

## **Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) Committee Reports for 9/24/2020 HC COLA Meeting:**

All of our Committees are seeking new members! What is your passion? Want to learn more about a specific area? Have skills to lend? How can you help our special lakes area with your talents? We are an all-volunteer organization. If you are interested in learning more, please email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com). Here are committees as of March 2020. [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hc\\_colan\\_structure\\_-\\_v\\_3-24-2020.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hc_colan_structure_-_v_3-24-2020.pdf)

### **AIS Operating Team:**

- 1) The team reminds all of HC COLA to check your docks, lifts, boats, etc for AIS when you remove them from the lake. Please input your results (including an absence report) into the "Eyes on the Water survey". <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/eyes-on-the-water---early-detection.html>
- 2) If you placed a zebra mussel settlement sampler (ZMSS) the public accesses, please collect them and clean up for next year. Please report your results (including an absence report) into the "Eyes on the Water survey" – see link above. A couple of lakes had ZMSS disappear from the access docks. A strategy going forward could be for lake associations to engage their lakeshore owners that are on either side of the public to hang a ZMSS on their own docks and report on the results themselves. HC COLA has free PVC tube ZMSS made by the girl scouts if your lake assoc needs some, email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com).
- 3) Faucet Snails were discovered by a lakeshore resident and confirmed by the DNR on Boulder Lake. There will not be a DNR Press Release like there is for zebra mussels. When the DNR infested waters list is released the next time, it will show up there. The orange sign is at the public access. Boulder has communicated with their lakeshore owners to educate and prevent the spread of this and other AIS. More details in "what's new on your lake"...

### **Water Monitoring Team:**

- 1) All HC COLA gives a special **Shout Out of Thanks!** to Peter Tuomisto, Blue Lake and Steve Hall, Boulder Lake for their leadership and trailer concept to effectively manage the cooler distribution, collection and shuttle process. We thank Charlies Boats & Marine for letting us gather in their parking lot too!
- 2) Peter, Steve and all of HC COLA recognize and thank ALL the dedicated water quality monitors for sampling May – Sept! We had some windy Sunday's this year!
- 3) HC COLA also appreciates the zebra mussel veliger plankton net sampling that is conducted too by volunteers! Special thanks to Ken Grob, Potato Lake who volunteered to sample Lake George again this year.

### **Restore the Shore (RTS) Team:**

- 1) Cheryl Hilgemann, Middle Crow Wing Lake Assoc will have an update during the meeting on the autumn order process for "Restore the Shore" (RTS) Trees / Shrubs / plants, seeds. She is coordinating with the Hubbard County SWCD for the program.
- 2) Website will be updated by Jeff Mosner: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/score--restore-your-shore.html>
- 3) The HC COLA Master List going forward will have a column added for RTS Coordinators for Lake Associations thanks to Cheryl and Deb Rogers, Duck Lake who maintains the list for HC COLA. The website will be updated.

## Membership Team:

We have the following announcement from Hillary Stolz, Spider Lake who is retiring from the HC COLA Membership Team. Hillary says: " *-serving as the COLA rep for these many years has been one of my life's great joys and has taught me so much and brought me so many friends all around Hubbard (& Wadena) County that I'll admire always.*" Hillary has passed the baton of leading the Membership Team fully to Deb Rogers, Duck Lake. Thank you to Hillary for your tremendous Membership service of welcoming attendees to our in-person meetings, managing badges and sign-ins, helping with attendance and events too! Hillary has passed the HC COLA Representative baton to Dr. Jon Dennis as the new Spider Lake Representative for HC COLA. Welcome to Dr. Jon Dennis too!

## Education Team:

- 1) The 9/22 "Lawns & Lakes – There is a Connection!" workshop was well received and recorded: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>. HC COLA co-sponsor with UMN Extension.
- 2) We are looking forward to the **9/29/2020 Shoreland Advisors** workshop also. If you have master gardeners or other plant enthusiasts that are on your lakes, please reach out to them and personally invite them to attend the free 1-hour virtual workshop! Email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com) to register. We seek volunteer coaches for each of our lakes to help another lakeshore owner walk their own lawn & share potential ideas to improve lake water quality through plants/trees. We are also working with the Hubbard County SWCD on this promoting concept. [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/2020\\_final\\_draft\\_lakes\\_lawns\\_flyer\\_9\\_22\\_29.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/2020_final_draft_lakes_lawns_flyer_9_22_29.pdf)
- 3) New satellite tool for water clarity that we became aware of through MAISRC Showcase is the Remote Sensing of Water Resources - the UMN Lake Browser: <https://water.rs.umn.edu/lakebrowser>
- 4) Hubbard County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment – keep updated by checking their website monthly for activity on your lake. You can access info remotely. Check the monthly agenda & view links. [http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental\\_services/planning\\_commission\\_board\\_of\\_adjustment.php](http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/planning_commission_board_of_adjustment.php)
- 5) Sharon Natzel, Education Team Lead hosted a conference call of Beauty Lake property owners to discuss resources available that guide on how to form a lake association. We have a guide on our website [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/forming\\_a\\_new\\_lake\\_or\\_river\\_group.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/forming_a_new_lake_or_river_group.pdf) and the <http://lakeadmin.org/> site has information too. They were invited to attend our virtual HC COLA meetings too.