

Gull Chain of Lakes Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
December 11, 2019, Grand View Lodge

Present: Uldis Birznieks, 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 Alex

Guests: Dave Anderson, Kevin Egan, Doug Johnston, and Andrew Spicola

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

On motion by Eliason, seconded by Goff the minutes of the November 13, 2019, were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
Time Period	11-1-19 to 11-30-19	1-1-19 to 10-31-19
Total Income	\$11,736.00	\$47,957.15
Total Expense	\$9,136.36	\$1,223.92
Net Other Income	\$76.53	(\$2,555.64)
Net Income(Expense)	\$2,676.17	\$44,177.59
Total Current Assets	\$253,416.05	\$320,964.01

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

Correspondence:

- Member – Request that Thor Lake is added to the GCOLA material which Friedrichs will research with the DNR on the definitive list.
- Salvation Army – Requested a \$25 donation.
- MSRPO PAC – Requested a donation which Birznieks will research as GCOLA donates to the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers organization.
- Elaine Leach – Thank you for promoting shoreline restoration projects.

USACE/MN DNR Update:

- No report.

Event Updates:

- None.

AIS Committee:

- Motion by Herrig and second by Meyer to donate \$5,000 to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. Motion approved.

Communications Committee:

- Ingleman stated that expenses with Lakes Printing will exceed revenue in 2019 due to a reduction in advertising. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss options for 2020.
- The communications committee is exploring options to enhance the GCOLA brand and will look for a volunteer to assist with newsletter, Facebook and website articles.

Environmental Committee:

- No report.

Finance & Audit Committee:

- Meyer presented the budget with expenses related to printing, mailings, etc. allocated to the individual committees instead of communications. Motion by Ingleman and second by Frawley to approve the budget. Motion approved.
- Meyer recommended that GCOLA transfer \$36,500 from the AIS savings account to a 12-month CD with BlackRidge Bank every 3 months for the next 12 months to increase the rate of return on the funds. Motion by Herrig and second by Birznieks to authorize the following people to deposit and withdraw funds from the CDs: Chuck Herrig, Rosemary Goff, Steve Frawley and Sue Friedrichs. Motion approved.

Fisheries Committee:

- No report.

Gala Committee:

- Herrig announced that Frawley will be the 2020 Gala chair. Frawley noted the event will be at Grand View on July 19 and Deuces Wild will be the entertainment.
- The Board will explore hosting the annual meeting on a different date.

Government Relations Committee:

- Birznieks reported on the meeting with John Posten who is in support of the government relations committee priorities. The goal is to meet with other legislators to identify who will author legislation.

Membership Committee:

- Edwards stated the infographic is being designed by Lakes Printing and a fillable PDF membership will be posted in the website soon.
- GCOLA has 947 members.

Recreation and Safety:

- No report.

A separate meeting for GCOLA Board members only was requested by Steve Frawley.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.