



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

APRIL 14, 2021 – 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:

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marian Anderson, Kevin Egan, Dana Gutzman, Steve Katka, Kathy Lundberg, Kathy Wagner, Dorothy Whitmer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:31 a.m.

Motion by Frawley and second by Quackenbush to approve the March 10, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	3-31-21	2-28-21
Total Income (Loss)	\$67,230.00	\$ 19,461.46
Total Expense	\$17,202.71	-0-
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$339.09	-0-
Net Income (Loss)	\$50,366.38	\$19,461.46
Total Current Assets	\$297,032.10	\$417,057.48

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

Correspondence

- LARA – Encourage letters to legislators to wait until U of M wake study is completed before voting on any wake boat legislation.
- Frawley received an anonymous letter encouraging loon safety boating guidelines on Lake Margaret.

Donation Requests

- St Francis of the Lakes Catholic Church – Donation not approved since outside scope of mission.

USACE/MN DNR Update

- USACE – No report
- DNR – No report
- Cass County – Gutzman is hiring more decontamination specialists so GCOLA will post message in website & Facebook.

Event Updates

- MN COLA Membership meeting – Birznieks reviewed the primary issues including MAISRC funding.



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Gala Committee

- Edwards outlined decisions made by the committee including the dinner option, schedule of events and changing the raffle from a trip to two electric bikes. Raffle tickets will be \$20 per ticket instead of \$100. Motion by M. Meyer and second by Chaney to set the Gala ticket price at \$55 per person. Motion approved.

City of East Gull Lake Proposal

- Whitmer presented a proposal to amend the City of East Gull Lake Land Use Application to include a requirement to take the GCOLA Score Your Shore Assessment. Motion by Herrig and second by Allene to support the proposal. Eliason will prepare a letter of support to accompany the proposal when delivered to the City.

Annual Meeting

- Herrig announced the annual meeting will be held on August 4 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda will be the same as last year. Friedrichs will setup a planning meeting with Birznieks, Egan, Frawley, Friedrichs, Harrier, and Herrig. Eliason will review the by-laws to determine if any changes are needed. Frawley will begin the nominating process for retiring board members.

Bass Lake Development

- Anderson reviewed the potential residential development on Bass Lake and expressed concern regarding the negative impact to a DNR designated Environmental Lake. Eliason will prepare a letter, addressed to the city, which addresses environmental issues regarding the developments.

AIS Committee

- Alex reported the DNR will not approve a grant for Lake Margaret curly pondweed spraying this year. He is working with Gutzman and City of Lake Shore regarding staffing at the ramp near Zorbaz.

Communications Committee

- Lundberg is working with the committee chairs to finalize the articles for the next newsletter.

Environmental Committee

- Eliason has 30 returning and 20 new volunteers for the End-of-Dock study this year.

Finance & Audit Committee

- M. Meyer asked everyone to watch their budgets since the Gala fund-raising results are an unknown due to COVID.

Fisheries Committee

- Herrig stated the Walleye Alliance stocked 5,000 fingerlings in Gull Lake this spring.



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Government Relations Committee

- Birznieks reviewed the status of various bills in the state legislature including walleye limits, lead fishing tackle, shoreline limits for boats, MAISRC funding, decontamination units, starry stonewort lakes, DNR AIS management plan, AIS boat license surcharge and AIS county funding. The MLR Advocacy Plan is encouraging other lake associations to adopt the Lake Steward program and establish a government relations committee modeled after the GCOLA programs. Frawley reported the U of M wake study results will be available by end of April without peer review.

Membership Committee

- Edwards announced we have 823 paid members as of March 31, 2021, with 123 new to GCOLA.

Recreation and Safety

- Chaney is working with the county sheriff to schedule the youth boat safety classes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eliason and second by Amerman. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.