COLA Rep for Spider Lake and our new VP/Pres-Elect. Jon utilizes a unique technique for the removal of purple loosestrife, an invasive species found in a wetland of Spider Lake.** He has consulted with and also shared the technique with Nicole Kovar, DNR Invasive Species Specialist and Greg Hensel, Hubbard County Agricultural Inspector. Here is the link to the 6 minute video **"Purple Loosestrife – A New Way to Remove an Old Invasive Plant; With A Winch, There's A Way"** https://youtu.be/WPdra_1roWs



Attendee List Key: LA = lake association, P = in-person, Z=zoom, *=lake association's "designated voter" for this meeting

Bad Axe LA: Angela Haukebo – Z*

Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – Z*

Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – Z*

Big Sand LA: Tom VanBruggen – P*

Blue LA: Steve Stromme – P*, Peter Tuomisto - Z

Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P*

Crow Wing 8th & 9th LA: Cheri Godfrey – Z*

Duck LA: Bridgett Cook – Z* (registered)

Eagle-Island LA: David Fastenow – Z*

Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel – P*

Ham LA: Walt Stachon – Z*

Hinds LA: Christina Hill – Z*

Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z*

Little Sand Area LA: MaJeana Hallstrom – Z*

Long Lake Area Assoc: Jaimie Beretta – Z*, Sharon Natzel – P, Larry Roberts - P

Palmer LA: Phil Kirkegaard - Z*

Plantagenet LA: Krystie North – Z*

Potato LA: Ken Grob – P*

South Island LA: Matt Lamb* via phone – Z*

Spider LA: Rose Lawler – Z*, Dan Olympia - Z

Stony LA: Bill Petersen – Z*, Mike Glynn - P

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z