



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 13 , 2022 – Zoom Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Board	Present/Absent
Claudia Allene	Present	Dave Anderson	Absent
Uldis Birznieks	Absent	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
Linda Harrier	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
Jon Mendel	Present	Dorothy Whitmer	Absent
Joel Meyer	Present		

GUESTS

Chad Boesen, Nicole Erickson, Dana Gutzmann, Chuck Herrig, , Steve Katka, Heather Mullane, Matt Nelson

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Mendel and second by Chaney to approve the March 9, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	3-31-22	2-28-22
Total Income (Loss)	\$49,340	(\$19,669)
Total Expense	\$18,473	\$3
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$159	
Net Income (Loss)	\$31,026	(\$19,672)
Total Current Assets	\$332,931	\$447,998

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None



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GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE

- Cass County – Gutzmann is working with law enforcement to attend training on AIS laws and is looking for five to six additional attendees at the AIS detector training in Backus. She requested a volunteer to collect spiny water flea samples in September. Larry Friedrichs was volunteered.
- Crow Wing County – Erickson asked for a volunteer to attend the April 28 starry stonewort presentation. Sue Friedrichs volunteered. She reported there is not a need to have AIS inspectors at the boat ramps before 9 a.m. since the early anglers are typically highly educated about AIS prevention. She asked that GCOLA promote the program for grants to update septic systems and seal wells.
- DNR – No report
- USACE – Turner reported the lake is right where it should at the middle of the summer band. Therefore, the dam is fully open to account for the large inflows.

BIRZNIIEKS UPDATE

- See April 13 summary provided by Uldis.

EVENTS UPDATE

- None

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
Allene	Explore different membership fees for business members.	1-12-22	In process
Allene	Research the pros/cons of automated membership renewal	5-11-22	Open
Allene	Study a life-time membership option.	5-11-22	Open
Anderson	Add a link to the website on where to purchase lead-free tackle.	5-11-22	Open
Birznieks	Explore alternative investment options for the AIS contingency fund.	1-12-22	In process
Birznieks	Prepare the GCOLA letter opposing the proposed helipad location in East Gull Lake.	3-19-22	Complete
Birznieks	Share Adopt-a-Buoy best practice with MLR & MN COLA.	4-13-22	Open
Birznieks	Work with Government Relations and Recreation/Safety Committees to define the responsibilities for the two committees on the enhanced wake issue and the SAFL wake study."	5-11-22	Open
Boesen	Contact local fishing guides to find someone to attend the GTLO event at Jack Pine.	4-20-22	New



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All Board Members	Bring ideas to the next meeting on how to host the annual meeting.	5-11-22	New
All Board Members	Send suggestions for AIS chair to Harrier.	5-11-22	New
Chaney	Contact Eric Sullivan (MN DNR) to attend a future board meeting to discuss law enforcement issues on the lake.	2-9-22	Closed
Frawley	Contact Birznieks and Whitmer to determine committee member recruiting needs.	5-11-22	New
Frawley	Summarize committee recruiting ideas and send to Board members to prioritize for his recommendation at the next meeting.	4-20-22	New
Frawley	Put together an article in the newsletter regarding the need for GCOLA volunteers.	5-1-22	New
Friedrichs	Send most recent volunteer list to Board and committee chairs.	4-20-22	New
Friedrichs	Prepare National Loon Center letter with Harrier's signature and send.	4-20-22	New
Friedrichs	Sign and send kiosk form to the DNR.	4-20-22	New
Friedrichs	Send list of 2021 loon volunteers with emails to Johnston.	4-20-22	New
Friedrichs	Confirm with the City of Lake Shore if they will be performing AIS inspections in September & October. If not, contact Gutzmann for additional hours.	5-11-22	New
Gutzmann	Send link to AIS detector class to Lundberg	3-15-22	Complete
Harrier	Contact Jaycees to discuss low turnout and explore other volunteer opportunities for next year to be more helpful	3-9-22	In process
Harrier	Set up meeting with Gutzmann, Erickson, Bacigalupi and GCOLA representatives to identify gaps in AIS inspections based on times, dates, and locations e.g., Nisswa ramp before a fishing tournament, Zorbaz after Labor Day, etc.	3-9-22	Closed
Harrier	Research cost of food for Gala to determine feasibility.	3-9-22	In process
Harrier	Setup meeting with Gala committee to discuss options	4-13-22	Complete
Harrier	Notify Jane Edwards that we'd like to start having Board meetings at Grand View beginning with the May meeting	4-20-22	New
Harrier	Contact WAPOA on how they recruit committee members.	5-11-22	
Johnston	Send information about the GTLO event to Lundberg for publication on the website, social media, and email.	4-14-22	New
Johnston	Work with Friedrichs to create GTLO artwork for email, website, and social media	4-14-22	
Lundberg	Add request for loon survey volunteers to the website and social media	4-20-22	



