



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

## MARCH 11, 2020 - GRAND VIEW LODGE

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

**Absent:** Jay Chaney, John Ingleman, and Marv Meyer

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Brian Turner, and Andrew Spicola

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:32 a.m.

On motion by Goff, seconded by Eliason the minutes of the February 12, 2020, were approved as read.

### Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	2-28-2020	1-31-2020
Total Income	\$41,040	(\$3,704)
Total Expense	\$20,304	
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$129	
Net Income(Loss)	\$20,866	(\$3,704)
Total Current Assets	\$266,572	\$348,223

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

### Correspondence

- Support heliport restrictions – Hart, Messerli & Kramer and Grimstad
- Thank for flowers – Hoelmer
- Buoy at Wienzel Pt – Werler (referred to Safety Committee)
- Selling information to third parties – Misukanis (confirmed GCOLA does not sell data)
- No additional boat rules – Baldwin
- Not included on donation list – Stoll (will be added in next newsletter)

### Donation Requests

- Nisswa Elementary – Not approved
- Clean. Drain. Dry. Kare 11 Cabin Cast – Not approved
- Fish & Waters Conservation Fund – Not approved
- Clean Lakes MN – Not approved

### USACE/MN DNR Update

- Turner noted the lake has been drawn down in preparation for the spring snow melt.
- Bacigalupi stated the DNR is looking for a donation of \$10K - \$20K to purchase the Cory Brook land with matching grants coming from Reinvest MN. The benefits include removing cattle, which have free access to the streams, and providing public access for trout fishing. Finance Committee will research if the endowment fund can be used for this purpose and if the Initiative Foundation has other endowments that may want to donate. Government Relations will work with Neal Gaalswyck about removing the land from property tax rolls if the property is purchased by the DNR.



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### Event Updates

- **June 19 State of the Lakes** – The Government Relations committee will provide a speaker for the event and Friedrichs will monitor the booth.

### East Gull Lake Helipad

- Motion by Birznieks and second by Eliason to notify the City of East Gull Lake that GCOLA does not approve the proposed ordinance amendment that allows helipads, approves the Messerli & Kramer ordinance amendment to prohibit helipads and if the original ordinance amendment to allow helipads is approved then amend it to include an additional condition which would restrict helipads to at least 1000 ft. from the high-water mark of water bodies defined as lakes by the DNR. Motion approved.

### AIS Committee:

- Alex reported the DNR grant for spraying curly pond weed has been approved. Alex and Birznieks discussed the results of check stations throughout Minnesota. Alex will work with the DNR to establish a check station near the Gull Lake chain and will coordinate training with Bergstrom at the area resorts.

### Communications Committee:

- Goff is working with Jeremy Wiczek and the county regarding a safe wake sign by the Zorbaz bridge. Dave stated 72 email recipients clicked the link to notify their legislator that they support increased AIS fines.

### Environmental Committee:

- Johnston reminded everyone of the tree-giveaway on May 16 at Ski Gull. Anderson is working on adding Score Your Shore into the website. Johnson is working with Turner to review the loon protection and process to handout loon cards at Government Point.

### Finance & Audit Committee:

- Motion by Toborg and second by Herrig to authorize Friedrichs to acquire one-year certificates of deposit (CD) every calendar quarter with the goal of maintaining 80% of the AIS funds in CDs and 20% in the AIS savings account. Motion approved.

### Fisheries Committee:

- Herrig noted that walleye fry stocking will happen this spring.

### Gala Committee:

- Edwards asked Board members to review the Gala packet and send comments to her. Friedrichs will research if GCOLA can get event cancellation coverage due to COVID. Edwards is exploring an outdoor fundraiser in August to supplement the Gala.

### Government Relations Committee:

- Birznieks reviewed the status of bills at the state legislature. Limit wakes 200 feet from shore has been approved by the Senate, but pending in the House. The watercraft operators bill is being heard in the environmental Committee today by the MN House and includes a scientific study by MAISRC and the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory on the impact of large wakes on lake shoreline and lake sub-surface. Increased AIS fines will likely be approved. No stocking of muskies in Gull Lake is probably stalled in the Senate.



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### **Membership Committee:**

- GCOLA has 533 members who have paid 2020 dues.

### **Recreation and Safety:**

- Goff report two of the boat safety classes have been scheduled, with the third pending a final date.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.