



**SC COLA**

Sherburne County  
Coalition Of  
Lake Associations

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Via Zoom & Teleconference

## AGENDA

### 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

- Approve [4/14/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

### 2. Updates (35 min.)

- SWCD Spring / Summer Activities and AIS Prevention
  - Elk River Canoe Surveying Trip
  - County-wide Zebra Mussel Expanded Monitoring Plan
  - Golden Clam Monitoring
- AIS Volunteer Inspector Training
- Starry Trek 2021 (tentative date Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>)
- 2021 Annual Meeting Planning (tentatively 8/11/20)

### 3. 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Meeting Calendars (5 min.)

- Board Proposed: 8/11, 10/13, 12/8, 2/9, 4/13, 6/8
- Executive Committee Proposed: 7/28, 9/29, 11/17, 1/26, 3/30, 5/25

### 4. 2021 – 2022 Elections & Nominations Committee Appointment (5 min.)

### 5. 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (15 min.)

- Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project
- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force
- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (e.g., AIS prevention, soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

### 6. Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: TBD\*

\*2021 – 2022 schedule to be proposed and approved at this meeting

# MINUTES

Attendees: Nate Bunce, Scot Chapman, Dan Cibulka, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Sharon Fischer, Karna Lundquist, Joni Morton, Ed Peitso, Patrick Plant, Scott Ruiter and Chris Weber.

## 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

A motion was made by Chris and a second from Scot C. to approve the agenda. All were in favor; agenda approved. Joni Morton and Sharon Fischer joined later but had given prior approval via a proxy vote.

- Approve [4/14/21 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Scott and second from Patrick to approve the 4/14/21 meeting minutes. All were in favor; minutes approved. Joni Morton and Sharon Fischer joined later but had given prior approval via a proxy vote.

- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

Chris shared an update on the financial status of the organization.

A motion was made by Scott R. and a second from Cindi to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor; Treasurer's Report approved.

## 2. Updates (35 min.)

- SWCD Spring / Summer Activities and AIS Prevention

- Elk River Canoe Surveying Trip

The Elk River Canoe Surveying Trip was unfortunately cancelled due to low water conditions. As the summer progresses, Dan will keep an eye on water conditions and will notify all when new dates have been selected.

- County-wide Zebra Mussel Expanded Monitoring Plan

Dan discussed the new approach for zebra mussel monitoring county-wide. Customized monitoring procedures will be put in place based upon certain conditions for the waterbody. For waters without ZM, sampling plate use will be increased. For Big and Mitchell Lakes, where ZM are known to exist, DNR and SWCD have developed a monitoring program with the BLCLA to track the population. For Lake Orono, which has ZM but underwent a drawdown last winter, a combination of veliger tows and eDNA samples will be collected to examine if the mussels are still present.

- Golden Clam Monitoring

Dan provided an update on the Golden Clams in Briggs Lake, sharing a project summary report. Continued monitoring will occur through the summer.

- AIS Volunteer Inspector Training

New people can take online training and participate in online inspections. The DNR is requiring inspectors to take a health assessment each time they conduct work and notify DNR that they meet the requirements (no fever, no cough, other symptoms, etc.)

- Starry Trek 2021 (tentative date Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>)

Starry Trek is on for 2021. Dan indicated that the monitoring procedures may be expanded to include searching for Golden Clams. More to come on this event.

- 2021 Annual Meeting Planning (tentatively 8/11/20)

Discussion occurred about the location and activities for the annual meeting. With COVID cases decreasing, the potential for a hybrid or in-person event is a possibility. The Executive Committee will monitor the COVID situation as we get closer to August.

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Discussion was held on the proposed dates for 2021-2022, keeping the timing of dates consistent with past years. The group felt these dates would work.

A motion was made by Scot C. and a second from Scott R. to approve the meeting dates. All were in favor; meeting dates approved.

### 4. 2021 – 2022 Elections & Nominations Committee Appointment (5 min.)

The Nominations Committee includes Scott R., Dan and Patrick. They will present the nominations for Vice Chair and Treasurer at the next meeting. Though the position is off cycle for election this year, Scott strongly encouraged members to consider the Secretary position.

### 5. 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (15 min.)

- Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project

Some progress has been had on the AAS project, including a Joint Power Agreement being drafted and sent to municipalities. The JPA must be signed to limit liability from stormwater infrastructure that is owned by a city, township, etc. Once municipalities have signed the JPA with the SWCD, their stormwater infrastructure will be eligible for the AAS program.

- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force

Patrick shared an update on the AIS EDRR Task Force. The group met recently and discussed the data that had been collected, as well as how best to present this information. Discussion with the committee was occurring on how to format the EDRR document and it was decided that a short and longer document version would be helpful. The group will continue progress and have a deadline of completing this by the annual meeting.

- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (e.g., AIS prevention, soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

Dan has several projects in mind for the COLA to participate on, but these projects are still in planning phase. An update will be shared at the next meeting.

### 6. Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Scot C.

Meeting minutes submitted by Dan Cibulka, Sherburne SWCD ex-officio representative.