



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 8, 2022 – Grand View Lodge & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

| Board Member | Present/Absent | Advisory Board | Present/Absent |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Claudia Allene | Absent | Dave Anderson | Present |
| Uldis Birznieks | Present | Marc Bacigalupi | Present |
| Jay Chaney | Absent | Kevin Egan | Absent |
| Robert Eliason | Present | Sheila Johnston | Present |
| Steve Frawley | Present | Kathy Lundberg | Present |
| Sue Friedrichs | Present | Tim Plude | Absent |
| Jon Mendel | Present | Brian Turner | Absent |
| Joel Meyer | Absent | Dorothy Whitmer | Present |
| Tim Thoele | Present | | |

GUESTS

Dana Gutzmann, Heather Mullane

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Eliason and second by Frawley to approve the May 8, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

| ORGANIZATION | GCOLA* | Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| YTD Time Period | 5-31-22 | 4-30-22 |
| Total Income (Loss) | \$74,430.00 | (\$41,443.15) |
| Total Expense | \$34,300.96 | \$339.61 |
| Net Other Income (Expense) | \$166.57 | (\$4,339.65) |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$40,295.61 | (\$46,122.41) |
| Total Current Assets | \$346,845.78 | \$422,798.12 |

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

Birznieks announced that GCOLA has received an anonymous donation of \$30,000 which will be dedicated for the following uses:

- \$10,000 for AIS inspections at three of the major accesses
- \$10,000 for the buoy system
- \$2,500 for additional AIS testing by PLM at the 23 boat accesses
- \$5,775 for Gala entertainment and related expenses



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- \$1,725 to be directed by the Board chair

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE

- Cass County – Gutzmann stated that Government Point has good coverage from Thursday to Sunday for AIS inspections
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – Bacigalupi reported the walleye fry stocking has been completed and they are seeing larger fish.
- USACE – No report.
- Your Boat Club – No report.

EVENTS UPDATE

- ACCL – Thoele learned from the MPCA that the Gull Lake Chain is at the highest risk for water quality issues due to the high usage.
- MN COLA – Birznieks announced they have a new board member and have approved funding for the SAFL Boat Wake Impacts on MN Lakes – Phase II study.
- Nisswa Planning Commission – Birznieks reported that the city is reviewing shoreline ordinances and is working with Dorothy Whitmer to learn about the Lake Steward guidelines implemented by the City of East Gull Lake.

TO-DO LIST

| Accountable | Description | Deadline | Status |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Birznieks | Share Adopt-a-Buoy best practice with MLR & MN COLA. | 4-13-22 | Open |
| 2. Birznieks | Set up annual audit meeting. | 5-18-22 | Open |
| 3. Board Members | Reach out to at least two director recruits. | 6-8-22 | Open |
| 4. Friedrichs | Send sponsor packet to all directors. | 6-10-22 | New |
| 5. Friedrichs | Send Anderson & Mullane gala and annual meeting graphic. | 6-10-22 | New |
| 6. Friedrichs | Send State of the Lakes email | 6-10-22 | New |
| 7. Lundberg | Work with Habitat for Humanity to include flyer into GCOLA communication with a note on how it aligns with our mission. | 6-8-22 | Open |



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| 8. Meyer | Set up meeting with Friedrichs to review list of adopted buoys. | 5-11-22 | Open |
| 9. Meyer | Talk to Birznieks about Fisheries chair accountabilities. | 6-8-22 | Open |
| 10. Anderson | Add a 'request for volunteers' message to the website. | 5-18-22 | Complete |
| 11. Birznieks | Add 'Print 25 posters' to the Gala to-do list. | 5-18-22 | Complete |
| 12. Birznieks | Connect Steve Alex up with Tim Thoele for transition of AIS duties. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 13. Chaney | Ask the Yacht Club if available for annual meeting on Aug 8 or 9. | 5-18-22 | Complete |
| 14. Eliason | Review bylaws for changes to succession process and make recommendation. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 15. Frawley | Contact WAPOA on how they recruit committee members. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 16. Friedrichs | Send Tim details on ACCL meeting on May 27. | 5-12-22 | Complete |
| 17. Friedrichs | Send AIS budget to Thoele. | 5-18-22 | Complete |
| 18. Friedrichs | Send Hoot Gibson contact information to Frawley. | 5-18-22 | Complete |
| 19. Friedrichs | Research cost of third boat access AIS survey by PLM. | 5-23-22 | Complete |
| 20. Friedrichs | Purchase thank you gift card for Harrier. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 21. Friedrichs | Setup meeting with Erickson, Gutzmann, Plude & Thoele to discuss ideas for AIS prevention. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 22. Friedrichs | Coordinate second membership mailing with Lakes Printing. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 23. Lundberg | Send email blast requesting volunteers. | 6-8-22 | Complete |
| 24. Thoele | Send Sue picture for the newsmagazine. | 5-18-22 | Complete |
| 25. Thoele | Research if additional inspections are needed on Thursdays at the public ramps. | 6-8-22 | Complete |

ANNUAL MEETING

- Birznieks confirmed the annual meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. at the Gull Lake Yacht Club. The agenda will be discussed at the next board meeting.

GCOLA CHAIR

- Birznieks announced he will resign as Chair immediately following the Annual Meeting. Motion by Birznieks and second by Eliason to elect Steve Frawley as Chair following Birznieks' resignation. Motion approved.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele met with AIS staff from Cass County, Crow Wing County, DNR and City of Lake Shore. Cass and Crow Wing are short-staffed so focusing on weekends during peak recreational boating times since fishing people are more educated about AIS detection practices. City of Lake Shore will increase staffing to include Thursdays. A request has been submitted to PLM to complete a



third AIS inspection of the 23 boat landings. Thoele will research if able to receive information two times a year on the number of violations.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reported the newsmagazine is at the printer.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- A Round Lake GCOLA member requested a water testing kit, but Eliason stated the results will not be included in the study.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks announced the 2021 audit will occur in July.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report

GALA COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs distributed gala and raffle tickets along with posters. Birznieks reviewed the list of donors and asked directors to select ones they will contact for this year and then send any signed sponsor packets to Friedrichs.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley is exploring productivity software which make sending emails to government officials easier for members. The environmental omnibus bill did not advance in the legislature.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- Whitmer reported 65-70 people received 400 trees during the Tree Giveaway. The Lake Steward program has completed eight site visits so far this year and one award has been given out. So far there are 64 recipients of the award. Upcoming efforts include working with the City of Nisswa, and Lake Shore regarding the program implemented by the City of East Gull Lake; asking award recipients to be an ambassador for their neighborhood; sending an email to all members; and focusing on blanketing all property owners on Upper Gull.

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Johnston collected three pounds of lead tackle at the GTLO event at Jack Pine Brewery. The volunteers for the loon survey were delayed due to the second mating season caused by black flies. Johnston is seeking approval from the DNR for kiosks at Nisswa and Hole-in-the-Day public accesses, along with loon nesting signs.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- No report

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley spoke to Tony Coffey at WAPOA who suggested we use the quarterly newsmagazine as a method to solicit volunteers. Jon Mendel will assume the role of Nominations Chair after the Annual Meeting.

RECREATION AND SAFETY

- No report

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.