SC COLA
Sherburne County
Coalition Of
Lake Associations

Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Via Zoom: hyperlink to join meeting

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

- Approve 2/1/23 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements

2. Updates (25 min.)

- Business Sponsorship Campaign and Directory-Reference April 2023
- Debrief Harmful Algal Blooms & We Are Water Event
- Rum River & Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)
- MN COLA new website and Annual Meeting on June 13

3. 2023 - 2024 Meeting Calendars (5 min.)

- SC COLA Board: 8/2, 11/1, 12/6, 2/7, 3/6, 6/5
- SC COLA Executive Committee: 7/19, 10/11, 11/8, 1/10, 2/14, 5/8

4. 2023 – 2024 Officer Election Nominating Committee (5 min.)

5. 2023 – 2024 Initiative Next Steps (25 min.)

- 2023 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy Outcomes
- Sherburne County Partnerships
  - County-wide water monitoring program
  - AIS Prevention Tools/Stations
  - 2021 Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems Annual Report (MPCA)
  - "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project

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

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: TBD*
*2023 – 2024 schedule to be proposed and approved at this meeting.

MINUTES

Attendees: Shelly Alger-Peyton, Nate Bunce, Scot Chapman, Dan Cibulka, Mike Donnelly, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Sharon Fischer, Patrick Plant, Scott Ruiter and Chris Weber.

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

- A motion was made by <u>Scott R.</u> and a second from <u>Chris W.</u> to approve the agenda. All were in favor; agenda approved.

- Approve 2/1/23 Meeting Minutes

  - A motion was made by <u>Sharon F.</u> and second from <u>Shelly AP.</u> to approve the 2/1/23 board meeting minutes. All were in favor; minutes approved.

- Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements

  - A motion was made by <u>Patrick P.</u> and second from <u>Sharon F.</u> to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Chris Weber. All were in favor; report approved.

2. Updates (25 min.)

- Business Sponsorship Campaign and Directory-Reference April 2023

  - Exceeded target for sponsorships by $200 ($1,300 received vs. $1,000 budgeted).

  - Remove businesses that have not donated recently.

  - Big Eagle & Big Lake residents had positive comments to the SC COLA Directory.

  - Target businesses on our Facebook pages to increase sponsorship in 2024.

- Debrief Harmful Algal Blooms & We Are Water Event

  - Positive feedback from people attending event with Steve McComas speaker.

- Rum River & Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)

  - Scott R. – Citizens advisory meeting – discussed what was important points/ideas, water quality was most important subject. Woodlands were rated least important.

  - Discussing where funds should be spent on locations of larger vs. smaller lakes.

  - Good group of diverse members on the citizens committee.

  - Dan C. – This initial meeting focused on service water.

  - A large amount of information was generated in this initial meeting that will be including the survey that Dan C. sent to Scott R. to gain information prior to initial meeting.

  - Dan C. has created a draft of a "Priority Resource list" of lakes/streams coming out of the initial advisory meeting. He will update COLA members when he is able to distribute a public version of the draft report.

  - May have a formal community check-in meeting halfway through the project. Dan C. may reach out to citizens/property owners in various areas to get feedback on water changes, etc.

- MN COLA new website and Annual Meeting on June 13, 2023.

  - Members are encouraged to go into the new website and look over categories, topics, etc.

  - Individuals have to pre-register for the Annual Mtg on June 13, 2023.

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- SC COLA Executive Committee: 7/19, 10/11, 11/8, 1/10, 2/14, 5/8 @ 4:00pm
  - A motion was made by <u>Chris W.</u> and second from <u>Sharon F.</u> to approve the COLA Board & COLA Exec. team meeting schedule. All were in favor; meeting scheduled approved.

4. 2023 – 2024 Officer Election Nominating Committee (5 min.)

- Patrick, Dan and Shelly on Nominating Committee, per the bylaws no approval needed.

5. 2023 – 2024 Initiative Next Steps (25 min.)

- 2023 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy Outcomes
  - Session wrapped up a couple weeks ago, but other additions are being discussed.
  - Omnibuzz bill was adopted by the Senate with a few negotiated additions such as the addition of Ice Fishing Cleanup efforts.
  - Per Patrick P. & Dan C. - An approval of reimbursement for SWCD's of $15 million in aid payable in 2023 & 2024 and $12 million in 2025 and after.
  - Additional funding for AIS prevention & creating an AIS Management Plan, AIS Inspectors, research centers for AIS testing specimens, boat launch repairs, etc.
  - Funding included for ditches & culverts for streams with the DNR, including some funding for ditch/culvert repairs in local Palmer Township.
  - Patrick emailing out Legislative update to all COLA board members.
- Sherburne County Partnerships
  - County-wide water monitoring program
    - Dan C. would like to assist in creating a program for all COLA's partners to use the same testing centers. 4-5 different labs are currently being used for testing water samples.
    - Suggested associations pool resources, send out an RFP to various testing centers and develop a coordinated effort to have all testing completed in one testing location.
    - Patrick C. suggest sending out an email to all COLA members/associations to see who would be interested in this possible program and/or to be on a short-term committee to work on this testing facility program project.
    - Sharon F. – Sandy Lake just started water testing beyond the disk testing and would be interested in getting involved in more testing options and working with others to using one testing center for all samples taken.
    - Scott R., Chris W. & Scott C. are in agreement of program initiative.
    - Dan C. - will send out an invite to a Long Lake member for testing program interest.
    - Scott R. – stated that Palmer Township pays for a portion of Briggs Lake Chain testing.
    - Patrick P. - stated that Elk River pays for some water testing as well.

- AIS Prevention Tools/Stations
    - Tabled until August 2023 meeting
- 2021 Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems Annual Report (MPCA)
    - The report is released annually from previous years data.
    - Cities submitted separate reports and inspection data.
    - Sherburne County is 4th in the state as far as their septic replacement efforts.
- "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project – no updates at this time.

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

- Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Sharon F.

7. Next COLA Board Meeting

- Wednesday, August 2, 2023 @ 6:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shelly Alger-Peyton, SC COLA Secretary.