

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda: April 29, 2021

Wells Fargo Conference Room

Attendance: Rich Cieslak, Marilyn Guy, David Oberlander, David Suby, Wanda Roden

Agenda/Minutes:

Meet/Preparation of new officers: Everyone introduced themselves and Wanda went over the agenda for the meeting.

Rich and Wanda explained organizations that BC COLA collaborates/partners with for various events.

We entered an interesting discussion of the role of BC COLA regarding “advocacy” versus “education” versus “legal support” of the various issues surrounding our lakes. As issues surface, serious consideration of “how to support” should be discussed.

Terms of new officers/Bylaws changed.

During the May membership meeting, the candidates will be introduced through a short bio that is sent to the membership.

The candidates will be voted on during the June meeting.

The candidates will officially take their new positions August 1, 2021.

The BC COLA bylaws state the process of election and taking office. Because of the extenuating circumstances and the nomination of the new officers to take over the entire leadership team, we are out of compliance with our bylaws. (Article V, Section 3). However, the bylaws do state that “The President, with approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement for any elected officer not able to complete a full term.” Thus, the following decisions were made by President, Rich Cieslak, and the Executive Team.

- Remove any reference to “odd” or “even” years. (A, B, C, D)
- Addition of the following to Letter E: *“If an officer leaves their position, the President and Executive Committee has the ability to appoint a person to that position”.*
- Addition to Letter F: *“New Executive Committee members will be voted on during a BCCOLA meeting one month after they have been presented to membership.”*

These changes will need to be voted on by membership at the May meeting.

A copy of several new MN COLA policies was included in the meeting packet. These were not discussed at this meeting but need to be read through for a future meeting discussion and addition to BC COLA policies.

2021 Executive Committee and Membership meeting schedule/Comments:

- Group in attendance felt that they would like earlier Executive Committee meetings: 7:30 - 8:00 start. Marilyn has a commitment around 9:30 on Tuesday/Thursday mornings.
- Wells Fargo Building does not open until 8:00 AM, so 7:30 AM start not possible at this meeting location.
- Wanda to check with LaBarista to inquire about back room, privacy, early AM starts.
- Marilyn has invited Executive Team to her Floyd Lake home for early AM meetings.
- Membership meetings will be Zoom meetings unless otherwise designated. The August meeting is scheduled for Tamarac. Possible to meet outside but will have to wait to see about park restrictions.
- Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 18 at 8:15.

May meeting agenda: We never got to this but will confirm on May 18th Executive Meeting. During this May 18th meeting, the Pelican River Watershed District team will be introduced, as their office is situated next to the Wells Fargo conference Room. This was the only date that worked for them prior to our May 20th meeting.

Meeting attendance; Presidents, COLA reps, others/succession planning: Everyone needs to work at identifying people to take on future positions. Possible committees/committee members to get involved in the organization to take on future roles.

Need to get Lake Associations involved and the results of our meetings/educational resources communicated to the associations.

Need to reach the people that care about the lake!

Committees/people for these committees: Discussion on the formation of a Communications Committee

- Get out information to the Lake Associations? How to best communicate with those that do not attend meetings. COLA reps are to attend the meetings and pass on information to the LA. Greater attendance/more involvement through Zoom meetings
- Meeting minutes placed on Facebook and on the Website.
- Facebook, Twitter, other Social Media, Newsletter, Website
- Does the website have a counter to try to understand who is visiting the website? Wanda to talk with wafisher.
- Keep Newsletter interesting playing on heart/emotions rather than science! Scientific articles should be a link in the newsletter.....not an actual article. Contents to feature 2 – 3 lake stories.
- Ask Jennifer Heitman (Responsible for Facebook page) what is working/not working?

2021 Executive Committee meeting dates.

Wells Fargo Conference Room on second floor has been reserved for in-person meetings.

2021			
Jan			Mini meetings with Rich, Larry, Kathy, and Wanda have occurred at least once a month during 2020 and into January 2021. Discussions have centered around how to continue with the organization.
Feb	25		Zoom meeting with Rich, Brad Wimmer, Steve Corbin, Wanda regarding the future of BC COLA. Decision for Brad and Wanda to call the Presidents of each LA. Wanda to arrange a Zoom meeting with all LA presidents to occur by March 15. Wanda to make reservations for meetings during 2021
March	10		Zoom: Nominating Committee to determine timeline for candidate selection/review of candidates
March	14		Zoom: Nominating Committee to put forth Exec Committee candidates
April	29		New officers met with Rich, Wanda
May	18	8:15 AM	Note Different date and time: Introduce Tera, Adam, and Brenda (PWSD Team). Discuss agenda for Membership meeting on May 20 th .
June			
July			
Aug			

Sept			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

2021 COLA meeting dates: Third Thursday of each month.

Meetings usually begin at 6:00 PM and adjourn between 8:00 and 8:15 PM unless otherwise designated.

2021		
May	20	Zoom: Meg Duhr, MAISRC Outreach, to speak on 2021 projects/future projects. Nick Phelps, Director, to try to be on the Zoom call. Confirmed
June	24	Please note Date Change. Zoom: Hoping to get Pelican Watershed District to present their Starry Stonewort “Rapid Response” program. Date Confirmed with Brenda on 4/29/21.
July	None	Hold – Busy month
Aug	19	Hopefully Experiential: Meeting to begin at 4:00 PM. Meeting at Tamarac. Kelly Blackledge to start off meeting. Karl Koenig to lead participants to conduct mini Starry Trek on surrounding lakes.
Sept	16	Zoom: Nathan Olson – DNR Fisheries - Confirmed
Oct	21	Gathering: Business meeting. 2022 budget approval. Election of officers. Richwood Winery

Additional program possibilities:

* Ben Underhill – Otter Tail Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy WRAPS = Document that outlines results from monitoring and testing to create a guideline for the best practices in the watershed to improve water quality. Study is in final stages of approval. Would like community feedback.

*Gull Lake – Lake Stewardship Program

*Rapid Response – PWSD

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Potential member meeting outdoor locations for 2021:

Richwood Winery, Maplelog, Park at Dunton Locks, Spanky’s patio, Art Gallery in Vergas

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