

GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION
Annual Membership Meeting
Lutheran Church of the Cross Community Room
July 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Uldis Birznieks at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Steve Frawley, seconded by Bob Toborg the minutes of the July 16, 2016, were approved as read.

Rosemary Goff presented the treasurer's report. The ending cash balance for calendar year 2016 was \$160,643.58 with total income of \$141,411.65 and total expenses of \$104,585.50. For 2017, the cash balance as of June 30 was \$183,403.53 with income of \$78,280.85 and expenses of \$55,638.96. It was pointed out that \$85,030.11 has been set aside in an AIS Contingency Fund. An internal audit will be conducted before the end of 2017.

Chair Birznieks introduced the board members.

Confirmation of Directors: Nomination's Committee Chair, Kevin Egan, presented the names of the following board members for reappointment to a three year terms: Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier and John Ingleman.

Motion by Jan Moe, seconded by Dave Hoelmer, that Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier and John Ingleman be ratified as board members for three year terms. **Passed**

Bill Brekken and Steve Frawley were introduced as new board members.

Motion by Marv Meyer, seconded by Chuck Herrig, that Bill Brekken be ratified as a board member for a three year term. **Passed**

Motion by Bob Toborg, seconded by Linda Harrier, that Steve Frawley be ratified as a board member for a three year term. **Passed**

Financial Summary: Uldis Birznieks presented a financial summary thru June, 2017. (See attached)

Chair's Remarks: Uldis Birznieks reported that:

- * Muskie stocking has occurred.
- * Birch Bay RV Park development appeal failed at the Court of Appeals.
- * Communication equipment has been purchased including a phone system, projector and screen.
- * Kevin Egan has volunteered to be legal counsel for GCOLA.
- * Up to \$10,000 in shoreline restoration grants are available (50/50 split).
- * Introduced Chuck Herrig as the next GCOLA Chair and Bill Brekken as Vice Chair.

By-Laws: Chair Birznieks went over major changes in the GCOLA by-laws.

Motion by Steve Frawley, seconded by Chuck Herrig that the by-law changes be approved.
Passed

Safe Drinking Water Testing Program: Sarah Fogderud with AW Research talked about their water testing program and the importance of having individual wells tested.

AIS Update: Tim Plude, DNR AIS Specialist, gave an update on the spread of zebra mussels and talked about the importance of education. On August 5 the DNR is partnering with the U of M Extension Service to search as many landings as possible for starry stonewort. He discussed the new volunteer AIS detector program and answered questions regarding algae blooms and methods of treatment.

Corps of Engineers: Mary Kay Larson talked about programs in which the Corps is involved and the fact that they are the number one provider of outdoor recreation facilities.

- * Host and hostess program (volunteers take care of Corp sites).
- * Annual spring cleanup of Corp dam site. This year 105 volunteers participated.
- * Volunteers came out after storm damage to help with clean up.
- * They work with nonprofits such as Camp Confidence.
- * In partnership with GCOLA, received a U.S. Government grant to purchase and operate a water craft decontamination unit.

The chairs of the GCOLA committees gave reports followed by questions from members. Special concern was voiced concerning shore erosion being caused by wake boards.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff