



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**January 11, 2023 – Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Advisory Member</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Dana Gutzmann	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Sheila Johnston	Absent
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Kathy Lundberg	Present
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
Joel Meyer	Present	Dan Simons	Present
Tim Thoele	Present	Steve Timblin	Present
		Brian Turner	Present (Nicole Baker)
		Janele Waterman	Present
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

**GUESTS**

Chad Boesen, Rosemary Goff, Steve Katka, Matt Nelson

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

At the request of Johnston, to-do item #13 “Invite the National Loon Center director to a future meeting” was change to Kelly Amoth from GTLO. Motion by Birznieks and second by Mendel to approve the December 14, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>GCOLA*</b>	<b>Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund</b>
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>12-31-22</b>	<b>11-30-22</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$185,677.50	(\$47,593.63)
Total Expense	\$146,519.35	339.61
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$1,040.21	(\$4,339.65)
Net Income (Loss)	\$40,198.36	(\$52,272.89)
Total Current Assets	\$346,748.53	\$417,597.64

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- St Anthony Falls Laboratory – Healthy Water Initiative Phase 2 Update

**DONATION REQUEST**

- Northern Waters Land Trust – No donation at this time but will consider exploring in the future.



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### ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Gutzmann reported the annual AIS meeting will be on 1-18-23. An Adopt-a-Harbor program will be implemented with volunteers looking for AIS at boat launches. Resorts will be asked to participate since they are raking beaches regularly.
- Crow Wing County – Waterman announced the annual AIS plan meeting will be on 1-25-23 with public comment open until 2-6-23. The document is located at <https://www.crowwing.us/1004/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-AIS>
- DNR – No report.
- USACE – Nicole Baker reported Turner is working on the partnership agreement between USACE and GCOLA along with quotes for three options to resolve the decontamination unit.

### AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele will be attending the upcoming county AIS meetings.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reminded everyone the deadline for articles is 2-1-23 with a mailing date of 3-15-23.
- Anderson reviewed the Google Analytics report for the website.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason reviewed the end-of-dock results and noted both Gull Lake and Lake Margaret have trendlines with increasing phosphorus. All lakes in the Gull Lake Chain have normal levels of phosphorus for the region. Eliason announced that Catherine Munsch has joined the environmental committee to draft articles on Dark Sky.

### FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- All the certificates of deposit have been combined into one CD for 6 months at a 3.79% interest rate. The Committee authorized redeeming one CD early with a penalty of approximately \$85 to take advantage of the higher interest rate.
- Birznieks reported the FYE 2022 income was \$61.2K above budget and while expenses were \$37.5K less than budget, the committee chairs spent more than in 2021 demonstrating they are using their program dollars.
- The Committee is having discussions with the Initiative Foundation regarding a more conservative investment option and a reduction in fees for the Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund (GCPEF).
- The Committee is working on a GCOLA Investment Policy, GCOLA Investment Committee, and an annual GCPEF disbursement recommendation. The annual donation solicitation for the GCPEF has been delayed and the Endowment Fund option has been removed from the membership form until decisions are made on these matters.

### FISHERIES

- Simons is looking for six volunteers to help with the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza with shifts starting at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m.



#### **GALA COMMITTEE**

- Frawley announced that Jane Edwards will be the Gala Committee Chair for 2023.

#### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Frawley reported the committee is coordinating at February meetings to see all the state legislators. Frawley won the lottery for the DNR Roundtable, which he'll be attending with other lake association presidents in January.
- Motion by Birznieks and seconded by Thoele to approve the following legislative priorities. Motion carried.
  1. Consider legislation (distance from shore, depth etc.) for watercraft creating enhanced wakes that are a safety issue, cause shoreline erosion and sub-surface ecological damage.
  2. Provide sustained funding to Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) for finding solution(s) to eradicate zebra mussels, starry stonewort and other AIS.
  3. Maintain/increase current funding level to counties to prevent the spread of new or existing aquatic invasive species (AIS).
  4. Support efforts to limit encroachment by land developers on marginal lakeshore property.

#### **LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE**

- No report.

