



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MAY 13, 2020 – ONLINE

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

Absent: John Ingleman

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, and Kevin Egan

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:23 a.m.

On motion by Goff, seconded by Harrier the minutes of the April 2, 2020, were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	4-30-20	3-31-20
Total Income	\$65,006.00	\$(60,177.39)
Total Expense	\$24,774.71	\$238.99
Net Other Income(Expense)	\$400.88	\$(3,275.53)
Net Income(Loss)	\$40,632.17	\$(63,691.91)
Total Current Assets	\$286,339.02	\$288,985.23

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

Correspondence

- Boche: Request no wake sign under Highway 77 bridge and buoy by Bar Harbor Townhome Association to slow down boats. Toborg will follow up with Cass County.

Donation Requests

- Seaside Seabird Sanctuary: Motion by Herrig and second by Johnston to donate \$200. Motion approved.

USACE/MN DNR Update

- Turner stated the Government Point campground will open on June 1, and fishing is not open below the dam.
- Bacigalupi reported the DNR is slowly resuming activities due to COVID.

Cory Brook Donation

- Meyer conveyed the Finance Committee recommendation to use the annual Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund distribution to fund the donation for the DNR to acquire the Cory Brook land, if the Board approves the donation. The amount available is \$13,000.
- Motion by Herrig and second by Eliason to make a donation for the DNR to acquire the Cory Brook property. Motion approved.
 - Approve: Alex, Birznieks, Chaney, Edwards, Eliason, Frawley, Friedrichs, Goff, Harrier, Herrig, Meyer, and Toborg
 - Not approve: Johnston



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- Motion by Birznieks and second by Eliason to use \$10,000 from the Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund distribution for the Cory Brook land acquisition donation. Motion approved.
- Herrig will work with the DNR and Nature Conservancy and Meyer with the Initiative Fund to make the donation when the transaction occurs.

Event Updates

- None

Board Nominations

- Goff, Ingleman and Toborg will not be renewing, and Frawley and Harrier are renewing their board positions. Board Members are asked to send suggestions to Frawley. The Nominations Committee will present recommendations at the June meeting.

Annual Meeting

- Annual meeting will be an online meeting, hosted on Wednesday, July 22. Time to be determined with consideration on an evening time slot. Members will be mailed an invite, plus information will be posted in the website and Facebook with links to the meeting. Agenda will include:
 - Call to meeting: Chuck
 - 2019 Minutes: Sue
 - Treasurers Report: Sue
 - Introduction of Board Members: Chuck
 - Ratification of Board Members: Steve F
 - Financial Summary: Uldis
 - Chair's Remarks: Topics include AIS, Loons, Lake Steward Boat Wake/Etiquette and Government Relations.
 - Q & A session

Gala Cancellation

- Frawley noted that all cancellation tasks are completed.
- Birznieks presented an analysis of the 2020 budget without the Gala. GCOLA could experience from \$18-\$41K loss due to the reduced revenue. However, due to cash resources, GCOLA continues in sound financial shape. Friedrichs will contact Lakes Printing for a summary of printing income/expense.

AIS Committee

- Alex announced that GCOLA will receive \$1400 from the DNR for the curly pondweed spraying in Lake Margaret. The AIS Response Plan has been updated and will be sent to Friedrichs to distribute to the Board. The Lake Shore Police contract has been signed for inspections at the ramp near Zorbaz. Government Point will be allowed to have volunteer AIS inspectors.

Communications Committee

- No update.



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Environmental Committee

- Living Savior Lutheran Church has been selected for the tree giveaway. MN LAR will host a Lake Steward webinar featuring Dorothy Whitmer and the GCOLA program. The Echo Journal will have an article on GCOLA loon protection programs.

Finance & Audit Committee

- Friedrichs presented the recommendation from the Finance committee to incur additional premium expense due to increased insurance coverage.

Description	Current	Proposed	Savings (Increase)	Notes
General Liability: (\$1 mil per occurrence, \$2 mil aggregate)	\$1,007	\$816	\$191	
Directors & Officers: \$1 mil	\$900	\$450	\$450	
Employment Practice Liability: \$1 mil		\$0	\$0	Coverage included under current D & O policy but not available in new policy. Coverage not needed since no direct employees.
Data Breach: \$25K		\$241	(\$241)	Coverage under new policy would be more extensive.
Buoys: \$27K property coverage		\$270	(\$270)	New coverage
Employee Theft: \$50K		\$0	\$0	
Trailer & office equipment: \$5K		\$0	\$0	
Hired & Non-owned auto liability: \$1 mil		\$153	(\$153)	New liability coverage for any vehicle used for GCOLA business
Umbrella: \$1 mil		\$750	(\$750)	New coverage
TOTAL	\$1,907	\$2,680	(\$773)	Total additional premium over 2019 due to increased coverage.

- Motion by Meyer and second by Chaney to approve the additional insurance coverage and change agents to Baxter Insurance Group. Motion approved.

Fisheries Committee

- Herrig noted that fishing licenses are up 40% which is likely due to COVID.

Government Relations Committee

- Birznieks will present a recommendation to financially support the University of Minnesota Saint Anthony Falls Lab Enhanced Wakes study.

Membership Committee

- Edwards stated there are 810 members who have paid 2020 dues and 53 of them are businesses.
- An article appeared in the City of East Gull Lake newsletter encouraging GCOLA membership.

Recreation and Safety

- Goff reported the boat safety classes are cancelled and an article will appear in the newsletter suggesting an online alternative. Toborg will survey the lake to ensure the buoys are in correct locations.



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Herrig approved a Zoom subscription since encountering so many sound quality issues using FreeConferenceCall.com.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.