



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MAY 12, 2021 – ONLINE

**Present:** Claudia Allene, Steve Alex, Todd Amerman, Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, , Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, Joel Meyer, Marv Meyer, Rick Quackenbush

**Absent:** Jane Edwards

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Chad Boesen, Dana Gutzman, Heather Mullane, Brian Turner

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

Motion by Eliason and second by Harrier to approve the April 14, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>4-30-21</b>	<b>3-31-21</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$71,355.00	\$27,600.88
Total Expense	\$17,080.21	\$285.89
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$425.35	(\$3,688.57)
Net Income (Loss)	\$54,700.14	\$23,626.42
Total Current Assets	\$301,283.56	\$421,222.44

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

### Correspondence

- State of the Lakes presentation – Event held on June 18 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Herrig will make presentation and Friedrichs/Allene will monitor the booth. Handouts will include newsletter, infographic, and membership forms.

### Donation Requests

- Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation – Donation not approved since outside scope of the GCOLA mission.

### Government Agency Update

- USACE – Turner reported the AIS decontamination (decon) unit and inspectors should be in place for Memorial weekend. The lake was at the level needed for fishing opener.
- DNR – No report
- Cass County – Gutzman stated the DNR is providing training on the decon unit for the two decon specialist who have been hired. She has been delivering decon maps to the local bait shops.

### Event Updates

- MLR Webinar – Birznieks reported the focus was on legislation with special concern on the impact to MAISRC funding due to the MPCA clean car initiative.



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- AIS Roundtable – Birznieks attended and heard presentations from MAISRC on AIS impact on walleyes and the spiny water flea issue.

### **Bass Lake Development**

- Anderson requested help in alerting homeowners on potential developments in their area. A newsletter article will be created with the following people researching the government notification process. Send information to Friedrichs who will share with the Communications Committee.
  - Brainerd – Need volunteer
  - Crow Wing County – Need volunteer
  - East Gull Lake – Birznieks
  - Fairview County – Friedrichs
  - Lake Shore - Anderson
  - Nisswa – Anderson

### **Annual Meeting**

- Herrig said the meeting will have the same agenda as 2020 and requested Committee members contact him if they are not available to provide an update at the meeting. M. Meyer will provide the financial summary since Birznieks will be out of town.

### **Nominations**

- Frawley announced that Alex and Herrig will not be renewing their board positions for an additional term. M. Meyer notified the Board that he is resigning his Board position effective with the annual meeting. Contact Frawley if you have any suggestions for Board members. Herrig will be available in an advisory capacity to assist with the Chair transition.

### **Advertising Editorial Review**

- Herrig hosted a discussion about the Wake Responsibly ad which recommends boaters stay at least 200 feet away from the shoreline, docks, and other structures. Motion by Herrig and second by Chaney to not ask advertisers to modify the ad until after the SAFL Wake Study results are available. Motion approved with 'yes' votes by Allene, Alex, Amerman, Chaney, Eliason, Friedrichs, Harrier, Herrig, J. Meyer and Quackenbush and 'no' votes by Birznieks, Frawley and M. Meyer.

### **Gala Committee**

- Harrier asked Board members for the number of event tickets, raffle tickets and posters they would like mailed to them to sell for the Gala. Deadline to collect silent auction donations and sponsorships is June 20. Public relations activities include radio announcement, press release, newsletter article and selling tickets at Schaeffer's.

### **Board Meeting**

- Friedrichs planned with Grand View to start Board meetings in the Norway Board Room in the Norway Center beginning with our June meeting. Going forward the computer will be set up for people to join via Zoom if unable to attend in person.



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### **AIS Committee**

- Alex reported there was no response to the public notice for curly pond weed spraying for Lake Margaret, the City of Lake Shore contract has been signed and Gutzman will coordinate inspector schedules between the DNR and Lake Shore for the launch near Zorbaz. The AIS Response Plan has been updated with current contact information and Alex will send to Friedrichs, Plude (DNR), Gutzman (Cass County) and Erickson (Crow Wing County).

### **Communications Committee**

- Anderson reviewed the recent website statistics with 2092 page views. He recommends using Facebook for breaking news and the website for static news. Harrier reported the newsletter will go out early June and notified Board Members that the Gala article refers people to them to buy tickets so don't be surprised if contacted for this reason.

### **Environmental Committee**

- Eliason stated only 15 people picked up trees at the Tree Giveaway. He will make a recommendation about possible changes for next year. So far, he is unaware of any shoreline restoration projects and the End-of-Dock mailing will go out in June.

### **Finance & Audit Committee**

- No report.

### **Fisheries Committee**

- The Walleye Alliance tournament will be on May 22 and Alex will schedule AIS inspectors as needed for the event.

### **Government Relations Committee**

- Birznieks reported on the status of House and Senate bills with some combined into omnibus bills related to environmental issues. He anticipates there will be a special session.

### **Membership Committee**

- Paid membership as of 4-30-21 is 861 with 136 new members.

### **Recreation and Safety**

- Chaney has scheduled Youth Boat Safety classes on June 9 and 10 at 9 a.m. and July 14 at noon. Mary Kay Larson is coordination reservations. We will post information in Facebook and send out an email to promote the classes.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.