#### **LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE**

- Johnston delivered an email announcing the DNR has approved artificial nesting platforms for Lake Margaret. She is looking for a volunteer to build them. Kelly Amoth from Get the Lead Out will attend our April board meeting.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- At the end of 2022 we have 1,038 members including 71 new members.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Mendel is vetting two candidates for the Membership Committee Chair.

#### **RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- Chaney is working on a report for Cass County regarding the number of hours dedicated to the buoys. He is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the adopt-a-buoy program.
- Motion by Chaney, seconded by Birznieks to approve \$500 donation to the lighted winter trail since it contributes to the safety on the Gull Lake Chain. Motion carried.

#### **EVENTS UPDATE**

- No report.



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**TO-DO LIST**

<b>Accountable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. All	Contact Dan Simons if you can volunteer for the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Contest at <a href="mailto:dsimons@theworldco.net">dsimons@theworldco.net</a>	1-21-23	Open
2. Birznieks	Send GCOLA legislative priorities to MN COLA.	2-8-23	New
3. Chaney	Send information to Friedrichs to donate \$500 towards the Gull Lake lighted trail	2-8-23	New
4. Chaney	Setup meetings at Grand View and Sandy Beach with Thoele regarding kiosk.	4-12-23	Open
5. Committee Chairs	Provide input to Lundberg on the "What We Do" page that appears in the newsmagazine.	2-4-23	Open
6. Egan	Draft agreement with resorts regarding the purpose of the kiosks, which is to communicate GCOLA information only, and that GCOLA has sole control over the content.	2-28-23	Open
7. Eliason	Send list of 2022 volunteers to Lundberg & Friedrichs.	11-1-22	Open
8. Frawley	Complete 2023 Executive Committee Goals.	2-8-23	New
9. Eliason	Contact Troy Nelson (Resource Specialist) at <a href="mailto:troy.nelson@casscountymn.gov">troy.nelson@casscountymn.gov</a> or Jeff Woodward (ESD Director) at <a href="mailto:jeff.woodward@casscountymn.gov">jeff.woodward@casscountymn.gov</a> regarding additional docks at Quarterdeck	2-8-23	New
10. Friedrichs	Send email to members requesting volunteer help.	1-18-23	New
11. Friedrichs	Send member dues mailing	1-31-23	Open
12. Friedrichs	Send Simons the MN DNR fishing tournament link	2-8-23	New
13. Friedrichs	Send \$500 kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when kiosk agreement is ready.	2-28-23	Open
14. Johnston	Contact Chuck Arvesen about working with Chuk Batko to learn how to build kiosks.	2-8-23	Open
15. Johnston	Contact Simons regarding a joint GTLO event.	2-8-23	Open
16. Matt Nelson	Send 2023 Your Boat Club insurance documentation and contract to Friedrichs.	2-8-23	New
17. Thoele	Set up meeting with Gutzmann and PLM to discuss option of looking for AIS when treating weeds.	2-8-23	New
18. Thoele	Complete 2023 Committee Goals & committee members.	2-8-23	New
19. Committee Chairs	Review your committee members to determine if someone is a candidate, or knows someone who is, for the Membership Chair position. Send contact information to Mendel.	2-8-23	Complete
20. Friedrichs	Submit Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza donation request.	12-14-22	Complete
21. Friedrichs	Transfer \$25,000 from checking to AIS contingency fund.	12-31-22	Complete
22. Friedrichs	Transfer member AIS donations to the AIS contingency fund.	12-31-22	Complete
23. Johnston	Invite Kelly Amoth from GTLO to a future meeting.	6-14-23	Complete
24. Lundberg	Update infographic for dues mailings.	1-11-23	Complete
25. Simons	Submit Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza volunteer form.	1-22-23	Complete



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**COMMITTEE CHARTER REVIEW & COMMITTEE AUTHORITY LEVEL**

- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Friedrichs to approve the 2023 Committee Charters and Committee Authority Level. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE GOALS**

- Motion by Mendel, seconded by Friedrichs to approve the 2023 Committee Goals. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Frawley and seconded by Birznieks. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.