

CCCOLA MEETING MINUTES: JULY 8, 2022
Cook County Community Center

Present: John and Barb Bottger (Hungry Jack), Kate Kelnberger (Bearskin), Dave Coleman (Clearwater), Carrie Framstad (Pike), Biz Clark (Poplar), Al Fleider (Aspen), Jerry Wilkes (Devil Track), Pete Raun (Poplar), Jerry Caple (Gunflint), Jim Triplett (guest of Jerry's), Gary Maciejewski (Tait), Patti Craddock (Poplar), Carol Berg (Leo/Mid Trail Property Owners), Irene Mullen (Caribou), Larry Montan (Hungry Jack), Ilena Hansel (CCSWD), Karen Evens (MPCA)

Item	Discussion	Action
Called to order at 9:05		
Approval June 3, 2022 Minutes	Well done Kathy, Thank you!	Minutes approved.
Treasurer's Report - Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 dues collected - \$590 • Total revenue \$598.68 • Total expenses \$386.44 • Balance 6/30/22 - \$1,651.31 	Report approved. Gary will include his mailing address on every treasurer's report. It is: Gary Maciejewski P.O. Box 323 Lutsen, MN. 55612
Citizen Advisory Group to International Commission - Jerry	Topics for the three meetings this year: 1) How to make a presentation 2) Mining 3) Microplastics	Motion to adopt policy that each CCCOLA participant provide their own beverage container in order to eliminate use of Styrofoam. Seconded. Motion passes.
Microplastics	Could we ask distributors in the area to eliminate styrofoam and plastic in bait containers to use plant based containers only? Ilena suggests we contact other organizations that are promoting earth friendly containers.	John will put this topic on the agenda for next month's meeting.
MPCA - Karen Evens	New person is Lindsay Krumrie. Lindsay and Karen are planning meeting for later this summer. Input from this group will be critical in preparing budget request. A lot of concern of algae bloom. Pay attention to your filters from the increase on both algae and the micro plastics.	Karen will inform all of meeting date. Karen will send a link to the website where you can find all the information concerning their new focus.

<p>Spruce Bud Worm - Sarah Waddle, University of Minnesota Extension Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few people have identified spruce bud worm on their property. • A little misnomer because it attacks balsam in our area. • It is the larvae stage of a moth. • A telltale sign in scraggly tips on the edge of your balsams leaving a messy looking nest on the edge of the needles. That takes about 3 years of activity before it kills the tree. • Not a lot you can do to prevent this. • You can harvest the trees before an infestation. If the tree is dead, have it removed! • In our area, the worm is always here! It is an endemic population since the 1950s. • Cook County has seen an increase over the last year. • The DNR report shows the trend started in 2010 but has skyrocketed since 2018. • One hypothesis is that the drought favored the proliferation of the spruce bud worm. • Sarah had a copy of the DNR forest health report which is available on their website. • The DNR is keeping track of the infestation. You do not have to report any activity on your property. • Applying an insecticide is okay for one tree but not a large area. • Karen adds that this infestation is clearing trees near shorelines which can start to affect water quality. 	<p>Ilena says NRCS can help clear dead trees and help with replanting. Contact Ilena for more information.</p>
<p>Workshop Review</p>	<p>The workshop was an effective tool. Thanks to the organizers!</p> <p>Key points -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tourism numbers will return to 2019 levels • get a license number of anyone doing something illegal on your lake and they will follow up on it • posting your property requires a survey to place markers on your property • lake ordinances are really hard to enforce (like no wake boards or no jet skis) 	<p>It was recorded and is on the CCCOLA website for review. Carrie will write a follow up article for the paper.</p>

Survey - Ilena	The survey is on line through CCCOLA website. The submit button does not work so it has to be emailed. Fill it out on line, save it, then send as an attachment in an email to Ilena. Last time 120 surveys were returned. We'd like more this year. Would you like a virtual meeting in the winter to get the data back to individuals?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She would like to have them back by the end of September. • For paper copies: Ilena Hansel, 411 West 2nd Street • Barb will attach the survey to these minutes.
Lake Plans - Ilena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN DNR Lake Finder has lots of information on your lake to put in your lake plan. • All Lake Plan documents are or will be available on the CCCOLA website. • Ilena walked through the steps, especially a problem solving process. 	
One Watershed, One Plan - Ilena		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 16, 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. - Seagull Community Center • It will show what the plan will look like • Purpose is to gain input from your lake including where you'd spend money to address issues on your lake. • It might be a hybrid meeting.
Publicity - Carrie	Updated brochures for CCCOLA are available.	
	CCCOLA will have a booth at the Fishermans Picnic.	Carrie will email the group to have volunteers be at the booth.
	WTIP has been a big supporter of CCCOLA.	Motion to make a donation of \$100 to WTIP fundraising drive. Seconded. Motion passes.
	Discussion - Should we just do this during the summer or all year long? Who will do it?	Motion to explore having a regular monthly spot on WTIP to focus on the work of CCCOLA. Seconded. Motion passes. We will continue discussion next month.

Current Contacts		List was sent around to be updated.
Vacation Rental Licensing Ordinance - Al Fleider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been going on the last two years and sunsets the end of this year. • The current ordinance is on the county website. • Tim Nelson is convening a group in July to look at this ordinance and Al is serving as the rep from CCCOLA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al would like to hear anyone in the next two weeks who has had any direct or indirect information about vacation rentals and will represent our group at this committee. AlFleider@yahoo.com.
Meeting Times		Motion to change meeting time to 10:00 a.m. Seconded. Motion passes.
Next meeting		August 12, 10:00 a.m., Schaap Community Center. Send agenda items to John
Adjournment		Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passed. 11:03 p.m.