



**SC COLA**

Sherburne County  
Coalition Of  
Lake Associations

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Hybrid: SWCD Office & Zoom

## AGENDA



### 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (5 min.)

- Introductions
- Approve [6/9/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's [Monthly Financial Report](#) (included in Annual Report)

### 2. Updates (25 min.)

- Starry Trek 2021 on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>
- [MAISRC Research & Management Showcase](#) on Wed., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Status of Sherburne County Waters

### 3. 2021 – 2022 Board Elections (5 min.)

### 4. 2020 – 2021 Annual Report and FY 2021 Budget (20 min.)

### 5. AIS Early Detection & Rapid Response Task Force (15 min.)

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

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: 10/13, 12/8, 2/9, 4/13, 6/8

# MINUTES

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

## 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (5 min.)

- Introductions

A motion was made by Scott R. and a second from Ken A. to approve the agenda. All were in favor; agenda approved.

- Approve [6/9/21 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Scot C. and second from Chris W. to approve the 6/9/21 meeting minutes. All were in favor; minutes approved.

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

The monthly Treasurer's Report was included as part of the Annual Report.

## 2. Updates (25 min.)

- Starry Trek 2021 on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

- Starry Trek is set for August 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am at Big Lake Township Park. Dan will have additional equipment and procedures to sample for Golden Clams this year. Because of the finding at Briggs Lake, there is an importance to discovering if these clams are elsewhere in the county. Dan will send a reminder email to the board.

- [MAISRC Research & Management Showcase](#) on Wed., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Dan shared that the MAISRC Research and Management Showcase is going on, interested people can sign up for an in-person or virtual format at the MAISRC website. Dan will send an email reminder to the board.

- Status of Sherburne County Waters

- Dan shared a presentation giving a high-level overview of Sherburne County waters, including lakes and streams that are impaired and those that are currently meeting water quality standards. An extended version of this presentation will be recorded and shared on the SWCD website. Patrick mentioned that it would be beneficial to have the recording placed on the SC COLA website as well, or a link to it at least. This could be part of a Water Quality section on the website.

## 3. 2021 – 2022 Board Elections (5 min.)

Patrick asked if the Election Committee had identified any additional candidates for open positions, none were identified. Chris W. and Scot C. had previously voiced their intent to run for their positions (Vice Chair and Treasurer) again. Patrick P. asked three times if any additional board members would like to voice their intention to join the Executive Committee, none responded. Chris W. and Scot C. were elected to their respective positions with a unanimous vote.

## 4. 2020 – 2021 Annual Report and FY 2021 Budget (20 min.)

Patrick opened with a reflection on the SC COLA mission and vision statement. Chris W. gave an update on the budget, including a comparison from past years to current. The SC COLA year-end cash balance has increased each year as a result of funding coming in from the Business Sponsorship Campaign.

A motion was made by Scott R. and seconded by Ken A. to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All were in favor; motion was passed.

Patrick discussed some of the activities the COLA had participated in during the past year, including collaboration on hosting individual lake association/districts on the COLA GoDaddy website license, constructing and distributing AIS zebra mussel samplers, holding the budget during the pandemic, developing a third Annual SC COLA Directory, being featured in a Mississippi Headwaters Board article, assisting in Starry Trek, and developing a customized AIS EDRR template. Planned activities for this year include completion of the AIS EDRR template and offering assistance to deal with AIS challenges, help implement the Adopt-A-Stormdrain program, build on the Business Sponsorship Campaign to support water quality projects, continue to collaborate with the County Sheriff's Department on safety and engaging in 2022 legislative actions as needed.

Ken A. brought up movement of water within the motor of a boat; not lowering the motor can transport water from one lake to another. Movement of water in any part of the boat is against Minnesota law, so water in the motor would fall under this law. This would be an excellent educational point to share with watercraft users though.

#### **5. AIS Early Detection & Rapid Response Task Force (15 min.)**

Sherburne SWCD had partnered with other counties to produce a video on the importance of cleaning watercraft equipment. Patrick P. played the video for the board and shared a 1-page handout. Dan will be distributing to all lake groups and welcomes feedback on how best to promote the content.

Patrick and Dan had met to fine-tune several components of the AIS EDRR template. Patrick shared an Excel document outlining the 3-Level approach for AIS EDRR. This document clearly states the steps of determining an AIS is present, identifying the problem, quantifying the problem, and addressing it. Cindi has begun creating a storyboard of graphic that outline these steps in a concise manner. The graphic references the website to determine appropriate contacts for a new infestation.

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

Patrick will post a PDF of annual report on the SC COLA website. Please see additional meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Scot C.

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