

CCCoLA Minutes

July 19, 2018

County Courthouse

9:00-11:00

Attendance: Larry (Caribou), Don (Tait), Pete R. (Poplar), Gary M. (Tait), Jerry C. (Gunflint), Dave C. (Clearwater), Becky H. (W. Bearskin), Biz C., (Poplar), Ilena H. (Cook SWCD), Tersenia (Leo), Mona (Leo), Julie (Devil Track), Jim (end of the trail), John Bottger (Hungry Jack) Amanda W. (Cook County AIS)

Minutes approved: Gary M., Mona H.

Treasurer's Report: Gary M. – from last August – dues are pouring in. Hungry Jack, mid-trail, Pike, and W. Bearskin still owe dues. There dues total \$405. There was a dividend of \$1.83. Total income is \$406.83. Total accessible funds is \$2125.76.

Presentations: Amanda W. – Cook County AIS – There are 6 inspectors for Cook County. They are primarily at Devil Track Lake, Caribou Lake, Elbow Lake and move to other lakes that have AIS, spiny water fleas and rusty crayfish. Caribou Lake has a new sign for AIS. Monitoring on a few lakes has taken place for Rusty Crayfish at Clearwater and Caribou. No Rusty Crayfish have been found. For 2019, there will be a crew to do an intensive management plan for Rusty Crayfish on Pike Lake. Part of marketing and outreach taking place will help people to understand there are good crayfish. Other marketing and outreach taking place is the clean your Johnson poster, pocket guides and lake maps.

There is an in increase in AIS as Devilfish Lake now has spiny water fleas, discovered 2 years ago. There is a Standard Operating and Procedures document form sampling for spiny water fleas. Spiny water fleas should be tested at dawn and dusk. Amanda can email out the SOP for folks.

Biz mentioned there was announcement for the AIS showcase.

Amanda mentioned the funding for the program is still intact.

Ilena is getting calcium set up with the help of Amanda.

The closest zebra mussels lake is in St. Louis County in Hermantown, Pike lake.

Irene reviewed the tools that are by their sign.

Initiative foundation has large stations but they are a high cost.

There are Chinese mystery snails in Swamper and Johnson Lakes.

There was a discussion about calcium chloride that took place.

Humans are the primary vector for transporting species.

Ilena H. – Cook County SWCD – Ilena provided information on the survey for the Lake Management Plans and workshop coming up. She provided numbers of what as in.

The SSTS/Well workshops were well attended. There was one up the trail mid-morning and one in the evening in Grand Marais. There was useful information at the meetings.

Irene - Well testing – It would be good to work together in 2019 to get a grant to do well testing and lake water – CCCoLA could collaborate with the SWCD.

Currently CCCoLA is not part of MNCoLA. A motion was made for CCCoLA to join the MNCoLA by Biz, Gary M. – all ayes

MNCoLa holds meetings and are advocates. They have an emphasis in Fergus Falls. They are aligned with MN Lakes and River Advocates and Lobbies.

Coastal Program Specialist, Julie McDonald – Irene – Julie held a meeting with the 1854 Treaty, Grand Portage, WTIP, MN Extension, Lutsen Ski Hill and others. It was a discussion about Climate Adaptation. Julie would like to hold sessions like what is done in Duluth about Climate Adaptation. Can we do something like this in our area? In September she would like to bring up a climatologist to talk and then do some follow up sessions. It would be focused on Cook County. There would be four follow up meetings dealing with forests, lakes and fisheries.

Julie is looking for feedback from CCCoLA. CCCoLA feedback is that the majority of individuals leave in/after September that are part of CCCoLA. Is there the option to livestream or do follow up videos? The local climate group was brought up and did Julie invite them to the meeting? CCCoLA would support a meeting next June. The goal is to inform and impact. The suggestion was made to tie into Chik Wauk. Julie suggested an e-newsletter about this and CCCoLA decided against this. Something could be mentioned on the CCCoLA website instead.

Cook County Reports:

Water Advisory Committee meeting will meet on August 13. – Gary M.

Business:

Mona – Brought up the Arrowhead Electric spraying and cutting for powerlines. Further discussion took place. All private landowners have said no. it was suggested that Arrowhead formally communicate the herbicides being used and educate and provide awareness about this. It was suggested to contact the Arrowhead board about this (Pete R). It was also suggested to invite Arrowhead to the September meeting (Dave C.).

Irene - Planning for August 10 meeting – food – breakfast sandwiches (Irene), Fruit (Biz), Coffee (Tersenia) – meeting will be from 9 – 12 p.m. at the mid-trail community center. Goals – 1) disseminate data from surveys – target specific areas to address that day.

Last year everyone received data and resources

A template is needed, process and priorities based on the survey.

It would be good to have teams come from each lake.

The hope is at the end of the day, there will be an action plan end of the goal – timeline.

Common verbiage/pieces in the template

Jerry C. – August 15 will be the Rainy lake meeting in Kenora and another meeting in Ontario for IJC. Let Jerry know if there are any concerns to bring up.

Larry – Next year [Dr. Mark Edlund from the St. Croix Water Research Station, Science Museum of Minnesota](#) should be invited to a regular meeting or a community event to talk about his work. To have a septic and well thing next year it would be good to have it in two locations.

Dave C. – It might be good to have a CCCoLA facebook page. It gets people to the webpage. Dave will head it up. He will do it in the next few months. There will be 2-3 people as administrators.

It would be good to have information for renters from out of the area on the dos and don'ts of the area. Something like did you know or are you aware? - Mona will head this up.

Poplar Lake – There are concerns about the water level. The opening into Little Ollie is being widened by an unknown person. The lake management plan needs to be updated. No one wants to take the lead on this. Nonparticipation from resorts who are the primary problem makers.

Tait Lake – Beave dammed up lake causing lake to rise. Observed fox capture a squirrel in a tree. Lake has a pair of Loon chicks.

Gunflint Lake – Water is clearer this spring than ever before. Clarity is cut in half by recent heavy rains.

Clearwater Lake – Annual meeting is mid- August. Water monitoring has been done for 40 years. 33 feet – 34 feet of clarity of the water. There is a dance at Clearwater Lodge on July 28 from 6-9 pm.

W. Bearskin Lake – had their annual meeting in June. Boat launch problems was discussed.

Leo Lake – Meeting up in August. They are a road association.

Devil Track Lake – Properties have been turned over. There were 54 in attendance at the annual meeting. Issues with VRBO visitors. Problems with unknown critters getting into septic mounds. Many turtle observations.

Caribou Lake – Steve Persons will be speak at the annual meeting. Also Tim Nelson will speak about variances. There is a problem with boat landings and the DNR will repair it. The DNR promised to redirect runoff from the Lake. 12 foot clarity. There are 2 loon chicks.

Adjourn: 11:08 p.m.

Gary, Mona motion – all ayes