



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 14, 2022 – Cragun's Resort & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS

Chad Boesen, Dana Gutzmann

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Eliason and second by Birznieks to approve the August 10, 2022, Board meeting minutes.
Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

| ORGANIZATION | GCOLA* | Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| YTD Time Period | 8-31-22 | 7-31-22 |
| Total Income (Loss) | \$155,770.00 | (\$45,800.14) |
| Total Expense | \$105,691.44 | \$339.61 |
| Net Other Income (Expense) | \$263.76 | (\$4,339.65) |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$50,342.32 | (\$50,479.40) |
| Total Current Assets | \$356,892.49 | \$419,351.44 |

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- Brainerd Sports Boosters – no donation since not aligned with GCOLA mission.



GOVERNMENT AGENCY/VENDOR UPDATE

- Cass County – Gutzmann announced a decon specialist has been hired for Government Point with inspections ending on October 3. Gutzmann, Turner and the DNR will meet to discuss options for the decon unit since it is not working well.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report
- USACE – Turner suggested posting a map within the kiosk which shows the lake depth. The lake is down one inch now and starting in October, USACE will allow the lake to drawdown naturally until the minimum threshold is reached.
- Your Boat Club – Boesen will begin removing the navigation buoys on October 1 with the four corners of the rock pile left until last.

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele reported he attended AIS training at Lake Sylvan and that the 2022 PLM report noted that no AIS was found at any of the boat accesses.
- Thoele visited the four public accesses over Labor Day weekend to thank the inspectors and none were found at Nisswa or Hole-in-the-Day. After contacting Erickson, he discovered Crow Wing County had staffing issues that weekend. Plans include working with Erickson to determine how GCOLA can help with coverage issues. Ideas include supplemental staffing with member volunteers, contacting the Nisswa police department, and working with the DNR.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg stated the newsmagazine is at the printer and should be received soon. The Board was OK with an article asking member to donate leftover food to the local food shelf when they close their cabins for the season.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason is waiting for the test results from AW Research to write the article on the end-of-dock water survey.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Birznieks plans to schedule the audit for October.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report

GALA COMMITTEE

- Birznieks announced the net income is \$26,320 which is the highest achieved so far.



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley reported that Lake Minnetonka has a Water Control District that enables them to establish an ordinance moving the distance from shore from 150 feet to 300 feet.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report.

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Johnston submitted a report that the loon survey results will be published in the winter newsmagazine. She will work with the Fisheries Chair on promoting the Get the Lead Out and don't leave broken fishing line in the lake messages. Fleet Farm now sells non-lead weights. Kiosks have been installed at Government Point and Hole-in-the-Day with the final installation at Nisswa scheduled for this week.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- No report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Frawley stated there is a candidate for the Fisheries Chair who is going through the vetting process.

RECREATION AND SAFETY

- Chaney announced there has been a lot of damage to buoys this year due to wind and boats running over them.

EVENTS UPDATE

- MN COLA – Birznieks announced Joe Shneider will continue as President and they recently donated \$2K to the wake study with an additional \$2K planned.

TO-DO LIST

| Accountable | Description | Deadline | Status |
|---------------------|---|----------|--------|
| 1. Birznieks | Set up annual audit meeting. | 5-18-22 | Open |
| 2. Birznieks | Prepare Gala survey to send to GCOLA email list. | 9-14-22 | Open |
| 3. Committee Chairs | Review/create committee charter and send recommended changes to Frawley & Friedrichs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allene – Membership • Birznieks – Finance/Audit & Gala • Chaney – Safety/Recreation • Eliason – Environmental & Governance | 10-9-22 | New |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frawley – Executive, Fisheries, & Government Relations • Johnston – Loon Conservancy • Lundberg – Communications • Mendel – Nominating • Thoele – AIS • Whitmer – Lake Steward | | |
| 4. Committee Chairs | <p>Send two to three 2023 committee goals and list of committee members to Frawley & Friedrichs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allene – Membership • Birznieks – Finance/Audit & Gala • Chaney – Safety/Recreation • Eliason – Environmental & Governance • Frawley – Executive, Fisheries, & Government Relations • Johnston – Loon Conservancy • Lundberg – Communications • Mendel – Nominating • Thoele – AIS • Whitmer – Lake Steward | 11-6-22 | New |
| 5. Committee Chairs | <p>Send 2023 budget to Birznieks & Friedrichs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allene – Membership • Birznieks – Finance/Audit & Gala • Chaney – Safety/Recreation • Eliason – Environmental & Governance • Frawley – Executive, Fisheries, & Government Relations • Johnston – Loon Conservancy • Lundberg – Communications • Mendel – Nominating • Thoele – AIS • Whitmer – Lake Steward | 11-6-22 | New |
| 6. Frawley | <p>Add explanation to the website on why Lake Minnetonka has the authority to establish a 300-foot limit from the shoreline.</p> | 10-12-22 | New |
| 7. Friedrichs | <p>Send fall newsmagazine to Trivia Guys when received.</p> | 10-12-22 | Open |
| 8. Friedrichs | <p>Arrange with Turner for next meeting to be at USACE.</p> | 10-5-22 | New |
| 9. Friedrichs | <p>Contact Maren if October meeting at USACE.</p> | 10-5-22 | New |
| 10. Friedrichs | <p>Send Boesen the list of silent auction results.</p> | 10-12-22 | New |
| 11. Lundberg | <p>Work with Turner about article on lake levels.</p> | 10-12-22 | New |



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| 12. Lundberg | Work with Boesen on an Instagram post about why not to damage buoys. | 10-12-22 | New |
| 13. Mendel | Determine Fisheries Chair. | 12-14-22 | Open |
| 14. Birznieks | Bring ideas from WAPOA for generating new memberships. | 9-15-22 | Complete |
| 15. Friedrichs | Send second membership mailing to non-members. | 9-14-22 | Complete |
| 16. Friedrichs | Send ACCL link to Mendel. | 8-11-22 | Complete |

COMMITTEE CHARTER REVIEW

Birznieks explained the charters were created in 2016 and need updates by the current committee chairs. This exercise will be helpful for the committee chairs when creating their 2023 goals and budget and can be used by the Nominating Committee when recruiting a Committee Chair.

ANNUAL MEETING

Motion by Eliason and second by Birznieks to approve the 8-10-22 annual meeting minutes. Motion approved.

ADJOURN

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

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