**COLA Executive Committee Minutes: October 10, 2018**

Attendees: Jennifer, Rich, Larry, Tera, Wanda (conferenced in due to weather)

We did not have a September Executive meeting

WA Fischer connected in with a website demo.

Discussions:

* Website design, needs, etc. Corey from WA Fischer provided a demo of the website:
  + Website address: wp.wafischerinteractive.com/bccola
  + Provided information on the navigation buttons, the text, calendar, Facebook, and featured link box.
  + Add on a Zoning/Rules & Regulations button which would touch on Water Hazard marking, Launching, etc.
  + Jen will be taking over website maintenance as the co-editor, along with feedback from the other Exec Committee members. She will be demonstrating the website at the meeting, next week.
  + Jen to send email to Corey giving Jen, Rich, Pelican Watershed District, and Wanda access to website.
  + Need to complete this within the next couple of months.
  + Need to have WA Fischer send an invoice to get to Rachel. We owe them $3259 for the work performed in 2018 thus far. In August of 2017, we paid WA Fischer $2320.
* Rich discussed zoning issues on Rice Lake. Person redoing property without discussing environmental and conservation issues with anyone. Karl Koenig (Becker County Soil and Water) had also discussed the situation with Rich at the September meeting.
* Pickerel, Island, Fox, Little Toad, Upper Cormorant, and Little Cormorant Lakes have not paid their dues. Wanda to send email to administrators of these lakes to try to get payment.
* Rachel said that she would keep the treasurer responsibility through the winter or until the end of the fiscal year in May of 2019.
  + Check into on-line banking at Bremer
  + Secretary to have on-line access to account
* Wanda said that she would write to the new Bad Medicine COLA representative to see if he had any interest in Exec Board responsibilities.
* All present felt that Jules should continue as our MN COLA representative, if she was still interested in doing this.
* Jen explained that she had attended a zoning meeting. A discussion ensued about how to manage issues and attendance at future zoning meetings, as this area was one of the main reasons why COLA was established.
* 2019 Executive Board meetings to be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 9:00 AM.
* Discussion followed regarding 2019 COLA meetings:
  + July/August meetings – very low attendance- need input on meetings as we need members to be a part of the solution to how we proceed in the direction of the organization.
  + Possibly have meetings in May, June, Sept., and October.
  + Continue to foster Starry Trek
  + Possible lunch meetings instead of dinner meetings.
  + Events in combo with meetings to expand interest.
* $100 to League of Women Voters to help support town hall meetings. Coming out of the misc. budget.
* Bring copies of the Policies and Procedures to the November meeting:
  + Change the dates for dues to be paid - July 1 to October 1

**2018 COLA meeting dates:**

**Holiday Inn reservations have been made for these dates. Reserved for 15 people**

**Meeting beginning at 6:00 PM**

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| **May** | **17** | Business Meeting/Summit Presentations |
| **June** | **8** | MAISRC Regional Summit in Detroit Lakes |
| **July** | **19** | Pontoon Lake Detector experience on the lake @ 3:00. Meeting to begin at 5:30.  Pontoon ride cancelled due to rain/weather.  Karl Koenig presented on 2018 Becker County Soil and Water goals/activities. |
| **August** | **16** | Research: Mariya Rufer, RMB Labs. Lake Improvement Districts.???  Ben Underhill, Water Planner/Watershed Coordinator, from the East Ottertail & Wadena Soil & Water CD to speak at 7:00 about Watershed study on the Ottertail River. (Study funded by MN Pollution Control Agency) |
| **September** | **20** | Mark Apfelbacher will be speaking on CD3 Units |
| **October** | **18** | Business meeting and Elections. Karl Koenig provided his 2018 Inspection update. |

**2018 Executive Committee meeting dates. 9:00 – 11:00 AM:**

**Wells Fargo Conference Room on second floor has been reserved.**

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| **Jan** | **9** | Karl Koenig attended meeting. 2017 AIS report |
| **Feb** | **13** | Bylaws and Policies reviewed by March meeting. |
| **March** | **13** | Bylaws were reviewed with revisions |
| **April** | **10** | Regional Summit, May meeting, misc topics |
| **May** | **8** | May COLA schedule. General |
| **June** | **12** | No meeting because of the Summit |
| **July** | **10** | Lake Detector Program |
| **Aug** | **7** | Aqua Chautaqua, AIS Summit, August 16th meeting, misc. |
| **Sept** | **11** | No meeting |
| **Oct** | **9** | Website demo |
| **Nov** | **13** | Policies & Procedure revision/By Laws |
| **Dec** | **11** |  |

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