

Gull Chain of Lakes Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 8, 2020 - Grand View Lodge

Present: Steve Alex, Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, Jane Edwards, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, and Bob Toborg

Absent: Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Chad Boesen, Darrell Pulak and Brent Wiczek

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

On motion by Eliason, seconded by Goff the minutes of the December 11, 2019, were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
Time Period	12-1-19 to 12-31-19	1-1-19 to 11-30-19
Total Income	\$6,050.00	\$55,094.95
Total Expense	\$14,063.10	\$1,223.92
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$83.90	(\$2,555.64)
Net Income(Loss)	(\$7,929.20)	\$51,315.39
Total Current Assets	\$244,986.85	\$328,101.81

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

Correspondence:

- MAISRC – Thank you for our support.
- MNSPRO (PAC) – Request for donation was researched by Birznieks with decision to donate to MLR, as budgeted, instead.

Insurance Review:

Darrell Pulak, Baxter Insurance Group, discussed GCOLA's insurance needs. Motion by Goff and second by Herrig for Friedrichs to work with Pulak to receive an insurance quote for GCOLA. Motion approved. Tasks include receiving insurance documentation from Your Boat Club since they install and store the buoys and explore increased liability and D&O coverage and a packaged policy to reduce costs.

USACE/MN DNR Update:

- Bacigalupi stated there may be a tighter limit on blue gill and crappies on certain lakes in the near future.

Event Updates:

- Crow Wing Count AIS Listening Session – Herrig reviewed the high points including proposed increased watercraft inspections at Nisswa Lake, exploring GCOLA's involvement in spiny water flea testing at Hole in the Day, and Alex looking into AIS grants.

AIS Committee:

- Motion by Herrig and second by Ingleman to transfer \$25,000 from checking to the AIS savings account. Motion approved.

Communications Committee:

- Ingleman reported that if advertising revenue is down again in 2020, he will discuss an ad increase with Lakes Printing. He reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due January 24.

Environmental Committee:

- Johnston asked Board members to review the National Loon Center material with the goal of discussing a donation at the next meeting.
- The tree give-away will be on May 17 and requested volunteers.

Finance & Audit Committee:

- Motion by Goff and second by Frawley to approved the revised Expense Reimbursement Policy which clarifies that mileage is not reimbursed if within 25 miles of origin. Motion approved.

Fisheries Committee:

- No report.

Gala Committee:

- Frawley stated that planning meetings will begin in February and that we have signed contracts with Grand View and Deuces Wild.

Government Relations Committee:

- Birznieks indicated the committee has met with the four local legislators to review GCOLA's priorities and learn their position on each item. A summary of these meetings will be in the winter newsletter.

Membership Committee:

- Edwards explained the annual dues mailing will go out in January. The committee will explore a special communication to members who have not renewed in either 2017 or 2018.
- GCOLA has 950 members.

Recreation and Safety:

- Goff requested on additional volunteer for the Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Toborg and second by Harrier. Motion approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.