



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 13, 2022 – Grand View Lodge & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Board	Present/Absent
Claudia Allene	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Marc Bacigalupi	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Kathy Lundberg	Present
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
Jon Mendel	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
Joel Meyer	Present	Dorothy Whitmer	Absent
Tim Thoele	Absent		

GUESTS

Rosemary Goff, Dana Gutzmann, Sheila Johnston, Steve Katka, Kathy Lundberg, Elizabeth Marti

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Allene and second by Frawley to approve the June 8, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	6-30-22	5-31-22
Total Income (Loss)	\$109,550.00	(\$39,363.11)
Total Expense	\$63,261.39	\$339.61
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$248.98	(\$4,339.65)
Net Income (Loss)	\$46,537.59	(\$44,042.37)
Total Current Assets	\$353,087.76	\$425,739.47

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- Nisswa Fire & Rescue – request declined since not aligned with mission



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GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE

- Cass County – Gutzmann announced the Cass County Starry Trek will be in Longville this year and they continue to look for inspectors to hire.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – Bacigalupi reported the fishing results have been good for all species with initial muskie stocking currently at 30" or more. They continue to plan on stocking walleye fingerlings annually because the fry is too small and not surviving due to zebra mussels. Muskie will be stocked every other even year and are placed throughout the lake chain. Last Sunday there was a high school anglers' tournament and asked if there had been any comments about the number of boats. None had been received by GCOLA directors.
- USACE – No report.
- Your Boat Club – No report.

EVENTS UPDATE

- MN COLA – Frawley stated that Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory presented the plan for Phase II funding for the wake study and there was a speaker about lake resiliency.
- State of the Lakes – Frawley presented information about GCOLA to the attendees.
- ACCL – Frawley listened to a presentation by Doug Schultz of the DNR about water quality.

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Allene	Host raffle ticket booth at a local retailer e.g. Schaeffer's Foods or Cub Foods	7-23-22	New
2. Committee Chairs	Send committee updates for annual meeting to Friedrichs.	7-31-22	New
3. Birznieks	Set up annual audit meeting.	5-18-22	Open
4. Birznieks	Bring bottled water to the Annual Meeting.	8-10-22	
5. Friedrichs	Send Gala committee meeting Zoom link to Directors	7-13-22	New
6. Friedrichs	Send 2021 Annual Meeting PowerPoint to Committee Chairs.	7-14-22	New
7. Friedrichs	Send list of Roy Lake members to Mendel.	7-14-22	New
8. Friedrichs	Send Gala reminder email and include message that if bring in lead tackle they will receive lead-free tackle and tickets will be sold at the door.	7-14-22	New
9. Friedrichs	Provide printed list of paid members to Allene at Gala.	7-24-22	New
10. Friedrichs	Complete PowerPoint for review at August Board meeting.	8-10-22	New
11. Lundberg	Add article in newsmagazine which recruits volunteers for managing the public access kiosks.	8-10-22	New



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12. Lundberg	Work with Bacigalupi for information to be used for a fisheries article.	8-1-22	New
13. Board Members	Reach out to at least two director recruits.	6-8-22	Complete
14. Friedrichs	Send sponsor packet to all directors.	6-10-22	Complete
15. Friedrichs	Send Anderson & Mullane gala and annual meeting graphic.	6-10-22	Complete
16. Friedrichs	Send State of the Lakes email	6-10-22	Complete
17. Lundberg	Work with Habitat for Humanity to include flyer into GCOLA communication with a note on how it aligns with our mission.	6-8-22	Complete

ANNUAL MEETING

- Birznieks will send out an agenda to the directors and committee chairs who are responsible for providing updates for the Annual Meeting. The PowerPoint will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

KIOSK

- Motion by Birznieks and second by Chaney to approve funding from the buoy budget for kiosks to be located at Nisswa and Hole-in-the-Day public accesses.
- Johnston volunteered to coordinate the volunteers who will manage the four kiosks.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Friedrichs reported both Cass and Crow Wing County are having trouble staffing the additional inspectors that GCOLA is funding. Birznieks recommended the funds are saved for use in 2023 since the counties will know in advance about the additional hours. The directors were asked to review the City of Lake Shore reports regarding inspections, warnings and citations issued by the Police at the Zorbaz landing.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg provided a reminder that the articles are due on August 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason reviewed two Cass County variance requests and determined that neither had any impact on water quality. He reminded everyone to send him their end-of-dock water testing photos for the newsmagazine.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks plans to schedule the audit for September.



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FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report

GALA COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reviewed a status report on the Gala and Friedrichs solicited volunteers for the raffle tickets, silent auction, and welcome table. Drop off donation items at Birznieks' home on either Friday, July 15 or Saturday, July 16.
- Allene will coordinate a raffle ticket sales booth at Schaeffer's Foods.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley announced the GCOLA \$5K donation for the SAFL Phase II wake study has been sent. Frawley and Birkovich attended the Bar Harbor boat show sponsored by the Water Sports Industry Association and the National Marine Manufacturers Association. Conversations centered on a common desire to educate the public about how to 'wake responsibly.' Frawley, Anderson, and Friedrichs are continuing the research on the Soft Edge software.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- Johnston announced there are 35 requests for site visits.

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Johnston worked with Chaney to purchase loon caution buoys for the Upper Gull and Lake Margaret channels.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Allene will be encouraging new membership at the upcoming Gala and raffle booth at Schaeffer's Foods. The second dues mailing has been sent to members and another mailing will be sent to non-members.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- No report.

RECREATION AND SAFETY

- Chaney will be establishing a process to ensure Adopt-a-Buoy stickers are replaced on buoys when they are damaged, or the buoy was replaced. Contact Jay if a buoy has moved, is damaged, etc.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eliason and second by Frawley. Motion approved.
The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.