

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA Hybrid Meeting 7/25/2024 Minutes – Approved 8-29-2024

<p>HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting with Educational Program By Bruce Carlson, MD, PhD</p>		<p>Attendees: 21 member lake associations out of 31; 31 in-person in the Northwoods Bank Community Room, plus 10 signed into Zoom. Total attendees: 41 (see attendance below)</p> <p>“A Lake Through the Seasons-an Underwater Tour”</p> <p>Reviewed typical lake ecology through the seasons, with examples of effects of Zebra mussels and Eurasian milfoil.</p> <p>Links to Dr. Carlson’s books”  <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Books-Bruce-M-Carlson/s?i=stripbooks&amp;rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3ABruce+M.+Carlson&amp;page=3&amp;qid=1721997609&amp;ref=sr_pg_3">https://www.amazon.com/Books-Bruce-M-Carlson/s?i=stripbooks&amp;rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3ABruce+M.+Carlson&amp;page=3&amp;qid=1721997609&amp;ref=sr_pg_3</a></p>	<p>HCCOLA Presentation Videos / PDF on HCCOLA website:</p> <p><a href="https://hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html">https://hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html</a></p>		
	<p><b>Issue</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion Points</b></p>	<p><b>Motion/ 2nd/vote</b></p>	<p><b>Next Step</b></p>	
<p><b>Business mtg. 7:41pm</b></p>		<p>Sharon Natzel, President</p>			
<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p>		<p>One correction on date</p>	<p>Burney Fischer - motion Gene Hanson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved</p>		
<p><b>Treasurer’s report Keith Minkel</b></p>		<p>Report reviewed.</p>	<p>Motion to approve – Mark Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristin Basinger Approved</p>		

Hubbard County Fair –Education Team in Environmental Education Bldg		Christina Hill provided overview: Fishing game for children used questions about aquatic plants and animals. Displayed native aquatic vegetation to promote identification skills and educated on AIS. Provided lead-free tackle samples from the MPCA for children. During staffing by HCCOLA; observed by 1245 individuals Tues - Sat		Adult game being developed for 2025 also.	
AIS Operating Team		Completed 2 aquatic vegetation sampling / surveys on 2 lakes; Pickerel and Frontenac. Midge Lake set for Tues 8/6. Please email <a href="mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com">hccolamn@gmail.com</a> – volunteer plus learn to sample and identify aquatic veg	Team has a table of past aquatic veg surveys plus new. Asked if HCCOLA could send out educ letters to lakeshore owners of findings.	No objections - so team will send out in Sept	
Starry Trek		Sat, Aug 10 – Hubbard County Environmental Services leading a team; training provided that day.	Can join this in any MN area desired		
HCCOLA Charitable Fund – Grants Round Open		Grant applications are due now by mid October 2024 <a href="https://hubbardcolamn.org/hc-cola-charitable-fund--grant.html">https://hubbardcolamn.org/hc-cola-charitable-fund--grant.html</a>  Mark Johnson – Middle Crow Wing received the 2024 Grant for aquatic vegetation survey. - Decided to survey all three lakes. With the grant from the HCCOLA Charitable Fund of \$2000, this greatly lowered the lake association costs.	Ingrid Bey is available to help walk people through grant writing and HCCOLA examples of past successful grant applications available too.	Lake associations may proceed!	
Water Quality Monitoring		Peter Tuomisto coordinated the July WQM. Zebra mussel veliger sampling with a plankton net was completed by			

		several lake assoc. Analysis by RMB Environmental Laboratories is pending.			
White Water Crowfoot - Ken Grob		Still investigating over abundance / growth of White Water Crowfoot, a native aquatic plant, found in some areas of Potato Lake. (Ranunculus aquatilis) <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/ranunculus_aquatilis.shtml">https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/ranunculus_aquatilis.shtml</a>	Has contacted the DNR Invasive Species Specialist and Hubbard County Environmental Services  DNR	Checking MAISRC & Bell Museum plant databases for other MN locations	
Loon nesting platforms		Two nesting platforms are available for free. Contact <a href="mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com">hccolamn@gmail.com</a> for more info on individuals contact info.			
Loon Nesting cameras on Big Mantrap – Burney Fischer	Only 13/18 juveniles have survived	Mink seems to be a major predator-nocturnal. Differentiated from otters because feet aren't webbed. There has been more predation this year than in past. This is the first year there have been cameras for every nest.			
Aquatic ID Session – St. Paul		Ingrid Bey notes this MAISRC identification program showed 82 species. Laura Scanlon, Dave Nelson, and Ingrid Bey attended			
Motion to adjourn 8:05 pm			Burney Fischer - motion Keith Minkel – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Approved		
Next meetings		<b>Aug 29, 2024:</b> HCCOLA's Annual Meeting. Short presentation of ground			

		<p>water atlas.</p> <p><b>Sept 26, 2024</b> - Hubbard County SWCD Staff will update us on a grant to help our lake associations develop or update lake management plans, etc.</p> <p><b>Oct 24, 2024:</b> - Aaron Anderson, Hubbard County Environmental Services, Environmental Specialist will provide an AIS Prevention Program Recap of 2024 and Plans for 2025 Please Note: This is the 4th Thursday</p>			
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Minutes submitted by: Jon Dennis, Secretary

HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting Attendee Info for Thursday 7/25/2024:

21 member lake associations out of 31; 31 in-person in the Northwoods Bank Community Room, plus 10 signed into Zoom. Total attendees: 41

Attendee List Key: LA = Lake Association, P = in-person, Z = Zoom, \*=LA's "Designated voter"

Bad Axe LA: Sue Pickus – P\*

Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – Z\*

Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – P\*

Big Sand LA:

Blue LA:

Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P\*

Duck LA:

Eagle- Island LA: David Fastenow – P\*, Barry Kendall - Z

8th & 9th Crow Wing LA: Steve Basinger – Z\*

Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB) LA: Gene Hanson – P\*, Dick & Maggie Carmon, Tim & Nancy Dwight

Fish Hook LRA: Gary Smith – P\*, Don & Jan Rumpza - P

Garfield LA: Mike Frank – Z\*

Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel

Ham LA:

Hinds LA: Christina Hill – P\*

Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z\*

Little Sand LA:

Long Lake Area LA: Sharon Natzel – P\*

Lower Crow Wing LA:

Middle Crow Wing LA: Mark W. Johnson – P\*

Palmer LA:

Plantagenet LA:

Portage LA: Tom Stennes – P\*, Dan & Chris Wilde - P

Potato LA: Ken Grob – P, Craig Bihrlé – P\*

South Island LA:

Spider LA: Jon Dennis – Z\*, Rose Lawler – Z

Steamboat LA:

Stony LA: Mike Glynn – P\*

10th & 11th Crow Wing LA: Scott Solberg – Z,

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z\*

Twin LA: Debra Massey – Z\*

Sustaining Individual Members:

Guests: 10 Mile LA - P: Bruce M. Carlson, Jim Carlson, Jean Carlson, Dave Nelson, Jennifer Bridgemen & Daughter

Guests: Brush LA - P: Bernie Gearin, LaDonna Cleveland

Guests: East Crooked – P: Rod & Mary