

Gull Chain of Lakes Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
November 13, 2019, Grand View Lodge

**Present:** Jay Chaney, Jane Edwards, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, Marv Meyer, and Bob Toborg

**Absent:** Steve Allex, and Uldis Birznieks

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Nicole Baker, Levy Bergstrom, Chad Boesen and Steve Henry

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

On motion by Eliason, seconded by Ingleman the minutes of the October 9, 2019, were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **GCOLA:** As of October 31, 2019, cash assets were \$250,239.88 (including \$151,645.89 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income plus interest from October 1 through October 30 was \$957.47 and expenses were \$13,706.65 resulting in a net income of \$(12,749.18). The treasurer's report was set aside subject to audit.
- **Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund:** As of September 30, 2019, total cash assets were \$314,399.25. Net ordinary income from January 1 through September 30 was \$40,318.47 and expenses were \$2,555.64 resulting in a net income of \$37,762.83.

**Correspondence:**

- Kris Driessen – Enjoyed the entertainment at the Gala.
- Legacy Chorale – Requested a donation.
- Initiative Foundation – Thank you for donations received.
- Brainerd Blue Line Boosters – Requested a donation.
- Kurilla Real Estate – Thank you for the Gala sponsorship plaque.

**Cass County AIS Activities:**

Levy Bergstrom reported that over 4000 inspections were completed at Government Point in 2019. He worked closely with fishing tournament organizers by requiring signed certificates that were included in the registration packets and limiting usage to specific landings. Goals for 2020 include putting inspectors at other boat landings, increasing the number of inspection hours, have three people working at Government Point and educating resorts owners and staff on how to do inspections.

**USACE/MN DNR Update:**

- **DNR:** Marc Bacigalupi sent an email reporting that Gull Lake had a successful walleye fingerling harvest this year, special fish surveys for cisco (tullibee) numbers and yellow perch are in process and a fishing tournament permit has been issued to the Brainerd Jaycees.
- **USACE:** Nicole Baker stated the campground is closed down and they have started the annual winter draw down.

**RMB Environmental:**

- Steve Henry, Freshwater Sciences Project Manager with RMB Environmental stated he works extensively with the Pelican Lake chain and other lake associations with focus on water testing, plant/insect surveys, and lake preservation planning.
- He will review the AW Research Laboratories test results and will propose research projects in the future as he encounters ideas.

**Event Updates:**

- None

**Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza**

- Friedrichs will sign up GCOLA as a volunteer for the event on January 25, 2020. Toborg and Goff will coordinate the volunteers.

**AIS Committee:**

- No report

**Communications Committee:**

- Ingleman asked Board members to send communication budget changes to him and stated the newsletter will be mailed the week of November 18.

**Environmental Committee:**

- Johnston noted the Lake Steward program team will be working with HOAs to qualify for Lake Steward recognition.
- Eliason hosted a discussion on the value of continuing the water quality testing. Motion by Frawley and second by Goff to continue the end-of-dock water quality testing two times a year. Motion approved.

**Finance & Audit Committee:**

- Meyer presented the proposed Expense Reimbursement Policy. Motion by Goff and second by Harrier to adopt the Expense Reimbursement Policy. Motion approved.
- Meyer reviewed the results of the GCOLA internal audit report prepared by Tim Bergin. Motion by Frawley and second by Eliason to accept the report. Motion approved.
- Meyer reminded the Board members the budget numbers are to be sent to Friedrichs by November 27, 2019.
- The Finance Committee will meet with the GCOLA insurance agent to review coverage.

**Fisheries Committee:**

- No report.

**Gala Committee:**

- Herrig announced that Edwards has accepted the role as Silent Auction chair and either Goff or Harrier will be the Trip Raffle chair. If you are interested in being the Gala chair, please contact Herrig as soon as possible as the role needs to be filled by the December meeting.

**Government Relations Committee:**

- Birznieks reported the committee is meeting with state legislators.
- Frawley has received about 45% of the Lake Margaret surveys and will report on the results at the December meeting.

**Membership Committee:**

- Edwards stated there will be three membership mailings in 2020 with one in mid-January to all lake owners, a reminder in mid-April and a business mailing in March.
- Edwards discussed the infographic document that will accompany the membership mailings and could possibly be used in the website, Facebook and newsletter. She asked each committee chair to provide up to three bullet points of information about committee accomplishments.
- Any new members who join fourth quarter 2019 will be considered a member for 2020 as well, and will not receive the membership mailing.
- GCOLA has 948 members.

**Recreation and Safety:**

- Toborg will work with Boesen and the County Sheriff to create a plan for more lighted buoys e.g. Gull Point and more red/green buoys in some areas.
- The Sheriff has asked that we add another boat safety class. Motion by Toborg and second by Meyer to add the class and include in the 2020 budget. Motion approved.

On motion by Eliason, seconded by Toborg, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.