

## Minutes CCCoLA August 6<sup>th</sup> Zoom

Jerry Wilkes-Devil Track, Jerry Caple, Joel Halvorson – Gunflint, John and Barb Bottger, Larry Montan – Hungry Jack, Carrie Framsted – Pike, Biz Clark – Poplar, Voyageurs Point – Peter Rauen, Gary Maciejewski – Tait, Kathy Bogen, Bob Bruininks, Susan Hagstrum – Loon, Irene&Larry Mullen – Caribou, Ilena Hansel-CC SW, Karen Evens – MPCA, Amanda Weberg – Cook County AIS

Welcome to new members.

Agenda, minutes, treasurer's report approved

CCSWCD: Ilena

14 lakes monitored

Property owners offered septic information sheets

CCSW reorganizing. Hiring consultants, funding is in place

Those working at courthouse are working remotely. Call the courthouse to schedule a visit

There are 90 participants in the Lake Superior native and natural planting outreach

There is a coastal grant: 6-month project, \$1,000-\$2,000 match

Peter: what projects are included in the grant? Ilena: mostly Lake Superior but can be directed to the watershed. Must be a water project, no dirt.

Ilena said there has been some discussion of calcium chloride applied to roads. Amanda gave data that shows there hasn't been a significant calcium change.

Irene suggested that the highway dept. attend one of our meetings. ( the Sept. meeting will be on Zoom.)

MPCA Karen

Questions about algae, smoke and difference in color in lakes. MPCA is putting together a resource list that property owners can call with questions

AIS Amanda

Inspection data has been sent out. Nothing stands out as being an outlier.

Data includes hours spent at site, types of watercraft inspected, vegetation status of watercraft, where the watercraft last was in the water,

The CCCoLA representative from Loon Lake requested inspectors be stationed there. Amanda said that inspectors would be at the Loon Lake landing

Larry added that questions about the size of the motor on the boat and the reason for the lake visit would be important questions for the inspectors to ask

AIS inspectors did a training at Devil Track Lake where they found spiny water flea

Karen:

There is a question on Lost Lake. Seems to be an outlier with fairly high calcium loads. Lost is privately owned. Seems to be eutrophic. Hasn't been monitored because of its private status. Also, very difficult to access. There are no roads to the lake.

Update from the surface water use subcommittee

Biz Clark, John Bottger, Barb Bottger

Biz: commented on herbicide use on arrowhead right of ways. Proposed an informational meeting with Arrowhead Electric on the topic of the herbicides currently being sprayed.

Biz thanked Ilena for including CCCoLA in newspaper insert

Biz suggested that the sub-committee meet with the various "visit cook county entities.

Because CCCoLA's purpose is maintaining lake quality, it was felt that the push from "Visit Cook county" derails that purpose in some respects

The Hungry Jack attendees viewed a presentation about lake quality and CCCoLA. Larry, the lake association president, was asked to email a copy to CCCoLA.

On the topic of herbicide spraying, John suggested a meeting with county officials and other stake holders. Carol Berg said it makes sense to investigate the herbicides being sprayed by Arrowhead Electric.

Larry M: has notes to share from a previous discussion with Arrowhead about the herbicides. Carol Berg also suggested that we meet with Arrowhead.

Carrie agreed. She also offered Kudos to the surface water committee. Carrie is concerned that lake impairment is creeping our way.

Al questioned the way meeting are conducted at Arrowhead. Biz said there were 20 or so at the meeting but only 3 vote in cook county

Ilena is asking people to reach out to herbicide contractors. Larry discussed the footage required for electric service above and below ground.

Irene summarized the group feelings regarding herbicide application on the right of ways. She said that as a group, we should make our feelings known.

Jerry Caples: questioned what chemicals were residual when the herbicide breaks down.

Irene requested a volunteer to write a letter to Arrowhead regarding herbicides and said she would ask Arrowhead to come to the next meeting.

Ilena

There is a CCSWD board meeting on 9/2. If you wish to be on the agenda, have your request in by 8/25.