



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

APRIL 8, 2020 – ONLINE

**Present:** Steve Alex, Uldis Birznieks Jay Chaney, Jane Edwards, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, Sheila Johnston, Marv Meyer, and Bob Toborg

**Absent:** John Ingleman

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Brian Turner, Todd Holman, and Larry Friedrichs

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:24 a.m.

Chair Herrig instructed Board Members to be silent on motions if voting 'Aye' and state 'No' if do not approve the motion.

On motion by Goff, seconded by Frawley the minutes of the March 11, 2020, were approved as read.

### Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	3-31-20	2-29-20
Total Income	\$57,745	
Total Expense	(\$24,016)	
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$363	
Net Income(Loss)	\$34,090	(\$21,428)
Total Current Assets	\$279,797	\$330,499

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

### Correspondence

- Thank you from MAISRC and the National Loon Center for donations.

### Donation Requests

- Merrifield Lions Annual Park-Fest and Car Show – not approved
- USACE – Motion by Alex, second by Toborg to donate \$1130.23 to cover half the cost of the AIS decontamination unit mat. Motion approved with funds to be provided by the AIS budget.

### USACE/MN DNR Update

- Turner stated the dam is fully open due to the recent 1.5" of rainfall.
- Todd Holman, Nature Conservancy and Bacigalupi discussed the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Partnership and opportunity to purchase a Cory Brook location in southern Cass County. Motion by Birznieks and second by Harrier to have the Finance Committee prepare a recommendation on how to fund the donation IF the Board decides to donate towards the Cory Brook acquisition. The Board will decide on a possible donation at the May meeting.

### Event Updates

- None

### City of East Gull Lake newsletter

- Edwards will submit an article about GCOLA membership to be used in the newsletter.

### AIS Committee

- Alex reported he is working to increase the number of inspections at Government Point and other locations.



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### **Communications Committee**

- Friedrichs notified the Board they will receive a list of articles to be submitted by the end of April.

### **Environmental Committee**

- Due to COVID-19 Johnston will be modifying the pickup procedures for the Tree Giveaway to be posted in the website and Facebook.

### **Finance & Audit Committee**

- None

### **Fisheries Committee**

- Birznieks noted the muskie plan expires in 2020 and will research the status with the DNR.

### **Gala Committee**

- Frawley reported that the \$5K in deposits made to vendors for the 2020 Gala can be applied to the 2021 Gala.
- Motion by Frawley and second by Goff to cancel the 2020 Gala due to COVID-19. Motion approved.

### **Government Relations Committee**

- Birznieks reviewed the 'GCOLA Government Relations Committee Legislative Update' report dated April 8, 2020. See document for details.

### **Membership Committee**

- Edwards stated there are 758 members who have paid 2020 dues and 50 of them are businesses.
- A second mailing will go out to GCOLA members who have not paid yet.

### **Recreation and Safety**

- Goff is working with the County Sheriff to determine if the boat safety classes will be cancelled due to COVID-19.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Harrier and second by Herrig, Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.