



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
 April 10, 2024 – Zoom & Grand View Lodge

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Attendance	Advisory Member	Attendance
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Steve Henry	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Sheila Johnston	Absent
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Mike Knapp	Absent
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Dan Simons	Present
Tim Thoele	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

Eric Lindberg

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frawley at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Eliason to approve the February 14, 2024, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

YTD Time Period*	2-29-24
Total Income (Loss)	\$28,175.00
Total Expense	\$5,083.51
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$7,229.40
Net Income (Loss)	\$30,320.89
Total Current Assets	\$486,114.66

*The treasurer's report was set aside subject to audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County –Henry reported the additional hours requested by GCOLA will be staffed, 250 tool stations will be deployed at launches throughout the county and is working with MAISRC and US Fish & Wildlife to use UV lights to remediate starry stonewort. The AIS Detector course on May 31 is funded by ACCL and will also be open to Crow Wing County residents.
- Crow Wing County – Eric Hidalgo is no longer the AIS contact.
- DNR –Tim Plude is no longer the DNR AIS contact.
- USACE – No report

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- Simons reported the DNR is sending out a statewide muskie survey and has received more funding since it is more costly to stock walleye fingerlings than fry.



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GALA COMMITTEE

- Birznieks and Thoele will be co-chairs for the Gala Sponsorship/Donations committee. The prize will be for a \$4K trip with 100 tickets sold valued at \$100, and tickets will be sold at the door and by board members.
- Chaney and Frawley will be co-chairs for the Raffle committee.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- Johnston announced there will be an artificial nesting platform placed on Nisswa Lake and that MLR is sponsoring a Loon Rescue & Transport webinar on April 18. The committee will be collecting lead tackle at the Tree Giveaway on May 4.

EVENTS UPDATE

- MNCOLA – Frawley reported the guest speakers talked about the impact to the lake by the warm winter.
- ACCL – Johnston stated ACCL is sponsoring the Native and Natural Property Tour on Gull on July 25.

TO DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Birznieks	Send Friedrichs muskie survey link for email blast and to add to the website	5-8-24	New
2. Birznieks	If GCOLA purchases I-LIDS, then request funding from Initiative Foundation.	6-12-24	New
3. Chaney	Contact travel agency for raffle ticket prize description and give to Friedrichs.	5-8-24	New
4. Committee Chairs	Review list of volunteers, identify board candidates from highly active participants and send list to Frawley.	5-8-24	New
5. Frawley	Identify board candidates from lists provided by Committee Chairs.	6-12-24	New
6. Friedrichs	Mail 1 st quarter newsmagazine to House and Senate Environmental committee chairs	5-8-24	Open
7. Friedrichs	Research maximum prize value before taxes need to be paid.	5-8-24	New
8. Simons	Ask DNR if GCOLA can fund the stocking of more walleye fingerlings.	5-8-24	New
9. Thoele	Send Friedrichs new AIS contact person at Crow Wing County.	5-8-24	New
10. Frawley	Send Friedrichs name of Senate Environmental Committee Chair	4-10-24	Complete
11. Friedrichs	Purchase thank you cards to be signed by Board Members for donations of \$500 and above. 2023 cards will be signed at April meeting.	4-10-24	Complete
12. Friedrichs	Add Rick Hensen (House) and name to be provided (Senate) Environmental Committee chairs to newsmagazine mailing list	4-10-24	Complete
13. Lundberg	Add Ice Fishing volunteer recruitment message in the 3 rd quarter newsmagazine	7-10-24	Complete



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14. Lundberg	Notify Steve when 1 st quarter newsmagazine is going out	4-10-24	Complete
15. Thoele	Send Birznieks information explaining our funding needs for AIS inspection hours & video monitoring with details being used to solicit potential donors.	2-14-24	Complete
16. Thoele	Report to the Board on research regarding video recording at public launches to inform the public on how to inspect their boat for AIS.	5-8-24	Complete
17. Thoele	Ask Crow Wing County how they distribute the hiring flyer e.g., high school fishing groups	4-10-24	Complete

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele reported that Crow Wing County needs 55-58 inspectors and they are making progress in hiring them. He reviewed the Internet Installed Device Sensor (I-LIDS) material as a complementary program for reminding boaters to remove AIS from their boat and is especially helpful when inspectors are not on site. The systems is motion activated, plays a message approved by the DNR and takes video if weeds are detected.
- Motion by Thoele and seconded by Birznieks to support the implementation of this technology but defer the decision to the Executive Committee after Thoele receives references and collects answers to questions. Aye – Birznieks, Chaney, Frawley, Friedrichs, Lundberg, Thoele, Nay – Eliason, Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg announced the newsletter will be mailed this week, that a website RFP has been sent to four vendors and that articles are due May 1 for the next issue.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason is considering recognizing volunteers who have participated in the end-of-dock study for ten years.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Eliason to approve the revised Investment Policy. Motion carried.
- Birznieks is meeting with the Initiative Foundation on April 24 to discuss our needs to disclose financial information and resolve concerns over the confidentiality agreement.
- Motion by Eliason, seconded by Frawley authorizing the Executive Committee to approve a letter to the City of East Gull Lake opposing helicopters landing in the shoreland district and supporting an injunction on that activity. Motion carried.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley announced the SAFL phase 2 results are not available yet and that the legislature is working on boat driver licensing which is being advocated by MLR.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs reported there are 817 paid members with 12 new members as of 3-31-24.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- No report.



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RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Chaney reported there will be two navigational buoys added at Birch Island, the boat safety dates are being determined, and buoys are in the process of being installed with Nisswa through Bass completed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Birznieks to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.