



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

February 14, 2024 – Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Attendance	Advisory Member	Attendance
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Steve Henry	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Erik Hidalgo	Absent
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Sheila Johnston	Absent
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Mike Knapp	Absent
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
Tim Thoele	Present	Dan Simons	Absent
		Brian Turner	Absent
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

Jon Villella

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Lundberg to approve the January 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

YTD Time Period*	12-31-23
Total Income (Loss)	\$277,997.11
Total Expense	\$188,706.01
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$19,754.14
Net Income (Loss)	\$109,045.24
Total Current Assets	\$455,793.77

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- Long Lake Conservation Foundation – No donation since outside our trade area

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Henry is hiring inspectors for this summer and ordering AIS educational materials. For planning purposes, the county is focusing more on maintaining high quality lakes such as Gull Lake instead of improving impaired lakes. This could result in more funding for GCOLA programs.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report
- USACE – No report

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- The Board will discuss how to recruit volunteers for the Ice Fishing Extravaganza at the September meeting.



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LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- No report.

EVENTS UPDATE

- DNR Roundtable – Frawley listened to Governor Walz discuss the importance of environmental spending and met with the House and Senate Environmental Chairs. At the session he heard many good things about our Lake Steward, Loon Conservancy, and newsmagazine initiatives.

TO DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Committee Chairs	Review list of volunteers, identify board candidates from highly active participants and send list to Mendel.	5-8-24	New
2. Frawley	Send Friedrichs name of Senate Environmental Committee Chair	4-10-24	New
3. Friedrichs	Purchase thank you cards to be signed by Board Members for donations of \$500 and above. 2023 cards will be signed at April meeting.	4-10-24	Open
4. Friedrichs	Add Rick Hensen (House) and name to be provided (Senate) Environmental Committee chairs to newsmagazine mailing list	4-10-24	New
5. Friedrichs	Mail 1 st quarter newsmagazine to House and Senate Environmental committee chairs	5-8-24	New
6. Lundberg	Add Ice Fishing volunteer recruitment message in the 3 rd quarter newsmagazine	7-10-24	New
7. Lundberg	Notify Steve when 1 st quarter newsmagazine is going out	4-10-24	New
8. Mendel	Identify board candidates from lists provided by Committee Chairs.	6-12-24	New
9. Thoele	Send Birznieks information explaining our funding needs for AIS inspection hours & video monitoring with details being used to solicit potential donors.	2-14-24	Open
10. Thoele	Report to the Board on research regarding video recording at public launches to inform the public on how to inspect their boat for AIS.	5-8-24	Open
11. Thoele	Ask Crow Wing County how they distribute the hiring flyer e.g., high school fishing groups	4-10-24	New
12. Birznieks	Notify Mendel if wish to renew three-year Board term.	2-14-24	Complete
13. Frawley	Contact Edwards to see if board member candidates from the Gala volunteers and committee members.	2-14-24	Complete
14. Friedrichs	Transfer all but \$50K from AIS Contingency Account to BLACF GCOLA AIS Fund leaving \$49K in a CD and \$1K in AIS savings.	2-14-24	Complete
15. Friedrichs	Send list of committee members to Board members.	2-14-24	Complete
16. Friedrichs	Notify Mendel if wish to renew three-year Board term.	2-14-24	Complete
17. Friedrichs	Send Chaney all-white logo for life jackets.	2-14-24	Complete
18. Lundberg	Contact Whitmer and Johnston to review list of committee members for potential board candidates.	2-14-24	Complete



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19. Lundberg	Prepare article for spring issue to attract younger volunteers.	2-1-24	Complete
20. Mendel	Notify Frawley if wish to renew three-year Board term.	2-14-24	Complete

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele has applied for an additional 400 hours of inspections with Cass County, and he has started researching the video recording options at public launches.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg announced the initial draft has gone to the printer and the website committee is working on an RFP for vendors. She reviewed the results of the 2023 Annual Meeting survey with the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks asked the Board to review the proposed Investment Policy which was in the February Board meeting packet since it will be voted on at the April meeting. Contact either Birznieks or Friedrichs with questions.
- Birznieks is working with the Initiative Foundation regarding their new annual confidentiality requirements. The names of signers and a copy of the document will be brought to a future Board meeting for approval.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Frawley reported the Gala will be at Grand View on August 4. The committee has started meeting regularly and is working on presenters and the menu. The committee needs a raffle chair and a sponsorship/donation chair.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley stated the legislative session started and the committee is closely watching the wake boat restriction legislation in Vermont.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs reported there are 156 paid members with 9 new members as of 1-31-24.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Mendel announced that Birznieks, Chaney and Friedrichs would like to renew their three-year terms. Frawley announced Mendel will not be renewing his term for family reasons and thanked him for his service.

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Chaney reported there will be two navigational buoys added at Dullum's Point, the boat safety classes will incorporate loon safe boating practices, the life jackets have been received and he reported to the County that we spend 157 hours maintaining the buoy system.

ADJOURN

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Birznieks to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.



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The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.