



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
October 12, 2022 – USACE & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS

Dana Gutzmann, Heather Mullane

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Eliason and second by Birznieks to approve the September 14, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	9-30-22	8-31-22
Total Income (Loss)	\$158,970.00	(\$57,185.60)
Total Expense	\$114,165.23	\$339.61
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$271.27	(\$4,339.65)
Net Income (Loss)	\$45,076.04	(\$61,864.86)
Total Current Assets	\$351,626.21	\$407,965.98

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- 29th Annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse and Brainerd Blue Line Boosters – no donations since not aligned with GCOLA mission.



GOVERNMENT AGENCY/VENDOR UPDATE

- Cass County - Gutzmann reported there were 20 fewer inspection hours on the Gull Lake Chain as compared to last year, but with about the same number of inspections. Spiny water flea testing was completed on three sites on Gull Lake with none found. More volunteers are needed to test throughout the Gull Lake Chain next year.
- Crow Wing County – No report.
- DNR – Bacigalupi sent a message that the walleye fry that was stocked in 2022 has had the best survival numbers since 2016.
- USACE – Turner announced the drawdown started October 1 and that he is continuing to research costs to repair or replace the decontamination unit.
- Your Boat Club – No report.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele will be working on establishing relationships with the five resorts over the winter months.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reminded authors that newsmagazine articles are due November 1 and asked all committee chairs to send a list of their 2022 volunteers by the same date.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason reviewed two Cass County variance requests and did not identify any issues. He has received the end-of-dock survey data and is analyzing the results.
- Anderson announced the Bass Lake development will be only six homes on 20 acres with boardwalks and docks on Roy Lake.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reported the audit is scheduled for October 17. He reminded committee chairs that budget numbers are due by November 6.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reviewed the preliminary survey and asked for feedback.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley provided an overview of the meeting hosted by MLR for Senator Ruud. Going forward the committee will focus on getting to know the new legislators as soon as they are elected. SAFL



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has launched Phase II of the Healthy Waters Initiative regarding prop wash and is also focusing on a Phase III study regarding the total impact to lake ecology.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- Motion by Frawley and second by Friedrichs to donate twice the amount as prior donations, up to \$500 to Save Our Seabirds. After discussion Frawley withdrew his motion with a new motion by Friedrichs and seconded by Thoele to donate \$500 to Save Our Seabirds. Motion carried.
- Johnston is partnering with the Minnesota Loon Rescue Network and Minnesota Lakes & Rivers (MLR) to provide training next spring. The goal is to establish volunteers throughout the loon regions in Minnesota to capture and transport injured or sick loons.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Birznieks recommended a mid-year membership mailing to people who have purchased property since the prior mailing. Friedrichs added this mailing to the calendar.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Motion by Mendel and seconded by Frawley to approve Dan Simons as Chair of the Fisheries Committee. Motion carried.

RECREATION AND SAFETY

- Chaney confirmed with Friedrichs that insurance coverage will be added for the buoys while in storage at \$55K and the trailer for \$5K. The Directors determined not to place coverage on the GCOLA assets located at Friedrichs' residence or the items in the storage unit.

EVENTS UPDATE

- ACCL - Johnston noted the organization has received the MAISRC Partnership award.

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Allene	Participate in the Brainerd Chamber 'Holiday Extravaganza' as an exhibitor	12-13-22	New
2. Committee Chairs	Review/create committee charter and send recommended changes to Frawley & Friedrichs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allene – Membership • Birznieks – Finance/Audit & Gala • Chaney – Safety/Recreation 	10-17-22	Open



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliason – Environmental & Governance • Frawley – Executive, Fisheries, & Government Relations • Johnston – Loon Conservancy • Lundberg – Communications • Mendel – Nominating • Thoele – AIS • Whitmer – Lake Steward 		
3. Committee Chairs	Send list of 2022 volunteers to Lundberg.	11-1-22	New
4. Committee Chairs	Send two to three 2023 committee goals and list of committee members to Frawley & Friedrichs.	11-6-22	Open
5. Committee Chairs	Send 2023 budget to Birznieks & Friedrichs.	11-6-22	Open
6. Directors	Review Gala survey and send comments to Birznieks.	10-21-22	New
7. 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	Open
8. Frawley	Contact South Bend about the need for non-lead split shot sinkers.	11-9-22	New
9. Friedrichs	Send Excel budget worksheet and YTD checking transactions to the committee chairs.	10-13-22	New
10. Friedrichs	Send Deb Thuringer email to Thoele	10-19-22	New
11. Friedrichs	Add Dan Simons introduction to the November board agenda.	11-6-22	New
12. Friedrichs	Research if Survey Monkey allows for responses to be anonymous.	11-9-22	New
13. Thoele	Work with Maddens regarding next steps for a kiosk at their landing.	11-9-22	New
14. Birznieks	Set up annual audit meeting.	5-18-22	Complete
15. Birznieks	Prepare Gala survey to send to GCOLA email list.	9-14-22	Complete
16. Friedrichs	Send fall newsmagazine to Trivia Guys when received.	10-12-22	Complete
17. Friedrichs	Arrange with Turner for next meeting to be at USACE.	10-5-22	Complete
18. Friedrichs	Contact Maren if October meeting at USACE.	10-5-22	Complete
19. Friedrichs	Send Boesen the list of silent auction results.	10-12-22	Complete
20. Lundberg	Work with Turner about article on lake levels.	10-12-22	Complete
21. Lundberg	Work with Boesen on an Instagram post about why not to damage buoys.	10-12-22	Complete
22. Mendel	Determine Fisheries Chair.	12-14-22	Complete



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ACCL BOARD REPRESENTATION

- Motion by Frawley and seconded by Birznieks to approve Sheila Johnston as the GCOLA representative on the ACCL Board. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Birznieks and seconded by Eliason. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.