



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 13, 2023 – Grand View Lodge and Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Attendance	Advisory Member	Attendance
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Jane Edwards	Absent
Robert Eliason	Absent	Kevin Egan	Absent
Steve Frawley	Present	Steve Henry	Present
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Mike Knapp	Present
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
Tim Thoele	Present	Dan Simons	Present
		Brian Turner	Present
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Lundberg to approve the August 9, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	8-31-23	7-31-23
Total Income (Loss)	\$221,384.61	\$46,243.18
Total Expense	\$78,392.36	\$45,926.87
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$5,257.66	(\$3,756.43)
Net Income (Loss)	\$148,249.91	\$42,170.44
Total Current Assets	\$494,998.44	\$449,794.73

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Steve Henry reported that the Gull Narrows public access continues to have a high number of inspections over the Labor Day weekend.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – Mike Knapp introduced himself as the new Brainerd Area Fisheries Supervisor. He reported the DNR is proposing a Northern Pike bag limit change to two at 30-40" or one at 30-40" and one over 40" for the Gull Lake Chain. The fish netting in Hole-in-the-Day Bay is to estimate the number and size of fish.



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- USACE – No report

ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION

- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Chaney to approve the 8-10-23 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele reported the decontamination unit was shipped on 9-12-23, Hole-in-the-Day Bay had less inspector coverage since they were deployed to Nisswa Lake. Friedrichs reported Larry Friedrichs completed the spiny water fleas test at three locations on Gull, one on Upper Gull and one in Wilson Bay with nothing found.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg stated the final changes to newsmagazine have been given to Lakes Printing and should be mailed in the next couple of weeks.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks announced the audit committee will review the 2022 financial records on 10-7-23.
- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Thoele to ratify the following Executive Committee decisions:
 - Select the Moderately Conservative Pool for the AIS Fund held at BLACF. Motion carried.
 - Call the fund at BLACF the Gull Chain of Lakes Association AIS Fund. Motion carried.
 - Approve and authorize the GCOLA Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the BLACF/Gull Chain of Lakes Association AIS Fund agreement. (Note: This item was amended by Friedrichs to authorize the signers.)
 - Motion carried.
- Birznieks reported there will be a special meeting at the City of East Gull Lake to discuss penalties for violating the heliport ordinance.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report

GALA COMMITTEE

- Reviewed the budget which resulted in net income of \$32K along with the survey results.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley reported the committee will start reaching out to state legislators in January 2024.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- Whitmer has submitted information to Lake Tahoe as they are adopting a Lake Steward program.

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- Johnston stated the juvenile loon survey was completed on 8-28-23 with 13 juveniles reported in September compared to 14 in July. She is working with the Jayden Jech, new DNR Loon Technician on the 2024 GCOLA Loon Management Plan which will include increasing reproductive support on Nisswa Lake, Spider Lake, and Steamboat Bay including additional



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artificial nesting platforms. She is working with MLR and Loon Rescue Inc on a loon rescue webinar for next year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs reported there are 1027 paid members with 83 new members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Mendel is exploring options for the Membership chair.

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Chaney is sending invoices to adopters with buoy adoptions that expire at the end of the year. If payment is not received those buoys will be available for adoption in January 2024.

EVENTS UPDATE

- ACCL meeting – Johnston reported the meeting topics were the Lake Steward program and loon safe boating. ACCL is working on a 2024 tour of shoreland habitat restoration programs along with county-wide GTLO events.

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	New
2. Frawley	Contact Johnston about reporting on ACCL meetings.	9-13-23	New
3. Friedrichs	Prepare preliminary Investment Policy to include IF and BLACF fund investment strategies.	10-11-23	Open
4. Friedrichs	Include a newsmagazine with the 2 nd dues mailing to non-members	10-11-23	New
5. Johnston	Talk to Whitmer about incorporating Dark Sky lighting into the Lake Steward assessment.	10-11-23	Open
6. Friedrichs	Request a copy of the signed Maddens kiosk agreement from Deb Thuringer	10-11-23	New
7. Lundberg	Create annual meeting survey to be used for 2024 planning	10-11-23	New
8. Thoele	Work with Turner to install new AIS sign with tools at Gull Lake Recreation Area.	10-31-23	Open
9. Birznieks/Thoele	Coordinate logistics for decon unit payment.	9-13-23	Complete
10. Birznieks	Work with decon unit donors' recognition for contribution.	10-11-23	Complete
11. Friedrichs	Send kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when all invoices are received.	2-28-23	Complete
12. Friedrichs	Request copy of sign partnership agreement with Cass, USACE & GCOLA	9-13-23	Complete
13. Friedrichs	Submit request to Initiative Foundation for 2022 & 2023 distribution	9-13-23	Complete
14. Johnston	Work with Henry to identify purple loosestrife areas on Upper Gull as potential biocontrol areas.	6-14-23	Complete
15. Lundberg	Review the newsmagazine ads and identify if any that we should ask for modification since not aligned with mission.	9-13-23	Complete



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16. Thoele	Send Sue Crow Wing County AIS specialist contact information	9-13-23	Closed
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ADJOURN

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Thoele to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.