



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
 May 10, 2023 – Grand View Lodge and Zoom

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Member	Present/Absent
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present	Brian Turner	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Derek Bahr (interim)	Absent	Janele Waterman	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Jane Edwards	Absent	Dorothy Whitmer	Absent
Steve Frawley	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent		
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Dana Gutzmann	Absent		
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present		
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent		
Tim Thoele	Present	Dan Simons	Absent		

**GUESTS**

Jeff Marr, Chad Boesen

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Thoele to approve the April 12, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>4-30-23</b>	<b>3-31-23</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$90,445.00	\$18,723.21
Total Expense	25,283.86	474.47
Net Other Income (Expense)	435.11	(5,634.64)
Net Income (Loss)	\$65,596.25	\$12,614.10
Total Current Assets	\$412,344.78	\$419,938.39

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**DONATION REQUEST**

- None

**SAINT ANTHONY FALLS LABORATORY**

- Jeff Marr reviewed the phases of the wake study:
  - Phase I Wake Wave Measurement: Complete
  - Phase II Prop Wash: Drafting the report
  - Phase III Quantify Impact of Wakes and Prop Wash on Lakes: Future

**ADVISORY UPDATES**

- Cass County – No report



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- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report
- USACE – Turner announced the lake level was at the top of the summer band, but with recent rains the dam will be opened to bring it down to the middle. The campground opened May 1 and staff is handing out the loon cards and putting out the fishing line collection bins.

### **HELIPORT**

- Motion by Birznieks and seconded by Friedrichs to send the letter to the City of East Gull Lake recommending they maintain continuity with Cass and Crow Wing Counties that at a minimum, not allow private airports/heliports in its shoreland district which is an area 1000 feet back from the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM) for East Gull Lake. Motion approved by Birznieks, Chaney, Eliason, Frawley, Friedrichs, Lundberg and Mendel. Motion not approved by Thoele. Motion carried.

### **AIS COMMITTEE**

- Thoele will focus on deploying nine of the Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose signs on public and private boat access sites instead of the kiosks. Crow Wing has successfully hired 56 out of 60 AIS inspectors.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Lundberg reported the newsmagazine is ready to be submitted to Lakes Printing.
- Motion by Friedrichs, seconded by Birznieks to approve the new GCOLA logo design. Motion carried.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

- No report.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Frawley announced that Joel Meyer has resigned as a Director as his business has expanded considerably since he originally joined the Board.
- Motion by Eliason, seconded by Lundberg to modify the bylaws as follows: Motion carried.
  - Article II, Section 7 – remove the text 'provided that
  - Article III, Section 2 – remove Nominating Committee responsibilities and renumber other sections.
  - Article VI, Section 2a. – clarify that the Audit/Finance Committee is required to have at least three members including the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.
  - Article VI, Section 2b – remove the Secretary/Treasurer as a member of the ad hoc Financial Review Committee.
- Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Chaney to modify the mission statement to incorporate all the GCOLA committees. Motion passed.
  - The Gull Chain of Lakes Association promotes the responsible use of land and water resources, supports recreational safety, strives to prevent and contain aquatic invasive species, and works to improve water quality and shoreland habitat on the Gull Lake Chain ecosystems now and in the future.

### **FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Birznieks stated the Committee is working on a recommendation regarding the Endowment Fund.



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**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

- No report.

**GALA COMMITTEE**

- Frawley is looking for volunteers before and during the silent auction and reported the raffle will be two electric bikes, there will be a sit-down dinner with pork tenderloin and vegetarian options, donations jars will be set up for MAISRC, reserved tables can be purchased for \$600 and there will be new member tables.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Frawley announced the environmental/natural resource bill has passed the House and is in process within the Senate. The Keep It Clean Bill is focused on ice-house cleanup and the Lead Tackle Reduction Program will be providing funding for the Get The Lead Out (GTLO) program.

**LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE**

- Whitmer provided a written report which announced the first shoreland habitat project has been approved by a county since she took over responsibility for the program.

**LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE**

- Johnston is hosting a GTLO/Loon table at the Gala and the fishing guide expert will be provided a free ticket to the event. Loon buoys will be installed by the fishing opener. Minnesota Lakes & Rivers (MLR) and Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) are using the loon education materials provided by Johnston. The loon nesting survey will be from May 22 to June 5. The artificial nesting platform (ANP) has been installed on Lake Margaret by Lundberg and Batko.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- 809 paid members with 7 new members

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Mendel is vetting a candidate for the Membership Committee Chair.

**RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- Chaney stated the buoys are being installed.

**EVENTS UPDATE**

- Brainerd Chamber – Anderson attended and pitched GCOLA membership.

**TO-DO LIST**

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Chaney	Send names to Thoele for Grand View and Sandy Beach contacts for Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose signs	5-10-23	Open
2. Chaney	Work with Your Boat Club to send 2023 contract to Friedrichs.	5-10-23	Open
3. Frawley	Work with Kevin Egan to draft agreement with resorts regarding the purpose of the kiosks, which is to communicate GCOLA information only, and that GCOLA has sole control over the content.	2-28-23	Open



4. Friedrichs	Send kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when kiosk agreement is ready.	2-28-23	Open
5. Friedrichs	Send letterhead with new logo to board members	5-12-23	New
6. Johnston	Contact Chuck Arvesen about working with Chuk Batko to learn how to build kiosks.	2-8-23	Closed
7. Johnston	Contact Simons regarding a joint GTLO event.	2-8-23	Open
8. Johnston	Work with Amoth and Turner to place tackle drop off box at Government Point	5-10-23	Open
9. Johnston	Work with Gutzmann to identify purple loosestrife areas on Upper Gull as potential biocontrol areas.	6-14-23	Open
10. Board Members	Contact Jane Edwards at <a href="mailto:jedwards3718@gmail.com">jedwards3718@gmail.com</a> to volunteer as sponsorship or silent auction chair	5-10-23	Closed
11. Frawley	Confirm with the annual meeting presenters that August 10 at 7 p.m. works for the date and time.	5-10-23	Closed
12. Turner	Looks for volunteers to build fishing line containers.	3-8-23	Closed

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eliason and seconded by Lundberg. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.