



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2020 – ONLINE

Present: Claudia Allene, Steve Alex, Todd Amerman, Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, Jane Edwards, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, Joel Meyer, Marv Meyer, Rick Quackenbush

Absent: None

Guests: Dave Anderson, Kevin Egan, Rosemary Goff, Steve Katka, Kathy Lundberg

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Eliason and second by Chaney to approve the October 14, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	10-31-2020	9-30-2020
Total Income (Loss)	\$117,525.00	(\$124.21)
Total Expense	(\$104,672.86)	(\$238.99)
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$1,138.98	(\$3,275.53)
Net Income(Loss)	\$13,991.12	(\$3,638.73)
Total Current Assets	\$259,697.97	\$340,021.72

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

Correspondence -

- Brainerd Jaycees' Fishing Extravaganza – Friedrichs will sign up GCOLA and Goff will coordinate volunteers.
- Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory – Thank you for donation.

Donation Requests

- None

USACE/MN DNR Update

- No report

Event Updates

- Herrig encouraged participation at the MLR meeting on Dec 2.

Miscellaneous

- Herrig reported:
 - Nisswa Marine provided suggestions on how to partner with business advertisers.
 - A private party has acquired the Cory Brook property and they will not be raising cattle on it and will be converting it to a natural state.
 - Jenny Blue is the new AIS Technician for Cass County.



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- The Board decided to add member email blasts to the look ahead calendar to ensure recipients are not overloaded with emails and the Communications Committee will discuss the idea of calling members by phone regarding GCOLA programs.

AIS Committee

- Alex attended the Lake Association AIS Roundtable, a group that has a statewide awareness of AIS issues. He is also working with the DNR to ensure we are notified of Gull Lake Chain fishing contests and with MAISRC on a zebra mussel survey
- Motion by Eliason and second by Quackenbush to donate \$5,000 to MAISRC for starry stonewort research. Motion approved.

Communications Committee

- Harrier reported the newsletter is on track to be mailed in December and that the Communications Committee is seeking a volunteer to assist with branding discussions.

Environmental Committee

- Eliason has analyzed the end-of-dock water testing results and noted there are no significant changes over the past six years.

Finance & Audit Committee

- M. Meyer will discuss with Egan on whether an audit must be completed despite the circumstances created by COVID.

Fisheries Committee

- Herrig reported the DNR is proposing a reduction in the limit for pan fish in some lakes, but this is not impacting the Gull Lake Chain.

Gala Committee

- Edwards announced the Gala is preliminarily set for July 18 and she is exploring outdoor venues. Deuces Wild has confirmed they will perform outdoors and the Give Smart silent auction services can be converted to an online auction if needed.

Government Relations Committee

- Birznieks reviewed the results of the GCOLA legislative priority survey.
- Motion by Birznieks and second by Eliason to approve the following 2021 Government Relations priorities for 2021. Motion approved by Allene, Alex, Amerman, Birznieks, Edwards, Eliason, Frawley, Friedrichs, Harrier, Herrig, J. Meyer, M. Meyer, Quackenbush with abstain by Chaney.
 1. Consider enhanced wake regulations
 2. Increase MAISRC funding
 3. Increase funding to counties for AIS
 4. No more muskie stocking in Gull Chain
- Frawley presented an update on the Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory Enhanced Wake Study. Preliminary results will be available during first quarter, 2021.



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Membership Committee

- Edwards reported there are 951 paid members and 65 are businesses. The dues notice will be changed to 2021 in the newsletter and the infographic will be updated prior to the first membership mailing next year.

Recreation and Safety

- Chaney is considering purchasing a supply of buoys so that they're available when needed next summer, but will ensure shelf-life of the batteries is maximized.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Meyer and second by Harrier. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.