



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 10, 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 | Present |
| | | Brian Turner | Present |
| | | Dorothy Whitmer | Absent |

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Birznieks to approve the December 13, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

| ORGANIZATION | GCOLA* | Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| YTD Time Period | Not since BLACF report was not available | Not available |
| Total Income (Loss) | | |
| Total Expense | | |
| Net Other Income (Expense) | | |
| Net Income (Loss) | | |
| Total Current Assets | | |

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Henry reported that new infestations of AIS are slowing down which might be a result of better educated boaters.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report



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- USACE – Turner announced the lake level is higher than typical due to the rain in December however will not draw down as much as normal due to the dry 2023 season.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- Frawley congratulated Johnston for the KSTP-TV Loon Lady interview. A link to the interview has been added to the website.

EVENTS UPDATE

- None

TO DO LIST

| Accountable | Description | Deadline | Status |
|----------------|--|----------|----------|
| 1. Birznieks | Notify Mendel if wish to renew three-year Board term. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 2. Frawley | Contact Edwards to see if board member candidates from the Gala volunteers and committee members. | 2-14-24 | Open |
| 3. 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 | Open |
| 4. Friedrichs | Send list of committee members to Board members. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 5. Friedrichs | Notify Mendel if wish to renew three-year Board term. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 6. Friedrichs | Send Chaney all-white logo for life jackets. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 7. 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 | New |
| 8. Lundberg | Contact Whitmer and Johnston to review list of committee members for potential board candidates. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 9. Lundberg | Prepare article for spring issue to attract younger volunteers. | 2-1-24 | New |
| 10. Mendel | Notify Frawley if wish to renew three-year Board term. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 11. Mendel | Review list of volunteers and identify board candidates from highly active participants. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 12. Thoele | Work with Birznieks on a document to explain funding needs for AIS inspection hours to potential donors. | 2-14-24 | New |
| 13. Thoele | Research video/recording at public launches to inform the public on how to inspect their boat for AIS. | 5-8-24 | New |
| 14. Frawley | Send pictures of the MAISRC 10 th Anniversary event to Lundberg | 1-10-24 | Complete |
| 15. Friedrichs | Provide name of swimmer's itch cream. It is called Chigg Away. | 1-10-24 | Complete |
| 16. Friedrichs | Request IF send \$21,100 to BLACF GCOLA AIS Fund | 1-10-24 | Complete |
| 17. Friedrichs | Transfer \$50K from GCOLA Operating account to AIS Contingency Account. | 1-10-24 | Complete |
| 18. Simons | Send Friedrichs information needed to send an email soliciting volunteers for the Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza | 1-10-24 | Complete |



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AISS COMMITTEE

- Thoele learned that a decon unit at Gull Narrows is not an option due to space and storage. In 2024 Cass County will provide 400 inspection hours at Gull Narrows and 1280 hours at Government Point. GCOLA will pay for an additional 400 hours at Gull Narrows. Crow Wing County will provide 60 inspection hours at Hole-in-the-Day and 140 hours at Nisswa. Thoele will submit requests for additional hours to be funded by GCOLA.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg announced that Laura Kessler is joining the committee to work on the new website design. She reminded everyone their articles are due February 1 for the spring newsmagazine and asked committee chairs to provide a description of volunteers needed in 2024 for an article.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks announced that Tim Thoele is stepping down from the Finance & Audit Committee, and Jane Plagge and Jon Villella are joining. He reviewed the preliminary FYE 2023 numbers with new highs in donations and Gala results.
- Motion by Frawley, seconded by Eliason to ratify the Initiative Foundation Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund Revised Gift Instrument. Motion carried.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Frawley announced Jane Edwards has volunteered to be Gala Chair again in 2024.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley stated the legislative session begins the second week of February so the committee will start setting up meetings.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs reported there are 1086 paid members with 113 new members as of 12-31-23.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The Board brainstormed ideas for recruiting new board members since it will be the priority for this committee. Chaney wishes to extend his board term for an additional three years and the other three directors with expiring terms need to communicate their intentions by the next meeting.

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Chaney has purchased all the buoy inventory and is now working on the life jackets for the youth boating classes.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.