

MEETING MINUTES: CCCoLA 3.03.2023

PRESENT: KATHY BOGEN, BARB BOTTGER, JOHN BOTTGER, BIZ CLARK, CARRIE FRAMSTED, AL FLIEDER, GARY MACIEJEWSKI, IRENE MULLEN, LARRY MULLEN, PETER RAUEN, AMANDA WEBERG

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	With 11 members present, the meeting was called to order. A quorum was present. “The quorum for Board meetings shall be the Board members present.” 2010 CCoLA by-laws and updated 2022 by-laws.	
2. Affirmation of the Steering Committee model, members, and expectations	CCCoLA Board members were asked on a Survey Monkey survey, conducted in January 2023, if they agreed to establish a Steering Committee Leadership Model “Leadership for CCCOLA is essential for sustainability. One possible model for leadership is to have a steering committee composed of a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and two or more others willing to take responsibility for setting meeting agendas, facilitating meetings, logistics, communication with members and stakeholders, long-range planning, and outreach to the community. Are you in favor of establishing a steering committee for CCCoLA?” 100% of the 10 members responding agreed with this.	Motion was made by Gary Maciejewski to adopt a Steering Committee Leadership model for CCCoLA. Motion was seconded by Peter Rauen Motion passed unanimously
	With the Steering Committee Leadership model agreed upon, a slate of candidates to serve on the committee was proposed based on who had volunteered to serve. Other than these candidates, no one else indicated a desire to serve on the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Bogen, Chair • Peter Rauen, Communications • Gary Maciejewski, Treasurer • Al Flieider, Ad Hoc • Carrie Framsted, Ad Hoc 	Motion was made by Gary Maciejewski to elect the slate of candidates to serve on the CCCoLA Steering Committee. Motion was seconded by Peter Rauen. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Vote on By-Laws changes including the change required to establish a	In June of 2022, the CCCoLA Board approved a first reading of the amended By-laws. The By-Laws were updated on 2/18/2023 to reflect the Steering Committee leadership structure. By-laws changes require a first and second	Motion was made by Al Fleider to approve the By laws amended in June of 2022 with the February

<p>Steering Committee as the leadership model.</p>	<p>approval to become finalized. Since we didn't officially vote to accept the originally amended By-laws from June 2022, we will consider a vote on the amended By-Laws to include the update from 2/18/2023.</p>	<p>2023 update. Motion was seconded by Gary Maciejewski. The motion passed unanimously. A vote will be taken on this same motion at the June 2023 CCCoLA Board meeting to affirm acceptance of the amended By-Laws.</p>
<p>4. Discussion/information about the proposed IJJA RAISE funded highway projects</p>	<p>Kathy expressed appreciation for the input from members regarding the opportunity to provide qualified support for the IJJA RAISE funded highway project which would result in resurfacing a substantial segment of the Gunflint Trail, improving infrastructure such as culverting, and provide some additional amenities. Carrie Framsted had drafted a letter of support and members agreed to include some areas of concern around mitigating potentially problematic impacts. Al Fleider noted that he thought the letter of conditional support was the way to go.</p>	<p>The letter was submitted to Rob Hass who responded via email noting he appreciated the concerns and looked forward to future collaboration.</p>
<p>5. AIS updates (Amanda Weberg)</p>	<p>Amanda will be updating the AIS maps for Cook County. Over the winter months, she has been doing a lot of planning with staff from Northern St. Louis and Lake County. Efforts to increase research, outreach, education, and inspections are underway. Among these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An NRRRI study on migration of Rusty Crayfish • Josh Thumke is doing AIS education in the schools • A new position(s) for inspectors to operate AIS inspection stations in Cook County. (see job description attached) • Grant monies available for groups such as CCCoLA to address AIS (Amanda encourages individuals and groups to contact her for assistance in preparing proposals) • Awareness events being held such as one at Voyageurs Brewing on June 17th. <p>Input from CCCoLA members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of encouraging political will to put in place requirements for boat inspection at entry points (even at road entries 	<p>The group sense is that this is an issue of primary importance for CCCoLA members to become engaged in. The following members are interested in serving on a CCCoLA action committee: Barb, John, Irene. Larry, Al, Carrie Peter, Kathy</p> <p>We are all invited to attend the Cook County AIS advisory committee– Wednesday May 3, 9-11a ZOOM Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81463563802?pwd=NE85VXRyZDJZMEJuNjBBNk9oWmxldz09</p>

	<p>such as the Gunflint Trail, Caribou Trail, Sawbill Trail, etc.) Peter noted that elsewhere in Minnesota there are mandatory boat inspections required before boaters can enter lakes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging resort and VRBO owners in educating their guests about the importance of protecting waterways from AIS and specific actions they need to take to ensure they aren't introducing AIS from their boats. • It was noted that diplomacy is important in these efforts so that boaters build a sense of responsibility toward stewardship of the waterways they enjoy. • Radio spots on WTIP (Biz and Carrie will be doing one on Tuesday, March 7th, at 9:30 am.) 	<p>Barb will contact Menogyn regarding outreach to people who would be good candidates for the AIS Inspector positions.</p> <p>Key people for us to invite to our CCCoLA meeting to discuss AIS intervention strategies are Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers and Ann Sullivan, District 4 Cook County Commissioner representing the Gunflint Trail</p>
6. Input for Gerald Caple to share with the Water Forum or Citizens Advisory Group regarding water quality in the Rainy Lake/Lake of the Woods Watershed	The CCCoLA members are interested in learning more about the Rainy Lake/Lake of the Woods watershed and issues that are foremost for all waterways impacted. Gerald mentioned that PFAS chemicals (such as those found in fire retardants and foams) and plastics are a major concern.	
7. Priorities for 2023 CCCoLA focus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AIS 2. "Get the Lead Out" campaign to change out lead containing tackle 3. Wake Boards. Note: ordinance passed a month ago. There will be a follow-up meeting on March 14th. The DNR has 120 days to consider the ordinance. 4. Lake Zoning 5. 0 Waste Committee (Denny Fitzpatrick) 6. Involvement in Earth Day 2024 7. Variance Requests 8. Publicity/Outreach (Carrie has lots of pamphlets we can distribute) 	The CCCoLA Steering Committee will organize the priorities suggested by the membership to be addressed at the upcoming April Zoom meeting and 4 in-person summer meetings.
8. Guest presenters for 2023 CCCoLA meetings	The Steering Committee will contact guest presenters who can share key information and/or are in key positions to hold a discussion with CCCoLA members about the priority topics listed above.	The Steering Committee will contact Jeff Forester and Ann Sullivan regarding a presentation on AIS prevention and more robust action to significantly

		reduce spread. June CCCoLA meeting (or other meeting if they are unavailable in June)
9. CCCoLA Membership expansion/outreach	This topic will be on the agenda for the April 21 st CCCoLA meeting.	
10. Financial report	Attached with the minutes.	
11. Meeting schedule and locations June-September 2023—April 21 meeting?	CCCoLA will be meeting via Zoom on Friday, April 21 10-11:30 am. The Steering Committee will be meeting prior to the APRIL Zoom meeting to develop a plan for the 4 in-person summer meetings. We will need to acquire a Zoom subscription to ensure that Zoom meetings can be organized and conducted for whatever amount of time needed.	Kathy will set up a Zoom account for CCCoLA. The cost will be \$175 per year. The membership unanimously agreed to go ahead with this.
12. Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am