

HC COLA Committee Reports – October 28, 2021 (we are all volunteers):

AIS Operating Team: See separate document for Accomplishments 2021 and Plans 2022

Water Monitoring Team – update by Peter Tuomisto (Blue Lake volunteer who leads program):

1. HCOLA had 37 lakes Water Quality Monitor, 19 lakes Zebra Mussel Veliger Sample and 6 lakes analyze for Spiny Water Fleas in 2021. Thanks to all the volunteers who performed these important tasks. Without this monitoring, we wouldn't be able to track Lake water quality trends and be vigilant for Aquatic Invasive Species.
2. After years of Charlie's Boats & Marine hosting the cooler transfers, the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce acted as our transfer and pickup station in 2021. It will be the same in 2022. Special thanks again to Charlie's and to Steve Hall, Boulder Lake, for providing his time, enclosed trailer and truck to pull the trailer with the coolers to Detroit Lakes and back. Peter Tuomisto, Blue Lake, will provide the transportation in 2022.
3. Dates for Cooler pickup Wednesday and the dates of the sampling in 2022 will come out next spring. Training is available on line and in person on that Wednesday evening with RMB Labs personnel. If there are personnel changes and/or e-mail address changes please let Peter know at pertertuomisto@gmail.com and cell 612-597-1386.

HC COLA recognizes and thanks ALL the dedicated water quality monitors for sampling May-Sept! We had some windy Sundays again!

E-Team:

We invite you to join us on zoom on Wed, Nov 17 at 9 AM. Attending may help you determine if you would like to be considered by the HC COLA Board for the openings on the E-Team and also for the Vice President / Co-VP roles too. (email hccolamn@gmail.com for the zoom connection info for any E-Team meeting – **We Need YOU!**)

Membership Team:

The Membership Team will develop an application form to be used by any newly formed lake association (LA) in Hubbard County to complete in order to be considered for a \$100 gift from HC COLA plus free membership for the new lake association for one year in HC COLA. Requirements include a copy of the receipt of their recent MN Secretary of State Certificate of Incorporation plus a copy of their recent Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Employer Identification Number (EIN). [The ETeam approved the additional gift of a free one-year membership in Sept.]

“Restore The Shore” update by Cheryl Hilgemann (5th CW volunteer who leads RTS program):

- *Information was sent to all (20!) designated RTS Coordinators for their Lake Associations (LA) on Oct 21, 2021.
- *VERY tight timeline this year. Inventory and pricing information from the nurseries was delayed due to covid, the drought, etc.
- *Due to expectations of minimal inventory levels, it is important to turn in our order as soon as possible to the Hubbard County SWCD in order to ensure our orders can be filled.
- *All orders requested to be returned to Cheryl Hilgemann by Nov 5 or sooner by the LA RTS Coordinators. There is a real concern that orders may not be able to be filled if we miss this date.

Education:

1. The Univ of MN AIS Research Center (MAISRC) Showcase was Wed 9/22/2021. MAISRC provided a link to the short YouTube overviews: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLktVBGXyZRL5xBT4BsCCuoYFB01SeOT37>
2. The Education team lead, Sharon Natzel presented an overview of HC COLA to MN COLA in September. Sharon will present the shortened overview of HC COLA highlighting our year-old Shoreland Advisor Team at the Nov Hubbard County UMN Extension Master Gardener meeting.
3. We are updating the HC COLA organizational documentation to reflect the opportunities for additional volitional workers as HC COLA VP / Co-VP, E-Team member, Membership Team member and events like the Fair, etc.
4. HC COLA Trifold with our variety of services / programs being developed for 2022 for Chamber Kiosk, Fair, LAs.
5. Loon Liaisons (LL) for the 15 Hubbard County Lakes will be attending a zoom meeting with Rob Rabasco, DNR MLRP Coordinator on 11/3/2021 to learn more about the loon management plan template and more. When your LA determines your LL, please communicate the LL contact information to hccolamn@gmail.com .