



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

JUNE 10 2020 – ONLINE

Present: Uldis Birznieks, 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 Jay Chaney

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, and Kevin Egan

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

On motion by Eliason, seconded by Goff the minutes of the May 13, 2020 and May 20, 2010, were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	5-31-20	4-30-20
Total Income	\$67,441.00	\$(37,641.11)
Total Expense	\$(28,562.16)	\$(238.99)
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$437.79	\$(3,275.53)
Net Income(Loss)	\$39,316.63	\$(41,155.63)
Total Current Assets	\$286,023.48	\$311,871.51

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

Correspondence

- Reviewed the correspondence from Driessen, Kolden, Anderson, and the DNR regarding the potential Cory Brook acquisition. Herrig will prepare talking points for use by Board Members.

Donation Requests

- Motion by Eliason and second by Frawley to donate \$150 to the Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL). Motion approved.

USACE/MN DNR Update

- Turner sent an email update reporting there will be no fees to use the boat ramp due to COVID concerns over counting money. The campground opened June 1 and the lake is high due to rain.
- Bacigalupi said the DNR is seeking final internal approval for the purchase of the Cory Brook land.

University of Minnesota Enhanced Wave Impact Research

- Birznieks and Frawley reviewed the two projects of this independent, peer review research study to be completed by the St Anthony Falls Laboratory at the U of M. The results will be used by elected officials on potential legislation to protect shoreland, spawning beds, water quality and safety of other water users. \$100,000 is needed with MN COLA, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates and Safe Wakes sponsoring the funding campaign. The Government Relations committee has decided to use \$5,000 from the Government Relations budget to help fund the



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research. Motion by Eliason and second by Friedrichs to donate an additional \$10,000, from the Board Discretion budget, to the U of M. Motion approved. Herrig will work with ACCL to have Birznieks and Frawley added to the agenda to discuss funding for the study.

Event Updates

- ACCL Meeting – Herrig will invite Ron Meyer with Up the Creek Meats to a future GCOLA meeting to discuss the program. Herrig noted it will likely be harder to fund future programs e.g. AIS, due to the economic impact on state and county budgets.

Governance

- The Board discussed whether the Board can have a vote on a motion using email. This is not possible since state law requires any motion to be discussed either by phone, video conference or in-person prior to the vote. Motion by Goff and second by Harrier to rename the Bylaws Committee to Governance Committee.

Board Nominations

- Frawley will invite the Board Member candidates to the July Board meeting.

Gala Fundraising Alternatives

- Friedrichs will add a message to the Annual Meeting mailing and the meeting PowerPoint to encourage donations since the Gala was cancelled.

AIS Committee

- No report.

Communications Committee

- Member invite to the Annual Meeting to be added to the website by Anderson and Facebook by Friedrichs.

Environmental Committee

- Johnston stated the goal is to have 60 Lake Stewards by the end of 2020, the Score Your Shore survey is now available in the website, and there will be more effort to add Loon Caution signs in high traffic nesting areas.

Finance & Audit Committee

- No report.

Fisheries Committee

- No report.

Government Relations Committee

- Birznieks reported that no environmental bills were passed in the most recent state legislative session and they won't be on the docket for the upcoming special session.



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Membership Committee

- Edwards announced there are 836 members who have paid 2020 dues and 54 of them are businesses. A second mailing will go out to the members in June.

Recreation and Safety

- Motion by Herrig and second by Eliason to pay \$500 for Slow No Wake signs to be added to the CR 77 bridge near Zorbaz.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.