



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
September 8, 2021 – Grand View Lodge

**Present:** Claudia Allene, Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Linda Harrier, Jon Mendel, Joel Meyer, Rick Quackenbush

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Rosemary Goff, Dana Gutzman, Chuck Herrig, Kathy Lundberg, Heather Mullane

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

Motion by Birznieks and second by Quackenbush to approve the August 11, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>8-31-21</b>	<b>7-31-21</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$136,798.51	\$48,508.83
Total Expense	\$75,184.11	\$285.89
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$766.70	\$(3,688.57)
Net Income (Loss)	\$62,381.10	\$44,534.37
Total Current Assets	\$308,964.52	\$443,420.39

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

**Correspondence**

- None

**Donation Request**

- None

**Government Agency Update**

- Cass County – Gutzman reported that the number of decons is lower this year due to the decon unit being down four weekends and new staff are not accustomed to promoting the service. Overall inspections are also down at Government Point by nearly 2000. No new AIS, pending news on the mystery snails, was found in any Cass County lakes during Starry Trek. Gutzman is looking for volunteers to attend the AIS detector course to be sponsored by Cass County and ACCL. The U of MN is involved in the starry stonewort harvesting in Leech Lake.
- Quackenbush will invite Nicole Erickson, Crow Wing County AIS coordinator, to attend a future board meeting.

## **Event Updates**

- ACCL – Harrier learned about issues other lake associations are having and viewed a presentation on lake cabin estate planning.
- Starry Trek – Quackenbush stated he and Steve Alex looked for AIS at Zorbaz, Hole in the Day and Government Point boat ramps and found none.
- MAISRC – The annual showcase has been converted to online with tickets selling for \$20. GCOLA will reimburse if any board member attends.

## **Volunteer**

- Kathy Lundberg will work with Heather Mullane to create a document in Google Docs that helps vet volunteers based on their interest level, skills, and available time.
- Anderson will add phone numbers to the committee list on the website.
- To help guide members on volunteer activities, each committee chair will update/expand on the description of their committee that is used on the website, infographic, and newsletter.

## **Annual Meeting**

- Chaney discussed the idea of the annual meeting with the Gull Lake Sailing School, and they are prepared to host when the date has been decided

## **Gala**

- Harrier will host a de-brief meeting with the Gala committee to receive their input.

## **AIS Committee**

- Alex is sending a report to Quackenbush on committee activities.

## **Communications Committee**

- Lundberg reported the newsletter has been mailed. She reviewed the committee charter and 2022 goals and encourages other committee members to use the survey tool, but to combine when possible so members are not inundated with requests.

## **Environmental Committee**

- Eliason will prepare a recommendation regarding the Lake Steward and Shoreline Habitat sub-committees for the next board meeting. He intends to survey members about their interest level/concern on the night sky issue.

## **Finance & Audit Committee**

- Motion by Chaney and second by Mendel to approve Birznieks, Frawley, Friedrichs and Harrier as signers on accounts with First Western Bank & Trust. Motion approved.
- Birznieks reviewed the 2022 budget process and schedule. He stated the audit for 2019 and 2020 will be completed in November of this year. Both were delayed due to COVID. He will set up a meeting with the Initiative Foundation (IF) to gain a better understanding of the investment policy, investment results and objectives for 2022. He will invite IF to the next board meeting.

## **Fisheries Committee**

- No report.

### **Government Relations Committee**

- Frawley is in the process of recruiting two more members for the committee and announced there is not a need to survey members on this topic for next year's goal setting.

### **Membership Committee**

- Allene will write a fourth quarter newsletter article soliciting membership ambassadors by neighborhood.

### **Recreation and Safety**

- Chaney will order life jackets, needed for 2022 boat safety classes, before the price increases.
- Motion by Chaney and second by Harrier to recognize retiring board members, with 12 or more years of service, with a 5-year buoy in their name. Motion approved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.