

MEETING MINUTES: CCCoLA BOARD 4.21.2023

PRESENT: BIZ CLARK, PETE RAUEN, GAIL GEISKE, GARY MACIEJEWSKI, CARRIE FRAMSTED, KATE KELNBERGER, IRENE MULLEN, AL FLEIDER, KATHY BOGEN

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions (10-10:10)	Amanda Weberg and Neva Maxwell were introduced as guests along with the Board members present.	
Approval of March 28, 2023 CCCoLA Minutes (10:10-10:15)	Peter Rauen made a motion to approve. Gary Maciejewski seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.	
Updates and Discussion on Tait Lake Area Proposed Gravel Pit Project (10:15-10:30)	Neva Maxwell updated us on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet process and activities. County Commissioners are requiring and EAW be done for the KGM project. Neva noted that at the local level, an Environmental Assessment Worksheet is done to study the impacts of the project on water, air, soil, archaeology, culture. This is done by an Environmental Consultant hired by KGM. Once the EAW is submitted, the County engages their own Environmental Consultant to do a second study. The commissioners will then decide on whether the EAW is sufficient. There is ample opportunity for public comment throughout the process.	See this link for information about the process. See this link for information about the process. https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eaw-process
AIS Updates (Amanda Weberg)	4 AIS inspectors will be hired this summer to inspect boats for AIS. At our June 2 nd meeting, Amanda will bring hard copies of the AIS grant applications to fund projects or training to become proficient at identifying signs of AIS. We should all be sharing the information about these grant opportunities with our Lake Association members and others in the community who may have good ideas for projects. Amanda encourages CCCoLA members to attend the Cook County AIS Advisory Committee meeting on May 3 rd via Zoom.	Contact Amanda if you feel there's a need for an AIS Inspector to be stationed on a specific Lake or landing. 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

Engagement/expansion of Lake Associations (10:50 -11:00)	Discussion on improving engagement of the community in CCCoLA. For our current membership, it is important to keep our meetings focused and productive. Jeff Forester of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers encourages the formation of active Lake Associations to safeguard the quality of our waters and shorelines. MLR is creating some resources to help people establish Lake Associations. Kathy mentioned that she is planning to work toward establishing a Loon Lake Lake Association. Gail mentioned that Greenwood has 2 Lake Associations but neither belongs to CCCoLA.	CCCoLA will host a late summer open house for the community. Possibly replacing the last regular monthly meeting. Carrie and Biz will continue to have radio spots on WTIP to keep the community informed of CCCoLA's work. Carrie is looking into getting a booth for CCCoLA at Fisherman's Picnic (first week in August) and Earth Day celebration 2024.
MNCOLA Updates (11:00-11:10)	Jeff Forester will join our June meeting via Zoom. He will be giving a presentation on what has been accomplished during the legislative session relative to MNCOLA priorities. We can learn from other lake Associations such as Crow Wing how to better work with the County.	See the MNCOLA newsletter attached. We will review the work being done by the Crow Wing County Lake Associations.
Summer Meeting Dates Report (11:10-11:15)	Meetings will be the first Friday of the month June through September. Meetings will run from 10:00-11:30am. Meeting dates may be adjusted by the Board to accommodate holidays. June Schaap Center, July Cook County Community Center, August Schaap Center, September Cook County Community Center.	
New Business (11:15-11:25)	CCCoLA needs more engagement and influence with County and State government agencies. We need to make a better case to Lake Associations that CCCoLA benefits them. Staying focused on key priorities that matter to lake property owners and demonstrating positive influence in these areas is important. We identified 3 top priorities as AIS mitigation, Wakeboat regulation and education, reducing/eliminating lead tackle.	Kathy will invite County Commissioner Ann Sullivan to the July CCCoLA meeting to discuss how CCCoLA priorities can be supported at the County level and how we can work together on this.
Closing/Reflection (11:25-11:30)	Good meeting. We must continue to strive to keep meetings on track. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30am CDT.	