



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 8, 2023 – Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Attendance	Advisory Member	Attendance
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Alex Gorman	Absent
Steve Frawley	Present	Steve Henry	Present
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Erik Hidalgo	Absent
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Sheila Johnston	Absent
Jon Mendel	Absent	Mike Knapp	Absent
Tim Thoele	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
		Dan Simons	Absent
		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 Eliason, seconded by Lundberg to approve the October 11, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	10-31-23	9-30-23
Total Income (Loss)	\$228,934.61	\$34,882.02
Total Expense	\$125,898.82	\$36,916.31
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$5,401.35	(\$3,756.43)
Net Income (Loss)	\$108,437.14	(\$5,790.72)
Total Current Assets	\$486,811.89	\$438,433.57

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- Crow Wing County Child Protection Team and Brainerd Blue Boosters – No since outside the scope of the GCOLA mission.

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Henry reminded the Board to apply early for 2024 reimbursements on AIS expenses except for inspections.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report
- USACE – No report



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FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- No report.

EVENTS UPDATE

- No report.

TO DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Chaney	Review the buoy map and let Friedrichs know the location of new navigational buoys.	11-8-23	Open
2. Friedrichs	Prepare preliminary Investment Policy to include IF and BLACF fund investment strategies.	10-11-23	Open
3. Friedrichs	Request a copy of the signed Maddens kiosk agreement from Deb Thuringer	10-11-23	Open
4. Friedrichs	Purchase the tickets for the MAISRC 10 th Anniversary celebration.	11-22-23	New
5. Friedrichs	Prepare summary of how anonymous AIS donation was spent in 2023.	12-13-23	Open
6. Friedrichs	Contact CPA to determine how to record the IF transfer.	12-13-23	New
7. Thoele	Submit reimbursement requests to Cass County for 2024 curly leaf pondweed treatment and public access surveys.	1-10-24	New
8. Thoele	Research eligibility for DNR reimbursement for 2024 curly lead pondweed treatment.	12-13-23	New
9. Birznieks	Send photos of decon unit & AIS signs to Friedrichs & Lundberg	11-1-23	Complete
10. Friedrichs	Purchase four \$250 gifts cards for AIS inspections and mail to Thoele	10-18-23	Complete
11. Committee Chairs	Send budgets to Birznieks & Friedrichs.	11-3-23	Complete

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele will be attending the November 29 Crow Wing County meeting and will request more AIS inspection coverage at Nisswa and Hole-in-the-Day public accesses in 2024. He will share the idea of creating internships for AIS inspectors.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reported the articles are being compiled to be sent to Lakes Printing.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report



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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reviewed the 2022 audit results completed by Birznieks, Frawley, Thoele, and Tim Bergin. The Finance/Audit Committee is meeting on November 13 to discuss the 2024 budget.
- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Frawley to approve the 2022 Audit Report. Motion carried.

GALA COMMITTEE

- No report.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Motion by Frawley, seconded by Thoele to purchase a table consisting of eight tickets for the MAISRC, 10th Anniversary celebration. Birznieks, Chaney, Friedrichs, Frawley, Lundberg, and Thoele voted to approve. Eliason voted no. Motion carried.
- Motion by Frawley, seconded by Birznieks to cancel the Board Meeting scheduled on March 13, 2024. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs reported there are 1055 paid members with 96 new members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- No report

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Chaney announced the buoys are removed and requested this be posted on the website. Your Boat Club is examining the buoys to determine what repairs or replacements are needed. There are eight buoys available for adoption and there may be more if adopters elect not to renew for an additional five years.

ADJOURN

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Chaney to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.