



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 10, 2024 – Zoom & Grand View Lodge

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Attendance	Advisory Member	Attendance
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Jay Chaney	Absent	Camden Droppo	Absent
Robert Eliason	Absent	Kevin Egan	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Steve Henry	Absent
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Mike Knapp	Absent
Tim Thoele	Present	Dan Simons	Present
		Amy Stoneking	Absent
		Brian Turner	Absent
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

Jim Woll

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Finance Chair Frawley at 8:30 a.m. Frawley introduced Jim Woll, member of the Government Relations Committee.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Lundberg to approve the June 12, 2024, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GCOLA*	YTD 5-31-24
Total Income (Loss)	\$102,214.75
Total Expense	\$22,298.16
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$13,181.76
Net Income (Loss)	\$93,098.35
Total Current Assets	\$548,892.12
GULL CHAIN PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND	YTD 5-31-24
Operating Revenue	Not available
Expenditures (including grants to GCOLA)	
Change in net Assets	
Net Assets	

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

CORRESPONDENCE & DONATION REQUESTS

Gull Lake Sailing School submitted a donation request which will be added to the list of potential donations to be approved by the Board later this year.

ADVISORY UPDATES

Cass County – No report

Crow Wing County – No report

DNR – No report

USACE – No report



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EVENTS UPDATE

MN COLA Annual Meeting – Frawley reported:

- Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy spoke on issues regarding recent wetland rulings, salt impact on algae bloom and that hydrilla is highest ranked AIS for environmental impact.

ACCL Meeting – Frawley reported:

- Dr Bruce Carlson gave a similar presentation that he will make at the GCOLA Gala.

National Loon Center Loons & Lakes Festival – Johnston reported:

- Good connections were made with the DNR and will be in a video regarding loon safe boating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Loon Conservancy Committee - Johnston reported:

- Dr Piper will study the loons from July 14-28 and will coordinate a presentation to the GCOLA membership.
- The chick survey will be July 18.

Membership Committee - Friedrichs reported:

- As of 6-30-24 there are 995 paid members and 17 new members.

Nominating Committee - No report

Safety & Recreation Committee – No report

AIS Committee - Thoele reported:

- Curly leaf pondweed has been found in the south part of Roy Lake, Bass Lake and northeast part of Steamboat Bay. PLM will survey these areas.
- No update on the Cullen Lake Chain starry stonewort plan.
- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Lundberg to invest funds received from the Initiative Foundation for I-LIDS into a 6-month CD at First Western. Motion carried.

Communications Committee – Lundberg reported:

- The articles for the next edition are due August 1.
- Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Thoele to approve Tulip Tree website proposal for \$10,400. Motion carried.

Environmental Committee – Eliason reported:

- The June End-of-Dock results are being analyzed by AW Research Laboratories.
- Fireflies have been spotted on the west side of Lake Margaret and Bass Lake.

Executive Committee

- Motion by Frawley, seconded by Birznieks to renew Board terms for an additional three years for Birznieks, Chaney and Friedrichs. Motion carried.
- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Thoele to elect Frawley as Chair, Chaney as Vice-Chair and Friedrichs as Secretary/Treasurer for an additional three years. Motion carried.
- Committee Chairs will each have one slide for their Annual Meeting presentation.

Finance & Audit Committee - Birznieks reported:

- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Frawley to ratify Executive Committee decision to purchase a 16' Smokercraft boat from Power Lodge and donate to the MN Loon project with the understanding if they discontinue studying loons on the Gull Lake Chain, ownership will be transferred back to GCOLA with total cost of approximately \$5K. Motion carried.
- The City of East Gull Lake has rejected three appeals regarding the use of a residence as a heliport. The pilot intends to continue to appeal.

Fisheries Committee – Simons reported:

- The cost for the DNR to stock walleye fingerlings in the Gull Lake Chain is \$60K.

Gala Committee – Friedrichs reported

- 66 dinner tickets and 11 raffle tickets have been sold.



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- Ann Swenson has assumed the role of the Chair since Edwards resigned due to weather damage to her home.

Government Relations Committee – Frawley reported:

- The DNR has approved a petition to limit wake surf boats on Caribou Lake.
- The SAFL Phase II report has not been published yet.

Lake Steward Committee – Friedrichs reported:

- The 100th property owner on the Gull Lake Chain has been designated as a Lake Steward.

TO DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Friedrichs	Apply for sales tax exemption.	12-11-24	Open
2. Birznieks	Coordinate purchase of boat motor for Dr Piper from Power Lodge.	7-10-24	Complete
3. Chaney	Notify Anderson when classes are full so can be removed from the website.	7-10-24	Complete
4. Frawley	Identify board candidates from lists provided by Committee Chairs.	6-12-24	Complete
5. Frawley	Contact donor for boat motor to determine if interested in being in a newsmagazine article about the donation.	7-10-24	Complete
6. Friedrichs	Request contact information for new DNR AIS Specialist from Knapp.	7-10-24	Complete
7. Thoele	Determine if the south end of Roy Lake needs spraying for curly-leaf pondweed.	6-12-24	Complete

ADJOURN

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Lundberg to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.