



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 12, 2023 – Grand View Lodge and Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Member	Present/Absent	Advisory Member	Present/Absent
Uldis Birznieks	Absent	Dave Anderson	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
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	Present		
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present		
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent		
Joel Meyer	Absent	Dan Simons	Absent		
Tim Thoele	Present	Steve Timblin	Absent		

GUESTS

Kelly Amoth

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Chaney to approve the February 8, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION RATIFICATION

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Mendel to ratify the decisions made by the Executive Committee on March 15, 2023. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	3-31-23	1-31-23
Total Income (Loss)	\$77,490.00	\$22,294.43
Total Expense	21,309.93	
Net Other Income (Expense)	409.97	
Net Income (Loss)	\$56,590.04	\$22,294.43
Total Current Assets	\$403,338.57	\$428,894.24

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None



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DONATION REQUEST

- Lakes Area Food Shelf – No donation since outside the scope of the GCOLA mission.

GET THE LEAD OUT

- Kelly Amoth reviewed the history of the program and current initiatives including the message that there is no safe lead for humans and since lead tackle is hazardous it should not be disposed in the garbage.

ANNUAL MEETING

- The tentative date for the annual meeting is Wednesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. It will be by Zoom only.

ADVISORY UPDATES

- Cass County – Gutzmann announced that she has accepted a new job as Conservation Officer with the Soil and Water Conservation District but will work with GCOLA until there is a replacement. GCOLA thank Gutzmann for her dedicated and excellent service. Cass County Lakes (ACCL) and Cass County are creating signs that are DNR approved which have consistent CLEAN-DRAIN-DRY-DISPOSE messaging and tools for boat operators to use to comply. ACCL will reach out to all resorts and GCOLA can consider cost sharing once Cass County and ACCL determine the final cost per sign.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report
- USACE – No report

AIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele has agreed to pay USACE up to \$1K for the decontamination unit expenses. Crow Wing County has designated the Nisswa Lake ramp as high risk and is increasing inspection coverage. The Zorbaz ramp inspection contract between GCOLA and the Lake Shore Police is going to the Lake Shore City Council for approval.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reminded everyone their articles are due May 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- Eliason stated that Quarterdeck received approval for 10 additional boat slips.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- No report.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- No report.



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GALA COMMITTEE

- Edwards requested help from the Board in filling committee chair positions for Sponsorship, Silent Auction and Publicity. Lundberg volunteered to fill the Publicity role.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley reported the boat operators permit has been incorporated into an omnibus bill which includes other DNR issues.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

- Johnston stated the loon survey dates have been set and she is looking for housing for the scientists who will be banding the loons in Upper Gull Lake.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- 738 paid members with 7 new members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Motion for Mendel, seconded by Friedrichs to elect Kathy Lundberg as a board member. Motion carried.

RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Jayme Klecker has received many new adopt-a-buoy requests since the map was published in the newsmagazine. If anyone encounters a problem with a buoy, contact Jay and not Your Boat Club. Life jackets have been purchased for the boat safety classes which are tentatively scheduled for June 8, 9, and 22.

EVENTS UPDATE

- MN COLA Board Meeting – Frawley reported Rebecca Carlson of Resilience Resource provided an update on healthy lakes.

ROYS LANDING

- Anderson said the boardwalks on Roy Lake have been installed.

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Board Members	Contact Jane Edwards at jedwards3718@gmail.com to volunteer as sponsorship or silent auction chair	5-10-23	New
2. Chaney	Setup meetings at Grand View and Sandy Beach with Thoele regarding kiosk.	4-12-23	Open
3. Chaney	Work with Your Boat Club to send 2023 contract to Friedrichs.	5-10-23	New



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4. 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
5. Frawley	Confirm with the annual meeting presenters that August 10 at 7 p.m. works for the date and time.	5-10-23	New
6. Friedrichs	Send \$500 kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when kiosk agreement is ready.	2-28-23	Open
7. Johnston	Contact Chuck Arvesen about working with Chuk Batko to learn how to build kiosks.	2-8-23	Open
8. Johnston	Contact Simons regarding a joint GTLO event.	2-8-23	Open
9. Johnston	Work with Gutzmann to identify purple loosestrife areas on Upper Gull as potential biocontrol areas.	6-14-23	Open
10. Johnston	Work with Amoth and Turner to place tackle drop off box at Government Point	5-10-23	New
11. Turner	Looks for volunteers to build fishing line containers.	3-8-23	Open
12. Committee Chairs	Provide input to Lundberg on the "What We Do" page that appears in the newsmagazine.	2-4-23	Closed
13. Edwards	Provide Gala date to Lundberg so that it can be included in the newsmagazine.	2-21-23	Closed
14. Eliason	Contact Troy Nelson (Resource Specialist) at troy.nelson@casscountymn.gov or Jeff Woodward (ESD Director) at jeff.woodward@casscountymn.gov regarding additional docks at Quarterdeck	2-8-23	Closed
15. Frawley	Complete 2023 Executive Committee Goals.	2-8-23	Closed
16. Frawley	Contact Ron Faust and Bill Brekken to determine if interested in being the GCOLA representative for the Crow Wing 1W1P planning partnership	2-15-23	Closed
17. Timblin/Waterman	Send AIS inspector hiring information to Lundberg	2-14-23	Closed

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.