



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
December 14, 2022 – Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Member	Present/Absent
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	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	Present
Joel Meyer	Absent	Dan Simons	Present
Tim Thoele	Present	Steve Timblin	Present
		Brian Turner	Absent
		Janele Waterman	Present
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

Heather Mullane

CALL TO ORDER

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

RESIGNATION

Claudia Allene has resigned as a director to focus on damage to her home in Florida.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Birznieks and second by Thoele to approve the November 9, 2022, Board meeting minutes.
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	11-30-22	10-31-22
Total Income (Loss)	\$183,177.50	(\$69,783.39)
Total Expense	136,982.00	339.61
Net Other Income (Expense)	682.54	(\$4,339.65)
Net Income (Loss)	\$46,878.04	(\$74,462.65)
Total Current Assets	\$353,428.21	\$395,368.19

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



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CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Gutzmann reported the annual AIS meeting will be on 1-19-23. A new focus for 2023 will be propagating beetles to combat purple loosestrife.
- Crow Wing County – Steve Timblin and Janele Waterman introduced themselves as the new AIS contacts for the county.
- DNR – Plude announced that Marc Bacigalupi has accepted a job within the DNR outside the Brainerd Lakes area. His replacement will join our meetings when the position is filled. Plude reported that curly leaf pondweed is less prevalent throughout Cass County due to heavy snowfalls. The 2023 focus will be in monitoring new infestations and searching for starry stonewort at all boat landings.
- USACE – No report.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele met with Gutzmann and Cass County lake association AIS chairs to discuss ideas.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg stated the newsmagazine has gone to the printer.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Motion by Thoele and seconded by Friedrichs to approve the 2023 budget. Motion carried.
- Motion by Friedrichs and seconded by Frawley to transfer \$25,000 from the checking account to the AIS contingency fund. Motion carried.
- Motion by Birznieks and seconded by Mendel to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer donations designated for AIS from the checking account to the AIS contingency fund for each calendar year. Motion carried.
- Birznieks reported that due to 2022 losses in the Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund portfolio, the Committee has been assessing issues including portfolio risk, investment policy and investment committee.



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FISHERIES

- Simons is coordinating the volunteers and icehouse for the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza in January.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reviewed the results of the Gala survey with future considerations to include changing the food, slightly increasing the ticket price to cover increased expenses, exploring the fourth Sunday of July and looking for either a speaker or music for the entertainment.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley is setting up meetings with new legislators and the committee is working on 2023 legislative priorities recommendation.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- Whitmer testified at the state legislature and the Minnesota Clean Water Council is considering providing funding for lake steward programs throughout the state.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- Johnston has completed the loon management plan and will share once it is approved by the DNR. The National Loon Center is working on a loon mortality report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Mendel will start the search for a Membership Committee Chair due to Allene's resignation.

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- No report.

EVENTS UPDATE

- MN COLA – Birznieks reported that drones are being used to assess shoreline issues regarding septic systems and suggested GCOLA consider this idea in the future. The MN COLA legislative priorities are regulating wake action on lakes, MAISRC funding, watercraft licensing, increasing AIS fines, and updating funding models for AIS prevention. Subjects for future consideration include updating shoreland laws, determining lake association roles in land use decisions, ground water threats, biological capacity of waterbodies, lake improvement districts, increasing funding for Sheriff's Water Patrol, and chemical in impact on waterbodies.



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TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. All	Contact Dan Simons if you can volunteer for the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Contest at dsimons@theworldco.net	1-21-23	New
2. Chaney	Setup meetings at Grand View and Sandy Beach with Thoele regarding kiosk.	12-14-22	Open
3. Committee Chairs	Review your committee members to determine if someone is a candidate, or knows someone who is, for the Membership Chair position. Send contact information to Mendel.	2-8-23	New
4. Egan	Draft agreement with resorts regarding the purpose of the kiosks is to communicate GCOLA information only and has sole control over the content.	2-28-23	Open
5. Eliason	Send list of 2022 volunteers to Lundberg & Friedrichs.	11-1-22	Open
6. Friedrichs	Submit Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza donation request.	12-14-22	Open
7. Friedrichs	Transfer \$25,000 from checking to AIS contingency fund.	12-31-22	New
8. Friedrichs	Transfer member AIS donations to the AIS contingency fund.	12-31-22	New
9. Friedrichs	Send member dues mailing	1-31-23	New
10. Friedrichs	Send \$500 kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when kiosk agreement is ready.	2-28-23	New
11. Johnston	Contact Chuck Arvesen about working with Chuk Batko to learn how to build kiosks.	2-8-23	New
12. Johnston	Contact Simons regarding a joint GTLO event.	2-8-23	New
13. Johnston	Invite Kelly Amoth from GTLO to a future meeting.	6-14-23	New
14. Lundberg	Update infographic for dues mailings.	1-11-23	New
15. Simons	Submit Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza volunteer form.	1-22-23	New
16. Allene	Participate in the Brainerd Chamber 'Holiday Extravaganza' as an exhibitor	12-13-22	Closed
17. Birznieks	Request information from the Initiative Foundation on the investment strategy for the endowment fund.	12-14-22	Complete
18. Birznieks	Setup up meeting for Finance Committee budget review.	12-2-22	Complete
19. Birznieks	Setup meeting with Craguns and Thoele regarding kiosk.	12-14-22	Complete
20. 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	Complete
21. Committee Chairs	Send 2023 budget to Birznieks & Friedrichs. (Frawley, Thoele)	11-6-22	Complete



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22. Friedrichs	Pull Gala survey at end-of-day on 11-14.	11-14-22	Complete
23. Friedrichs	Send email to Harrier & Simons asking for any insights on Jaycees event last year.	12-14-22	Complete
24. Simons	Contact Brainerd Jaycees to volunteer for event.	12-14-22	Complete

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.