

GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION
Annual Membership Meeting
Lutheran Church of the Cross Community Room
August 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Herrig at 9:10 a.m.

On motion by Steve Frawley, seconded by Tom Chaney the minutes of the July 15, 2017, meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Rosemary Goff presented the treasurer's report. The ending cash balance for calendar 2017 was \$190,107.27 with total ordinary income of \$132,091.67 and interest income of \$443.89 and expenses of \$103,528.87. For 2018, the cash balance as of June 30 was \$222,967.82, with ordinary income of \$76,905 and interest income of \$407.72 and expenses of \$44,452.17. It was pointed out that \$130,547.88 has been set aside in an AIS Contingency Fund. An internal audit will be performed before the end of 2018.

Chair Herrig introduced the current board members. Also introduced were Mary Kay Larson from the Corps of Engineers, Travis Collette, Cass County Deputy, DJ Downie, Crow Wing Deputy and Dave Anderson, the GCOLA web site manager.

Confirmation of Directors: Nominations Committee Chair Steve Frawley, presented the names of the following board members for reappointment to three year terms: Steve Alex, Jay Chaney and Chuck Herrig.

Motion by Linda Harrier, seconded by Dave Anderson, that Steve Alex, Jay Chaney and Chuck Herrig be ratified as board members for a three year term. **Passed**

Sue Friedrichs was introduced for ratification as a new board member and spoke to members regarding her background.

Motion by Steve Frawley, seconded by Larry Friedrichs that Sue Friedrichs be ratified as a board member for a three year term. **Passed**

Chair Herrig went over the Mission Statement.

Finance Committee: John Ingleman presented a financial summary thru June 2018. (See attached). An internal audit of the 2017 books will be conducted before the end of 2018.

Communications Committee: John Ingleman reported that the newsletter is sent quarterly with the spring edition sent to all property owners on the Gull Chain. Ad sales cover the cost of the newsletter and other printing expenses. He also urged members to check the GCOLA web site.

AIS Committee: Steve Alex reported on the boat inspections by the DNR and Lake Shore Police Department at the three public landings, the aquatic invasive species weed inspection program, and the decontamination unit at the Corps of Engineers public landing. He presented a map with AIS survey sites and reported that while curly leaf pondweed is showing up in more sections of the chain, no new invasive species have been found. He also reported that board members have attended seminars around the State, that GCOLA donates to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and the importance of the AIS Contingency Fund.

Environmental Committee: Sheila Johnston reported on the two main environmental projects, the loon count and end-of-dock water sampling. This year's loon count generated 70 adults and 21 chicks. She is working on creating a state-wide program with caution loon signs.

Excessive algae and weed growth is being reported this year and is a statewide problem. Mowed and fertilized lawns produce more nitrogen and phosphorous which affects water quality. She urged more shoreline restoration and mentioned that matching grants are available for shoreline restoration projects.

Fisheries Committee: Chuck Herrig reported that Gull Lake is the most closely monitored lake in the area. Because of the weather there was a short spawning season this year. The DNR stocked 2,500,000 walleye fry in Gull this spring. Survival rates from stocking has decreased, possibly because they are competing with zebra mussels from zooplankton. The DNR has a proposal to reduce the walleye limit from six to four.

Gala Recap: Bill Brekken reported that there were 20 major sponsors, 260 dinner tickets were sold, the silent auction took in \$14,433 and the raffle \$9,600. The net profit was \$20,481. Information tables focused on shoreline restoration, the loon survey and the National Loon Center. The featured speaker, Carrol Henderson, the DNR Nongame Wildlife Specialist talked about loons and the effect of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Legislative Committee: Steve Frawley went over GCOLA priorities, issues and accomplishments. See attachment.

Membership Committee: Rosemary Goff reported that 990 property owners and business have paid 2018 dues.

Safety and Recreational Committee: Bob Toborg reported that 50 youth participated in the boat safety classes put on by the Cass and Crow Wing County sheriff departments and sponsored by the Corps of Engineers and GCOLA. He also discussed the large amount of damage occurring to buoys this year and urged members to report sightings of deliberate damage.

On motion by Steve Frawley, second by Linda Harrier, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff