



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 9, 2022 – Craguns & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Member	Present/Absent
Claudia Allene	Absent	Dave Anderson	Present
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Marc Bacigalupi	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Absent	Dana Gutzmann	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Sheila Johnston	Absent
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Kathy Lundberg	Present
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
Joel Meyer	Present	Dan Simons	Present
Tim Thoele	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

Chad Boesen

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Birznieks and second by Chaney to approve the October 12, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	10-31-22	9-30-22
Total Income (Loss)	\$165,907.50	(\$85,365.19)
Total Expense	119,754.21	339.61
Net Other Income (Expense)	649.63	(4,339.65)
Net Income (Loss)	\$46,802.92	(\$90,044.45)
Total Current Assets	\$353,353.09	\$379,786.39

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

Motion by Birznieks, second by Thoele, to approve purchase of \$12,260.13 for buoys from Premier Materials. Motion carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE

- City of Nisswa is hosting a 2023 Lake Association Spring Gathering. Frawley and Thoele will attend.

DONATION REQUEST

- Brainerd Public School Foundation – Not related to GCOLA mission
- Nisswa Chamber City of Lights – Not related to GCOLA mission

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County - Gutzmann announced the DNR is requiring that the control grants are submitted earlier for 2023 than 2022 with priority given to starry stonewort and those who didn't receive a grant last year.
- Crow Wing County – No report.
- DNR – Bacigalupi reported the fish stocking quotas have been met for the Gull Lake Chain, the walleye fry survival was the best in 2022, and the fingerlings from 2020 are now 14-15". A deer testing site for chronic wasting disease was set up at the Nisswa landing during the deer opener.
- USACE – No report.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele attended the Crow Wing County AIS meeting with the main issue being not enough inspectors to complete inspections in 2022. Lakes associations suggested they supplement salaries and provide volunteers for inspections. The DNR is open to using volunteers if paired with an DNR inspector since they have authority to inspect the boats.
- Motion by Chaney, second by Birznieks, to have resorts pay \$500 towards the information kiosks. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reminded contributors that information is needed immediately including articles, photo of a buoy and list of volunteers.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reported that no discrepancies were identified in the audit completed by Birznieks, Frawley, Thoele and Tim Bergin.



FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- Dan Simons, Fisheries chair, introduced himself to the Board. His family has owned property on Gull Lake for generations, and he loves fly fishing, trolling and being a guide for the Camp Confidence fishing event.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Birznieks stated the survey was sent out to the GCOLA email list with a deadline of 11-14-22.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley reported the committee is waiting for election results to set up appointments. Caribou Lake petitioned the county commissioners to approve a prohibition of wakeboarding and wakesurfing on the lake. It was approved and has been sent to the DNR for final approval. The Michigan DNR is exploring a 500' shoreline and 15' depth restriction for wake enhancement boats.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- No report.

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Chaney will work with Boesen regarding hardware changes to the buoys for the next year.

EVENTS UPDATE

- None

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Allene	Participate in the Brainerd Chamber 'Holiday Extravaganza' as an exhibitor	12-13-22	Open
2. Birznieks	Request information from the Initiative Foundation on the investment strategy for the endowment fund.	12-14-22	New



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3. Birzniaks	Setup up meeting for Finance Committee budget review.	12-2-22	New
4. Birzniaks	Setup meeting with Craguns and Thoele regarding kiosk.	12-14-22	New
5. Chaney	Setup meeting the GrandView, Sandy Beach and Thoele regarding kiosk.	12-14-22	New
6. Committee Chairs	Send two to three 2023 committee goals and list of committee members to Frawley & Friedrichs. (Allene, Johnston, Lundberg, Mendel, Thoele)	11-19-22	Open
7. Committee Chairs	Send 2023 budget to Birzniaks & Friedrichs. (Frawley, Thoele)	11-6-22	Open
8. Eliason	Send list of 2022 volunteers to Lundberg & Friedrichs.	11-1-22	Open
9. Friedrichs	Ask Egan to draft agreement with resorts regarding the purpose of the kiosks is to communicate GCOLA information only and has sole control over the content.	12-14-22	New
10. Friedrichs	Pull Gala survey at end-of-day on 11-14.	11-14-22	New
11. Friedrichs	Submit Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza donation request.	12-14-22	New
12. Friedrichs	Send email to Harrier & Simons asking for any insights on Jaycees event last year.	12-14-22	New
13. Simons	Contact Brainerd Jaycees to volunteer for event.	12-14-22	New
14. Committee Chairs	Review/create committee charter and send recommended changes to Frawley & Friedrichs.	10-17-22	Complete
15. Directors	Review Gala survey and send comments to Birzniaks.	10-21-22	Complete
16. Frawley	Add explanation to the website on why Lake Minnetonka has the authority to establish a 300-foot limit from the shoreline.	10-12-22	Closed
17. Frawley	Contact South Bend about the need for non-lead split shot sinkers.	11-9-22	Complete
18. Friedrichs	Send Excel budget worksheet and YTD checking transactions to the committee chairs.	10-13-22	Complete
19. Friedrichs	Send Deb Thuringer email to Thoele	10-19-22	Complete
20. Friedrichs	Add Dan Simons introduction to the November board agenda.	11-6-22	Complete
21. Friedrichs	Research if Survey Monkey allows for responses to be anonymous.	11-9-22	Complete
22. Thoele	Work with Maddens regarding next steps for a kiosk at their landing.	11-9-22	Complete

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Birzniaks and seconded by Thoele. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.