



Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Via Zoom & Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (30 min.)

- Approve [7/28/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Membership Renewal Status and Needs for Reminders
- Debrief [SC COLA Annual Meeting held on 8/11/21](#)
- Educational Tchotchkes (e.g. coasters, placemats, key chains, etc.)

2. SC COLA Board 10/13/21 Meeting Planning (40 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)
 - Approve [8/11/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Updates (30 min.)
 - Inspect and Clean Equipment Campaign (Fall 2021)
 - Sherburne County AIS Semi-Annual Task Force Open Meeting
 - 2021 Starry Trek Results
 - 2021 MAISRC Research and Management Showcase
- 2021 – 2022 Initiative Next Steps (40 min.)
 - AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force
 - Sherburne County "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project
 - Business Sponsorship Campaign and Project Fund Use (e.g., education, AIS prevention, soil erosion, well sealing, or agricultural projects)
- Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

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

SC COLA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting Dates: 11/17, 1/26, 3/30, 5/25

MINUTES

Attendees: Scot Chapman, Dan Cibulka, Patrick Plant and Chris Weber.

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (30 min.)

Chris moved to approve agenda, Scot seconded, motion passed.

- Approve [7/28/21 Meeting Minutes](#)

Patrick moved to approve minutes, Scot seconded, motion passed.

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

Chris shared an updated Treasurer's Report with the group. Four more lake groups had filed their membership dues recently which were added to the report as Undeposited Funds.

- Membership Renewal Status and Needs for Reminders

Most groups have paid dues, no word on membership with Birch Lake Association. Chris will make contact with one of the current association board members that she has worked with previously.

- Debrief [SC COLA Annual Meeting held on 8/11/21](#)

Discussion was had regarding the 8-11-21 meeting topics including the meeting format, presentations, and comments regarding enforcement of AIS laws. Additional research will need to be done on how to get more detailed enforcement formally in place (e.g. tilt motor all the way down to drain water out of it).

- Educational Tchotchkes (e.g. coasters, placemats, key chains, etc.)

The group discussed the concept of materials or items that would potentially have a message regarding conservation and promote the COLA. Disposable items such as coasters or placemats were discussed, but also reusable items such as key chains, bobbers, etc. Dan discussed some of the materials purchased in the past with "Clean Drain Dry" messaging including bobbers, floating key chains and can koozies. Customized items pertaining to the COLA and local issues could be of value. Dan will discuss potential funding sources with Francine and ideas with staff. The Executive Committee will bring this discussion topic to the full board at the next meeting.

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- Updates (30 20 min.)

- Inspect and Clean Equipment Campaign (Fall 2021)

Dan will send out Protect Our Lakes letter to all COLA communication contacts in the next few days or next week.

- Sherburne County AIS Semi-Annual Task Force Meeting

Likely will be scheduled for sometime in November. Meeting will include an overview of summer 2021 activities and in depth presentations on zebra mussel monitoring, carp monitoring, and the golden clam study.

- 2021 Starry Trek Results

Dan will share statewide results of Starry Trek with the group.

- 2021 MAISRC Research and Management Showcase
All attendees will be encouraged to share their experience at the showcase.
- 2021 – 2022 Initiative Next Steps (35 40 min.)
 - AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force
Task force group will present new advancements with this project.
 - Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project
Dan is hopeful the program will be operational by the time the COLA meets next. An overview of the website and sign-in / reporting features will be shared.
 - Business Sponsorship Campaign and Project Fund Use (e.g., education, AIS prevention, soil erosion, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

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The new SWCD AV equipment for Zoom hybrid meetings may be available for 10/13. If so, Patrick will connect with Dan to test the system out. Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

Chris moved to adjourn at 5:08 p.m.

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