



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

JULY 8 2020 – ONLINE

**Present:** Steve Alex, Uldis Birznieks, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, John Ingleman, Bob Toborg

**Absent:** Jay Chaney, Jane Edwards, Marv Meyer,

**Guests:** Claudia Allene, Todd Amerman, Dave Anderson, DJ Dondelinger, Joel Meyer, Rick Quackenbush, Brian Turner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:33 a.m.

Motion by Eliason and second by Goff to approve the June 10, 2020 Board meeting minute. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>6-30-20</b>	<b>5-31-20</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$71,960	\$(26,349)
Total Expense	\$(50,950)	\$(239)
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$647	\$(3,275)
Net Income(Loss)	\$21,657	\$(29,863)
Total Current Assets	\$267,364	\$323,164

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

### Board Member Nominations

- Motion by Herrig and second by Goff to reappoint Linda Harrier and Steve Frawley to another three-year Board member term. Motion approved.
- Motion by Herrig and second by Birznieks to elect Claudia Allene, Todd Amerman, Joel Meyer and Rick Quackenbush to new three-year Board member terms. Motion approved.

### DJ Dondelinger

DJ Dondelinger presented his observations on the focus of GCOLA. Tasks that resulted from his comments include:

- Survey members to determine priorities for GCOLA.
- Add more articles to the newsletter about AIS.
- Consider more boat safety training.
- Move the mission statement to the front of the newsletter so clear to members the goals of GCOLA.
- Newsletter article about rip rap and why it is regulated by the MN DNR.

### Correspondence

- Paluk request for GCOLA attend the East Gull Lake helipad meeting – Birznieks will read the GCOLA letter at the meeting.



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- The Board accepted the resignation of Sheila Johnston as a Board Member. Herrig will contact Johnston to encourage her to continue participating in committees.

### Donation Requests

- Turtle Trek Sponsor with Nisswa Chamber – Request denied since not aligned with GCOLA mission.

### USACE/MN DNR Update

- Turner reported the lake is high due to recent rains and there is a need for a level two AIS inspector so that the person can run the decontamination unit.
- Herrig stated the DNR is waiting for approval to secure an appraisal on the Cory Brook land purchase.

### Event Updates

- MN COLA Annual Meeting – Birznieks announced the future AIS focus will be on a statewide plan, an increase in funding and allocation. There's concern that future MAISRC funding is at risk due to COVID. MN COLA will donate \$4K to the U of M wake study.
- ACCL Member Meeting – Birznieks and Frawley requested funding for the U of M wake study.

### Committee Chairs and Members

- Herrig reviewed the committee chair list and Eliason agreed to the role of Environmental Committee Chair. The Chairs will hold conversations with committee candidates. The committee list will be finalized at the August Board meeting.

### Annual Meeting

- Herrig sought input on the PowerPoint to be used for the Annual meeting.

### Governance Committee

- Eliason noted there is not a need to change the Bylaws for the use of online technology for Board meetings.

### AIS Committee

- Curly-leaf pondweed spraying has been completed and we're seeking a grant from the DNR and the City of Lake Shore for either the spraying or the surveying.

### Communications Committee

- Harrier stated the committee's focus is on the newsletter including a change in design to differentiate ads from articles, the order of the articles and a broader representation of topics.

### Environmental Committee

- Herrig said there are 41 Lake Stewards with a goal of 60 by year-end. The committee requested that GCOLA pay 100% of the signs and the Board agreed with this approach.



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### **Finance & Audit Committee**

- No report.

### **Fisheries Committee**

- No report.

### **Government Relations Committee**

- Birznieks notified GCOLA that the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) did not approve a grant for the U of M wake study.

### **Membership Committee**

- Edwards stated there are 858 members who have paid 2020 dues and 57 of them are businesses.

### **Recreation and Safety**

- Toborg reported the signs have been installed on the CR 77 bridge and that he's working with the DNR for some buoys.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eliason and second by Toborg. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.