

Gull Chain of Lakes Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 12, 2020 - Grand View Lodge

Present: Steve Alex, Jane Edwards, Robert Eliason, Sue Friedrichs, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, Sheila Johnston, and Bob Toborg

Absent: Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, Steve Frawley, John Ingleman, and Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Tim Collette, Travis Collette, Doug Johnston and Jeremy Wiczek

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

On motion by Goff, seconded by Eliason the minutes of the January 8, 2020, were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
Time Period	1-31-2020	12-31-19
Total Income	\$3,125	\$23,761.73
Total Expense	\$16,911.44	
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$65.23	
Net Income(Loss)	\$(13,721.11)	
Total Current Assets	\$231,265.64	\$336,705.45

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

Correspondence:

- Going forward donation requests will be delivered to the Board, prior to the meeting, along with commensurate budget information.

USACE/MN DNR Update:

- Tim Collette reported that efforts to improve litter on the ice from planned events has improved, he can only enforce the state/county noise ordinances since difficult to determine where a city ordinance applies on the lake and there is a need to educate surf boat owners on the impact of their wake. Goff, Harrier & Friedrichs will work with Nisswa Marine to develop a recommendation for bridge and yard signs regarding boat wakes.

Event Updates:

- Gull Lake Avid Anglers hosted by DNR: Herrig summarized the meeting including a report on fishing observations, and the walleye fishing survey. Walleye fry survival rate continues to be low and will likely trigger fingerling stocking this fall.
- Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza: Anderson, Eliason, Goff, Herrig & Toborg assisted special needs participants during the event.

East Gull Lake Helipad:

- Members discussed concerns regarding a helipad close to the lake shore and impact to nearby loon nests, noise, wind, pollution, and lake enjoyment. Members will attend the February 25 meeting at their personal discretion.

AIS Committee:

- Alex has signed the PLM contracts and will apply for a Cass County grant for curly pondweed spraying.

Communications Committee:

- Friedrichs announced the newsletter has been submitted to Lakes Printing and will be mailed in the next few weeks.

Environmental Committee:

- Board reviewed the National Loon Center request to fund the underwater camera for \$5K. Decision made to donate the budgeted \$2K and the National Loon Center can determine the best use.

Finance & Audit Committee:

- No report.

Fisheries Committee:

- No report.

Gala Committee:

- Edwards will email the benefits page to Board members for their review prior to mailing to potential donors.

Government Relations Committee:

- Doug Johnston reviewed the alignment of MLR and MNCOLA legislative priorities with GCOLA and that the meeting with Neal Gaalswyk resulted in a discussion on boat safety on Gull Lake. The committee also met with Nisswa Marine and will reach out to other local boat dealers to discuss boat safety education.

Membership Committee:

- GCOLA has 32 members who have paid 2020 dues.

Recreation and Safety:

- Friedrichs will prepare a letter that proposes revised and new locations for buoys. It will be reviewed by the Recreation & Safety Committee and then the Board prior to being sent to County Commissioner Gaalswyk.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.