MEETING MINUTES: CCCoLA October 8, 2026

PRESENT: Kathy Bogen (Loon Lake Road Association, Gary Maciejewski (Tait Lake), Rory Laiho (South Greenwood Lake Road Owners), Larry Bick (Poplar Lake), Patti Craddock (Poplar Lake), Ilena Hansel (Cook County SWCD Manager), Betsy Blum (Devil Track Lake), Margre Lind Mills (Pike Lake), Ann Sullivan (Cook County Commissioner, District 4), John Mills (Pike Lake), Al Flieder (Aspen Lake), Larry Montan (Hungry Jack Lake), Jesse Anderson MPCA – Duluth Regional Office, Wolfgang Greiner (Devil Track Lake), Kate Kelnberger (West Bearskin Lake), Kathy Schaaf (Tom Lake),

Item	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome and introductions – Kathy, All	Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Kathy Bogan.	
County Update – Ann Sullivan, Commissioner, District 4	Currently taking dates to participate in 2027 association meetings. BWCAW Collab – public comment in July for cancellation policy, recommended policy will be announcement in December. Currently working on visitor mgmt. with goal is recommend approaches to teach skills & awareness to public to improve behavior. Law Enforcement center is nearly complete, including community room (possible CCCoLA meeting there next summer), security and communication improvements. Ribbon cutting early December. Expected completion of Gunflint road work the 3rd week of Oct. Work in progress to improve airport safety (pavement, apron improvements). Preliminary levy set at max of 11.98% (same as Lake County). Five community listening events for input on $200k of budget reductions – see attached fliers for times and locations. See more details in Ann's attachment.	Ann: Follow up if unpaved portion of Caribou Trail can be plowed on 1st pass up to Tait, rather than later in the day near unpaved portion of Trail can get to work in the mornings. All: Contact Ann to get on her schedule for your 2027 Association Meeting. Kathy: Consider Community Room at LE Center for a summer in-person meeting location.
Jesse Anderson, MCPA Research Scientist, Duluth Office Presentation "MCPA's Lake Research in Cook	"40 years of Lake Monitoring, Assessment, Research and Planning Efforts in Cook County"	Jesse & Illena: Update sampling forms to include

County”	Few impaired waters in Cook County, Lake Superior North watershed. Focus on maintaining good quality and improving cold water stream habitat for fish movement. Water quality standards are based on eco region, with new standards for shallow lakes in the north. Lake User Perception – opinions of physical conditions and recreational suitability tend to track with data. Surface water getting warmer, dissolved O2 lower in lakes is decreasing, with net effect of “goldilocks” zone for fish decreasing. Jesse showed video from Science Center of Minnesota on algal bloom research in Boundary Waters. Warming lake temperatures and premature mixing of lower O2, colder water with warming surface water is main driver of algal blooms. Lakes are changing. Lakes are sentinel to what is happening with climate. Moderately deep lakes (30-50) with walleye, etc. are particularly susceptible to premature mixing of water. See Jesse’s presentation and video from Minnesota Science Museum for more details.	more weather and water data…surface water temperature, wave height, air temperature, etc. Kathy: Invite Amy Mustonen from MPCA to a follow-up meeting (study to use satellite data to identify lakes at risks) Send link to video and presentation
Illena, Cook County SWCD Manager	Cyanobacteria Updates: Lake Lookout - all samples so far are below thresholds, still studying data. Baseline Project – no data so far. Possible funding through federal grant, partnering with DNR and MCPA, also looking at acid rain MLR Lake Steward program update – Kathy’s takeaway: citizens are usually instrumental to bringing agencies together. CoLAs should be partnering with county partners. Betsey’s takeaway: MLR Looking at training for realtors.	

Approval of September 10, 2026, minutes - Kathy		Gary moved to accept the minutes, Al seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
October 2026 Treasurer's Report - Gary	As of 10/8/26, Advantage Checking Balance is $958.32 *Recall that Lake Association dues are now $60, and Individuals/Family dues are $15*	Al moved to accept the treasurer's report, Patti seconded, and the report was approved unanimously. All: Send Lake Association dues to Gary Maciejewski at PO Box 323, Lutsen, MN 55612.
Mission - Kathy	Educate ourselves first so that we are credible and well-informed, educate others through community outreach, take direct positive action because of what we know (volunteerism, legislative participation)	
Supporting Best Practices for Lake/Road/Area/Property Owner Associations and CCCoLA - Larry Bick	8 responses. Wide range of answers. Emerging themes: Successes – Good/improving water quality; associations are meeting and evolving; information sharing. Challenges - Rusty Crayfish/AIS; member engagement; participation. Opportunities - strategies to increase membership, interest, and engagement.	All: Send additional ideas to Larry Bick, with or without forms. Just an email is ok!
	Project goal is to align CCCoLA with member associations, through sharing strategies and actional steps/ideas to strengthen our individual organizations	
Meeting Reflection - All	Fantastic speaker – bring back, strategy we are following is a systems approach, partnerships, enlightening, great to see everyone and that we have a common mission, approach	
Meeting Adjourned	Gary moved to adjourn, and Al seconded. Approved unanimously at 11:34 am.	Next meeting – Virtual: Thursday, November 12 at 10am (CST) via Zoom