



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
February 9, 2022 – Grand View Lodge

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS

Lorraine Birskovich, Nicole Erickson, Dana Gutzmann, Steve Katka

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order by Chair Harrier at 8:32 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Mendel and second by Frawley to approve the January 12, 2022, Board meeting minutes.
 Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	1-31-22	12-31-21
Total Income (Loss)	\$2,750	Not received
Total Expense	\$7,155	Not received
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$5	Not received
Net Income (Loss)	(\$4,400)	Not received
Total Current Assets	\$302,150	\$467,529

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

Friedrichs reviewed the financials and Harrier confirmed that she compared the operating checking account statement to the Transaction Report and found no discrepancies.



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CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE

- Cass County – Gutzmann announced the 2021 AIS report has been finalized and that she will be attending the resort show to encourage signage and education. The Cass County Soil & Water Conservation District has approved using WaterGuards to manage the AIS inspectors instead of relying on Gutzmann.
- Crow Wing County – Erickson stated the 2022 AIS plan will go to the County Board for approval on February 22 and that they will begin hiring inspectors at the end of February. They intend to track ramp traffic at the Nisswa landing and will have AIS inspectors scheduled there.
- DNR – Bacigalupi reported there were 9,000 entries for the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza. Many walleyes were caught, but the mortality was low. A descending device was used for tullibees to minimize mortality for that species.
- USACE – Turner said there was a partial draw down on Gull Lake, but USACE won't draw down more unless there's more snow.

EVENTS UPDATE

- Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza - Harrier thanked Chuck Herrig, Rosemary Goff and Joel Meyer for volunteering at the event on behalf of GCOLA.
- Cass County AIS Meeting – Gutzmann indicated Cass County will have a spiny water flea monitoring program either late summer or early fall. She will be looking for volunteers to check for it in the early evening.

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
Allene	Explore different membership fees for business members.	1-12-22	Open
Birznieks	Explore alternative investment options for the AIS contingency fund.	1-12-22	In process
Birznieks	Prepare the GCOLA letter which supports the Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance change regarding airports in the Shoreland District.	3-9-22	New
Chaney	Contact Eric Sullivan (MN DNR) to attend a future board meeting to discuss law enforcement issues on the lake.	2-9-22	Open



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Frawley	Work with Government Relations and Recreation/Safety Committees to craft a GCOLA position statement based on the SAFL wake study results.	3-9-22	New
Friedrichs	Submit DNR grant for Lake Margaret curly leaf pondweed spraying	2-22-22	New
Harrier	Sign up volunteer group for Brainerd Jaycees.	1-13-22	Complete
Harrier	Contact Jaycees to discuss low turnout and explore other volunteer opportunities for next year to be more helpful	3-9-22	New
Harrier	Set up meeting with Gutzmann, Erickson, Bacigalupi and GCOLA representatives to identify gaps in AIS inspections based on times, dates, and locations e.g., Nisswa ramp before a fishing tournament, Zorbaz after Labor Day, etc.	3-9-22	New
Harrier	Research cost of food for Gala to determine feasibility.	3-9-22	New
Johnston	Meet with Turner to discuss loon signage, education and a lead tackle drop-off container at Government Point.	3-9-21	New

AIS COMMITTEE

- No report

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Anderson reviewed the website statistics which includes 11,671 page views. Lundberg announced that an email was sent to the GCOLA email list regarding the SAFL wake study, and the newsletter has gone to Lakes Printing for graphic design.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Birznieks reviewed the GCOLA letter that was sent to the City of East Gull Lake that supports the East Gull Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility project.
- Birznieks reviewed the proposed change to the Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance which will prohibit private airports in the Shoreland District while retaining them as a conditional use in the Agriculture/Forestry and Airport districts. Motion by Birznieks and second by Eliason for GCOLA to send a letter approving this change for private airports going forward. Motion approved.
- Harrier notified the Board that GCOLA received a packet of materials from Tom Steffens regarding a development on Spider Lake. Birznieks, Eliason and Harrier reviewed the material and sent a letter to the City of Lake Shore identifying questions/observations about additional development by Steffens, the dock layout, and the number of feet of lakeshore that is included in the development. Johnston report the Minnesota Loon Protection Project has identified Spider Lake for loon reproduction.



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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- No report

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report.

GALA COMMITTEE

- Harrier reported that Grand View has July 18 available for our event and she will be researching the cost of food to determine the ticket price to break even.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley reviewed the results of the University of Minnesota Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory wake study. Motion by Frawley to remove language in any newsletter ads which has a 200 ft limit from shore. After discussion about timing, since the next newsletter will be mailed soon, Frawley withdrew the motion. Motion by Frawley and second by Eliason to have the Board review all newsletter ads with 200 ft language after the spring newsletter. Friedrichs read the motion prior to the vote. Motion approved
 - Yes: Allene, Birznieks, Eliason, Frawley, Friedrichs, Harrier, Mendel, Quackenbush
 - No: Meyer

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Johnston will be meeting with the DNR to review the GCOLA plan. The plan includes a tamper-proof lead tackle drop-off box. Turner volunteered a spot by the fishing line recycling container at Government Point. Johnston expressed her concern over the speed of cigarette boats on the chain.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Allene said the dues mailing will go out soon as it is being worked on by Lakes Printing.

RECREATION AND SAFETY

- No report

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.