**COLA Executive Committee Minutes: September 10, 2019**

**Attendees: Rich, Jules, Jen, Larry, Wanda. Guests: Ken Mattson and Chuck Becker (Big Sugarbush LA)**

**Discussion:**

June EC minutes and July and August membership meeting minutes approved.

**Report of Wake Board concern on Big Sugarbush: Chuck Becker and Ken Mattson**

1. Big Sugarbush is a narrow and shallow lake. One small lake in MN has already banned wake boats.
2. Their LA will be holding a special meeting in August. Bob Merritt, a retired hydrologist from the DNR, is preparing a special report to present at this meeting. Most of the research on the effects of wake boats on water quality are coming out of Quebec. Upon completion, Ken will send BCCOLA a copy of the study for our website.
3. Their LA plans to write an ordinance which will be taken to the township and then onto the DNR. The DNR has 120 days to approve/disapprove. The ordinance will include facts pertaining to the following:
	1. Interruption of habitat
	2. Erosion of shoreline
	3. Release of nutrients into the water column as a result of propellation of the motor in less than 16 ft of water. How is the increasing number of wake boats affecting the lake?
	4. The future and safety of wake boats: driving all other activity off the lake.
4. A check for $250 was sent to Ken to support the study. Through this donation, BCCOLA will have access to the study to share with other lake associations. This donation was approved by the Executive Committee at the May EC meeting.
5. An update of this issue will be on the September membership meeting. Chuck will also present on this topic at the May 2020 membership meeting.

**Proposed Toad Lake Campground:** Handout. Jen to follow up with County Commissioner, Barry Nelson.

**Starry Trek recap:** email from Karl Koenig

**Treasurer position:** Rachel Moen will be stepping down in October 2019. Kathy Anderson will be taking on this responsibility. Kathy will not be attending regular meetings, but will be preparing necessary documents, paying bills, auditing bank balances, and general maintenance of our finances. Bank transfer of responsibilities will occur within the next month with both Kathy and Wanda having check writing authority. Rachel Moen/s and Barb Halbakken Fischberg’s names will be removed from check writing authority.

**Finance report:**

Rachel provided a copy of the lake associations that have paid dues, the financial report, and budget**.**

Jules to be paid $75.00 for driving to Lake Koronis.

Decision to create a reimbursement chart for mileage, hotel, registration. This will be a fair and consistent recording of how much BCCOLA will reimburse so that there are no future questions regarding reimbursement. Wanda is collecting data from past minutes.

**The following Lake Associations have not paid their 2019 dues.**

**According to our bylaws:** *Annual dues in the amount approved by the COLA Representatives are payable by September 1st for the current calendar year and considered delinquent if not received by December 1st of that year.*

By our October meeting, Wanda will write to these associations and ask for payment

**MN COLA meeting:** Held at Thumper Pond, Ottertail, MN September 17, 2019. Jules and Wanda plan to attend.

Minutes submitted by Wanda Roden

**2019 Executive Committee meeting dates. 9:00 – 11:00 AM:**

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

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| **2019** |  |  |
| **Jan** | **8** | 2019 Meeting venues |
| **Feb** | **12** | Policies and Procedures |
| **March** | **12** | Confirm meeting dates/locations/2019 speakers. Confirm Positions & Policies document. |
| **May**  | **14** | Final approval of P & P. Finalization of 2019 meetings/tours etc. |
| **June** | **11** | Next meeting discussion. Koronis tour discussion. Attendance at LA meetings. Zoning & Planning discussions. |
| **July** | **9** | No meeting  |
| **Aug** | **6** | Mini meeting – Jen and Wanda present |
| **Sept**  | **10** | Wake boat discussion on Sugarbush, Lake Koronis trip, new treasurer, Starry Trek, Toad Lake campground, Sept MAISRC meeting – Larry to attend. |
| **Oct** | **1** | October 10th meeting, 2020 budget. |
| **Nov** | **12** | 2020 schedule, budget |
| **Dec** | **10** | 2020 schedule |

**2019 COLA meeting dates:**

**Lake Sharing: 6:00 PM**

**Meetings adjourned between 8:00 and 8:15 PM unless otherwise designated.**

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| **May** | **23** | COLA Social at the Richwood Winery. 6:00 PM. |
| **June** | **20** | Lake Detroiters to present on DL/info on their anniversary. Possible presentation by Becky Mitchell from the DL Historical Museum on the History of Becker County Lakes.  |
| **July** | **18** | Presentation by Logan Ridell, Becker County Soil & Water. This presentation will precede a pontoon shoreline tour to view various shoreline treatments around Detroit Lakes. Holiday Inn |
| **August** | **15** | Koronis tour: 2.5 hour trip one way. Anderson Bus Lines out of Fergus Falls. $644 (includes gratuity). $85 each additional hour. Begin trip at 9:00 AM. Boxed lunch? |
| **September** | **19** | Presentation by Patrick Mulcahy, AIS Program Coordinator for Extension and MAISRC Center. Holiday Inn |
| **October** | **10** | Jeff Forester, Executive Director of MN Lakes & Rivers. Holiday Inn |

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