

Annual meeting

1. Call meeting to order
2. Treasurer and auditor report
3. Membership report
4. Election of officers and board members
5. Year in review
6. Members feedback, questions, concerns, suggestions
7. Other items
8. Adjourn business meeting

Election of officers and board members

Officers presented for election/reelection:

President – Linda Blake (Lake Hattie)

VP – Rich Hess – (Woman Lake) Director term expires 2017

Treasurer – Bob Iversen (Ten Mile Lake)

Secretary – Maggie McGill (Webb Lake)

Board members presented for election/reelection:

Vic Rinke - Child, Girl, Woman Lakes (incumbent new term 2020)

Rima Smith-Keprios, At-Large (new term 2020)

2017 Year in review

Presented at the Second Aquatic Invaders Summit in St Cloud on October 5 and 6, 2016 on “Cass County Study: Enhancing the Role of Resorts and Fishing Guides in AIS Prevention – Linda Blake, ACCL – Rima Smith-Keprios, Cass County SWCD”

Year in transition.... Began with a Board of Directors Retreat in the spring and monthly meetings thereafter

A partner with Cass County on the *Cass County Local Water Management Plan 2017-2027*

Hosted and was a co-sponsor with the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF), “Establishing Freshwater Protected Areas in North Central MN,” presentation by Professor Peter Sorensen, Wildlife and Conservation Biology at the University of Minnesota, Founder of the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC), March 3, 2017

Assisted CCSWCD with enhanced AIS training for Vermilion Lake Association at Vermilion Community College

Established working relationships with AIS Program Coordinators from Vermilion Lake Association (St Louis County) and Itasca County

Participated in discussion with Jeff Forester on a grant proposal to the Initiative Foundation on a Civic Governance process pilot project to develop Civic Infrastructure around local efforts to prevent the spread of AIS (as an AIS best management practice). Grant received proposal, start-up to begin November 2017.

Continued the facilitation of the RMBEL water testing program

ACCL news and notes to members; updated ACCLAKES.ORG website. ACCL notice of meetings published in area news publications. Began process of scanning ACCL business documents, moving to a paperless organization.

Began the implementation of a new outreach process to engage and educate lake associations on ACCL (new and old)

Membership in MN COLA, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates, and Northern Water Alliance. Contributed to LLAWF and Friends of the Headwaters

ACCL participation and display of resources at the Lake Area Community Day, June 17

Kept abreast of MN COLA activity; Vice President Lynn Goodrich is serving as the MN COLA representative to ACCL

IF/LSOHF budget up to \$210,000 approved for the Multi-Region Resort Ambassador Project. Start-up to begin October 2017.

Support to the LL River 1W1P initiative. After August member meeting on watersheds, map donated to The Hub.

ACCL represented at Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Research and Management Showcase. Met with and received an update from Professor Peter Sorensen on his current research and possible impact on Cass County.

2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAMS

May 26

Jeff Forester, Executive Director, *MN* Lakes and Rivers Advocates, informed on the legislative session and what impact it might have on the AIS front, the effectiveness of the Citizens Action Network (CAN), and on the Koronis/Greater Lake Sylvia *Starry Stonewart Summit*

Cass County AIS Update: Rima Smith-Keprios, CC AIS Program Coordinator. Plus, "Get to Know Your AIS Inspector"

Resort Ambassador Program Update: Linda and Rima

Announcements and Updates: Opportunity for all in attendance to share

June 30

Doug Schultz, Area Fisheries Supervisor, Walker Area Fisheries, presented on zebra mussels and climate change effects on fish communities.

Rich Hess, ACCL Director, Area Walleye Coalition Update

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July 28

Kevin Woizeschke, Nongame Wildlife Specialist, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, MN DNR, presented on the relationship between healthy lakes and healthy loon populations.

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August 25

John Ringle, Cass County Environmental Services Director, "What is a watershed and why are they important?"

Overview of watersheds, challenges and issues:

Crow Wing River Watershed: Bonnie Finnerty, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Pine River Watershed: Ron Meyer, Chair, Pine River Watershed Alliance

Leech Lake River Watershed: Lindsey Ketchel, Executive Director, Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation

Mississippi River-Headwaters: Phil Votruba, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The Mississippi River-Grand Rapids: Anna Bosch, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The Upper Mississippi River –Brainerd: Phil and Anna

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September 29

Moriya Rufer, RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc, on a wrap up of water quality of ACCL lakes

Nicole Kovar, Mn. DNR AIS SPECIALIST, demonstrated the use of the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDDMaps)

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