

MEETING MINUTES: CCCoLA MAY 9, 2024

PRESENT: KATHY BOGEN, JOHN BOTTGER, CARRIE FRAMSTED, GAIL GIESKE, MARY HALVORSON WALDO, ILENA HANSEL, ASHLEY HATCHETT, RORY LAIHO, GARY MACIEJEWSKI, IRENE MULLEN, LARRY MULLEN, DAN NOLAN, PETE RAUEN, ANN SULLIVAN, DAN SWENSON-KLATT, JERRY WILKES

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	All members introduced themselves and the Lake/Road Associations they are affiliated with. Dan Nolan from South Greenwood Lake joined us for the first time. Welcome Dan N.!	
CCSWD Updates with Ilena Hansel	<p><u>There are 3 new staff members at CCSWCD:</u> Ann Paulson, Financial Administrator, and Max Tostenson and Stephen Janasie, Conservation Technicians. Additional staff means that more site visits are possible.</p> <p><u>Spruce budworm:</u> Spruce budworm are native to our area. There is about a 40% chance that a tree infested with spruce budworm will die. All dead and diseased trees should be cut down. There are 2 types of spray that can be used to deter spruce budworm infestation—one type has to be applied on the day that the worms are out in order to be effective. The other is suitable for use on specific trees and is applied to the tree the homeowner hopes to save.</p> <p><u>Lake Monitoring:</u> CCSWCD is working with 11 Lake Associations to monitor lakes and is also monitoring 15 streams. There is an increase in demand for monitoring and a shortage of funds to pay for the testing. Ilena will get back to us on how contributions can be made to help pay for the testing.</p> <p><u>Education Outreach:</u> CCSWCD is sponsoring a Shoreline Buffer Planting workshop sometime in August or September. The date and location will be shared once established.</p> <p><u>AIS mitigation:</u> Amanda will have 4 inspectors working this summer to monitor at boat landings for AIS and proper cleaning of boats.</p> <p><u>CCSWCD Supervisor positions open:</u> There are 3 Supervisor positions open.</p>	<p>Residents may reach out to CCSWCD for assistance with forestry and stormwater planning on their properties.</p> <p>Contact Ilena if you are interested in serving as a CCSWCD Supervisor.</p>

<p>County Updates with Anne Sullivan</p>	<p>In the Eastern half of the Country, the Superior National Forest has been designated the most likely to burn this year. Grants have been applied for to implement wildfire reduction strategies.</p> <p>Ann and a team of others including Aaron Mollin-Kling (Cook and Lake County Firewise Coordinator), Andrea Tofté (Cook County Public Health Educator), and Fire Chiefs are making a robust effort to educate area residents and visitors about wildfires and emergency evacuation procedures. The presentations are about 1.5 hours long. Ann will be distributing “Go Bags” and evacuation documents at these events. Aaron will be speaking on creating a defensible zone around buildings and other Firewise strategies. Andrea will speak about creating a safe space in homes to avoid particulates, and the Fire Department will discuss specific areas. They are scheduling wildfire safety meetings with Lake Associations and other groups and conducting a media campaign to get the word out about the evacuation app being developed. They will be doing a presentation through Cook County Higher Education in May and with the Mid-Trail Lake Association. Once the app is developed, everyone should click on the app and go to the evacuation link where there is a form to fill out in the event of an evacuation. This form will let emergency personnel know that you have evacuated and where you can be reached. This will prevent emergency personnel from unnecessary effort and risk trying to locate residents. Residents should know the evacuation procedure: soak your property and leave asap.</p>	<p>Please contact the Ann or the County Commissioner for your District and invite them to your Lake Association meeting this summer to go over the plan.</p> <p>Due to the importance of reaching out to the community about wildfire mitigation and emergency evacuation procedures, CCCoLA will dedicate our July 11 meeting to Wildfire Mitigation and Evacuation procedures. The meeting will be held at the Cook County Community Center and will be open to the public.</p>
<p>Action Groups Follow-Up</p>	<p>AIS CCSWCD has approved money for trapping and consultation on Caribou and Pike Lakes where Rusty Crayfish are present. Signage will be erected to notify boaters about the traps and buoys on the lakes. Carrie noted that the theft and vandalism of crayfish traps on Pike Lake was vandalism.</p> <p>Get the Lead Out Signs, kits and disposal cans will be available at the June CCCoLA 13 meeting for members to distribute to outfitters and resorts where anglers can dispose of lead tackle and receive a free packet of non-lead tackle. There will be a sign-up sheet for this. Good News! The Lindy Corporation has announced that they will be producing only lead-free tackle by 2027. https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/sports/northland-outdoors/lindy-becomes-first-big-fishing-tackle-company-to-make-lead-free-</p>	<p>Jerry Wilkes has placed collection buckets at Trail Center and Buck’s Hardware. He is working with the Holiday Station owner to get a bucket and GLO information placed in the store.</p>

