**ITASCA COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS**

**February 17, 2021 by ZOOM**

Patty Dziuk ICOLA President/Greater Pokegama Lake Assn.

Bill Grantges ICOLA Vice President/SWCD/AIS Coordinator

Catherine McLynn ICOLA Secretary

Helen Adamson ICOLA Treasurer/Upper Prairie River Lakes Assn.

Steve Melin Wabana Chain of Lakes Assn,

Jim Olijnek Wabana Chain of Lakes Assn.

Cec Riedman and Steve Long Turtle Lake Assn.

Bill and Deb Hagenbuck Sisseebakwet Lake Assn.

Gail Blackmer Deer Lake Watershed Assn. Effie

Linda Skallman Greater Pokegama Lake Assn.

Jim and Michelle Brauner Turtle Lake Assn.

Stephanie Kessler Johnson Lake Assn.

LeRoy Johnson Suomi Area Lakes Assn.

Tim Goserud Turtle Lake Assn.

James Appleby Turtle Lake Assn.

Karen Lucachick Sugar Lake Assn.

John Davis Deer Lake Assn.

Tom Nelson Deer Lake Assn.

Michelle Nelson Shallow-Sand Lake Assn.

Helen Ahlbrecht King Lake Assn.

***CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:*** President Patty Dzuik called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. A quorum was present with 12 lake associations being represented. No report yet on the number of paid members since it is early in the year.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*** Minutes of February 19, 2020 were approved. **Jim Olijnek/Michelle Brauner MCU**

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** There is $2081.27 in checking. **Motion to accept treasurer’s report. LeRoy J./Bill H. MCU**

***PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS***

Patty asked for help improving our presence on social media. Tom Nelson and Bill Grantges will update webpage.

**Motion made to set up Facebook page. Jim O./Steve M. MCU** Stephanie and Patty will work on it and are open to help.

Patty reported on actions by Planning and Zoning Commission and Environmental Services Department. She requested help engaging the commissioners and department relaying concerns about decisions that may negatively affect the lake.

She invited more sharing of information on ICOLA website. She will post PP by Harold Dziuk and others.

She will continue to reach out to promote new lake associations and clusters in watersheds ie Eagle Lake with Gunn Lake.

She mentioned that ICOLA meetings are open to anyone, but each lake association is entitled to ONE voting representative.

She suggested Bylaws be reviewed and revisions considered. She and Stephanie will do.

***AIS REPORT***

John Davis asked ICOLA to promote and sponsor upcoming virtual AIS Summit on Wednesday, March 24 from 9 to 11 am.

**Motion was made to donate $250 to AIS Summit as has been done previously. John D./LeRoy J. MCU**

Tom Neustrom will be a featured speaker. ICOLA should spread the word and members should invite resorts and residents.

Bill Grantges: provided a report on accomplishments in 2020 and links to other AIS information.

Nashwauk-Keewatin High School Spartan Anglers are involved in AIS education and prevention with CAP grants approved.

CAP grant funds are available so apply if your LA has AIS prevention plans. AIS Tech Committee will meet soon to prepare budget and consider approval of applications for funds.

AIS reports is available electronically. These include CAP grant application form, list of current infested waters and other valuable AIS prevention info. <https://www.ItascaAIS.Info> or [Coordinator@ItascaAIS.Info](mailto:Coordinator@ItascaAIS.Info)

**IF YOU SUSPECT AIS, REPORT ASAP to RICH REZANKA 218-328-8821 or BILL GRANTGES 218-256-4243**

***NEW BUSINESS***

MN COLA representative is Tom Nelson and others are welcome to participate in ZOOM meetings. They are doing a lot at state on behalf of our lakes. **Motion was made to donate $150 as has been done in the past. Linda S./Tom N. MCU**

MN Lakes and Rivers, Jeff Forester, is also working hard on our behalf and manages webpages. **Motion was made to donate $100 for membership and $100 for webpage as has been done in the past. LeRoy/Bill G. MCU**

AIS Technical Committee is advisory to the Itasca County Board. Tom Nelson is on as an official representative of SWCD, Cece and Steve as reps from County Extension Committee.

**Motion was made to have Patty and John Davis represent ICOLA. Bill/C. McLynn MCU**

Election of Officers: All officers will have to be elected at the annual meeting in July but with varying term lengths since 2020 annual meeting was not held. Nominating committee is Gail Blackmer, Deb Hagenbuck and Bill Grantges.

***LAKE REPORTS***

See attached reports from Turtle Lake, Wabana Chain of Lakes, Siseebakwet, Deer Lake, Deer Lake Watershed by Effie, King Lake and Greater Pokegama Lake Association.

Johnson Lake: Stephanie mentioned that Pughole Lake residents had been invited to their meeting in August but none came.

Next meeting will be third Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine McLynn, Secretary