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Meyer	Send map with list of adopted buoys to Boesen and Nelson at Your Boat Club.	4-20-22	New
Meyer	Set up meeting with Friedrichs to review list of adopted buoys.	5-11-22	In process
Meyer	Talk to Herrig about Fisheries chair accountabilities.	5-11-22	New

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Board members agreed to host future Board meetings at Grand View while still providing a Zoom option.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Harrier announced that Quackenbush has resigned. Friedrichs reported that a request for additional AIS inspection hours has been submitted to Crow Wing County and that she's working with the City of Lake Shore and Cass County to arrange for additional hours at the Gull Lake Narrows landing.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg requested that articles are submitted by May 1. GCOLA will be sending emails on the following dates:
 - ASAP: GTLO event at Jack Pine
 - 4-25: Tree Giveaway
 - TBD: Boat Safety classes
 - TBD: Membership dues reminder

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason is lining up volunteers for the end-of-dock water testing this summer.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- No report

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- Herrig announced the Minnesota Fishing Opener is May 14.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Harrier said a group of volunteers is working on recommendations to be reviewed by the committee at an upcoming meeting on April 21.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley sent 27 letters to local and state legislators outlining the legislative priorities for GCOLA. Due to re-districting, many of the legislators and committee chairs will be changing so the



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Government Relations committee will need to establish new relationships after the November elections.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Johnston announced the GTLO event at Jack Pine will be from 5-7 p.m. and if an angler brings in 4 oz of lead tackle they will receive a free beer.
- Motion by Eliason and second by Friedrichs to approve the Volunteer Work Agreement on DNR Parks & Trails Facilities for a kiosk at the Gull Lake Narrows boat landing. Motion approved. Gutzmann noted that if AIS information is included in the kiosk then it may be eligible for 50% reimbursement by Cass County.
- Motion by Eliason and second by Friedrichs to approve the letter to Senators supporting funding for the National Loon Center. Motion approved.
- The loon survey dates will be:
 - Nest: 5-23 to 6-5
 - Adult/chick: 7-12 with 7-13 as rain day
 - Juvenile: 8-27 with 8-28 as rain day

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Allene is working on an article for the newsletter. Friedrichs reported that total paid memberships of 780 in mid-April is more in line with paid memberships in 2021.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley requested input from Committee chairs on their need for volunteers and facilitated a discussion on recruiting ideas.

Committee	Members
AIS	1 - member 1 - chair
Communications	1 - media relations
Environmental	TBD
Executive	# TBD - Board members
Finance & Audit	TBD
Fisheries	1 - chair
Government Relations	None
Lake Steward	TBD
Loon Preservation	3 – committee members
Membership	TBD
Recreation & Safety	1 - adopt-a-buoy coordinator



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RECREATION AND SAFETY

- Chaney announced the youth boat safety classes will be on June 9, 10 and 16 and are open to 25 students at each session.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eliason and second by Allene. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.