	<p>pledge#:~:text=As%20the%20first%20tackle%20company%20to%20sign%20the,entire%20product%20line%20lead-free%20and%20loon-friendly%20by%202027.</p> <p>Septics The SSTS Action Group has planned a septic workshop for Thursday, July 18 10-noon at the Cook County Higher Education Building. This workshop will be open to the public and focused especially on residents who already have septic systems or are planning to install them. Capacity will be 30-40 if lecture style. The workshop will feature key individuals who play an important role in ensuring the quality of septic design and maintenance: <u>Mitch Everson</u> to address septic design, maintenance, and inspections <u>G & G Septic</u> to address care of septic systems.</p>	<p>Please collect Lead Tackle at your lake association meetings this summer.</p> <p>Biz requests that we help spread the word among our Lake/Road Association members about this workshop.</p> <p>CCHE will also publicize the workshop.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone on the SSTS Committee who is helping to organize this!</p>
<p>Summer meeting priorities</p>	<p>We discussed doing education outreach to lakeshore residents with a special focus on residents new to the lakeshore communities in our areas. To this end, we will work on creating a new resident “welcome packet” which will contain a welcome letter and some contact numbers of lake association members, shoreline management brochure, copies of applicable ordinances, and anything else we come up with. There will be an e-version of these packets available for all lakeshore residents.</p>	<p>The Steering Committee will be meeting to plan the 4 in-person meetings and will incorporate the “welcome packet” initiative along with our action group work.</p>
<p>Spring and Summer Outreach Events</p>	<p>Jerry Wilkes brought some CCCoLA information to the Earth Day event in April and sat at the CCSWCD table. There wasn’t a lot of “traffic” at this event.</p> <p>The Gunflint Green-up event is June 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (clean up 9-11 and gathering at the Schaap Center 11-1) We will have a table from 11-1</p> <p>Fisherman’s Picnic is August 1-4. We will have a table and tent at the event.</p>	<p>Kathy will purchase a tent for the outdoor events.</p> <p>Please plan to sign up to table at these events. It is an important way for us to reach out to the community with educational materials and meaningful conversations.</p>
<p>T-Shirt Design and Printing</p>	<p>T-shirt order deadline is May 15. The T-shirts will be distributed at our June meeting at the Schaap Center. More can be ordered later if there is a demand for them.</p>	

New Business	The brush pits are filling up. Firewise recommends creating a brush pile on your property outside of the 100' radius from your buildings. The brush can then decompose if it is laid down in contact with the ground.	Lake Associations may consult with Aaron Mollin-Kling on establishing suitable brush pile sites on their properties.
Closing reflection (11:25-11:30)	Good to meet so many actively engaged people. The action groups are a plus. Great to see CCCoLA expanding. Happy that Ann Sullivan has been coming. Great to have Ilena join us for the meeting—veryinformative. Reading the ordinances and all other information to share with family. Impressed with the CCCoLA work. Appreciate the leadership and getting ahead of the fire season. Appreciate the cooperative spirit and enthusiasm for making a difference.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.	
Next Meeting	June 13, 10-11:30 at the Schaap Center. This will be an in-person meeting.	