



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
 June 12, 2024 – Zoom & Grand View Lodge

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Birznieks to approve the May 8, 2024, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GCOLA*	YTD 4-30-24
Total Income (Loss)	\$99,418.75
Total Expense	\$17,516.11
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$5,241.02
Net Income (Loss)	\$87,143.66
Total Current Assets	\$542,937.43
GULL CHAIN PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND	YTD 4-30-24
Operating Revenue	\$3,874.95
Expenditures (including grants to GCOLA)	\$25,501.27
Change in net Assets	\$(21,626.32)
Net Assets	\$418,462.45

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

CORRESPONDENCE & DONATION REQUESTS

- Motion by Friedrichs, seconded by Birznieks to purchase a boat motor up to \$11,000, for Dr. Walter Piper to use to study loans on the Gull Lake Chain. Motion carried.

ADVISORY UPDATES

Cass County – Henry reported:

- Starry stonewort tends to sink so infestations stay local instead of floating to another lake on the chain. Lake Koronis is considered to be an anomaly.
- Inspections at Gull Narrows have started now that the weather is warmer.
- The decon unit at Gull Lake Recreation Area is working well.
- The DNR will not approve a trash container at Gull Narrows due to liability.

Crow Wing County – No report



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DNR – Knapp reported:

- The amount of walleye fingerlings stocked in the Gull Lake Chain is determined by the DNR and would not be increased if GCOLA has funds to stock more. However, if funds are needed to pay for the quantity determined by the DNR, GCOLA would be contacted to ensure the quota is stocked.
- The new AIS specialist is starting on June 17.

USACE – No report

EVENTS UPDATE

City of Nisswa Lake Association Gathering – Anderson reported:

- Whitmer brought information regarding the Lake Steward program and made connections with a local shoreline restoration company and the DNR hydrologist for Crow Wing County regarding riprap guidelines.

ACCL Meeting – Johnston reported:

- Planning for the lake shore tour is going well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety & Recreation Committee - Chaney reported:

- Youth boat safety classes are nearing 100% registration.
- Working with Johnston and the Sheriff to incorporate loon boat safety into the curriculum.

AIS Committee - Friedrichs reported:

- The DNR, Crow Wing County and Cullen Lakes Association are working on remediation plans for starry stonewort found in Middle Cullen Lake.
- PLM has surveyed the area where the creek from Lower Cullen Lake flows into Nisswa Lake, in addition to the creek and did not identify any starry stonewort.

Communications Committee –

Lundberg reported:

- The June newsmagazine was out by the deadline and articles for the next issue are due 8-1.
- The website team is interviewing two vendors and both vendor quotes are more than the budget.

Anderson reported:

- The recent CoCoRaHS article in the newsmagazine generated two new volunteers for the area.

Environmental Committee - No report

Finance & Audit Committee - Birznieks reported:

- The request for funding two I-LIDS has been submitted to the Initiative Foundation.
- On 4-30-24 the East Gull Lake Board of Appeals denied the appeal for a heliport on the shoreline. On 5-15-24 the MN DOT issued a cease and desist to the helicopter owner due to licensing violations. On 7-9-24 the City of East Gull Lake will address the appeal of the Board of Appeals decision. If an additional letter is needed it will be approved by the Executive Committee,

Fisheries Committee - No report

Gala Committee –

Friedrichs reported:

- We are unable to purchase a credit card machine to enable smoother credit card processing at the Gala since Rosemary Goff is the owner of the Heartland credit card processing account. Motion by Friedrichs, seconded by Lundberg to authorize Friedrichs to be the owner on the Heartland Merchant Card processing account. Motion carried.
- The committee would like a photo backdrop with Round Lake on it since we have many members attending who live on that lake and it is considered part of the Gull Lake Chain by the DNR.



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Birznieks reported:

- All 12 sponsorship solicitors have agreed to contact sponsors again this year.

Government Relations Committee - No report

Lake Steward Committee - No report.

Loon Conservancy Committee - Johnston reported:

- Committee is participating in the National Loon Center Loons & Lakes Festival on 6-20 with a focus on safe boating, GTLO and the Lake Steward program.
- The loon nest survey is completed.
- Johnston is working with MLR to find volunteers for loon rescue activities.

Membership Committee - Friedrichs reported:

- As of 5-31-24 there are 924 paid members and 15 new members.

Nominating Committee - No report

TO DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Birznieks	Coordinate purchase of boat motor for Dr Piper from Power Lodge.	7-10-24	New
2. Chaney	Notify Anderson when classes are full so can be removed from the website.	7-10-24	New
3. Frawley	Identify board candidates from lists provided by Committee Chairs.	6-12-24	Open
4. Frawley	Contact donor for boat motor to determine if interested in being in a newsmagazine article about the donation.	7-10-24	New
5. Friedrichs	Request contact information for new DNR AIS Specialist from Knapp.	7-10-24	New
6. Thoele	Determine if the south end of Roy Lake needs spraying for curly-leaf pondweed.	6-12-24	Open
7. Birznieks	Request emergency funding from Initiative Foundation for purchase of two I-LIDS systems.	6-12-24	Complete
8. Chaney	Work with Lundberg to determine the raffle trip options.	5-10-24	Complete
9. Eliason	Send Lundberg a newsmagazine article seeking an end-of-dock water quality coordinator for 2025	6-12-24	Complete
10. Frawley	Contact potential donor to purchase a motor for loon banding team	6-12-24	Complete
11. Frawley	Send Jim Woll email to Friedrichs	6-12-24	Complete
12. Friedrichs	Ask DNR if changing northern pike limit signs at public boat accesses	6-12-24	Complete
13. Friedrichs	Send Youth Boat Safety Class email	5-29-24	Complete
14. Friedrichs	Send Lundberg the bitly URL for the annual meeting	5-10-24	Complete
15. Friedrichs	Invoice Maddens for Birch Island buoys to be labeled with Mount Ski Gull	6-12-24	Complete
16. Johnston	Send summary of boat motor needs for Dr. Piper to Birznieks and Frawley	5-10-24	Complete
17. Lundberg	Publish new northern pike limits in newsmagazine and website	6-12-24	Complete
18. Simons	Ask DNR if GCOLA can fund the stocking of more walleye fingerlings.	5-8-24	Complete
19. Thoele	Send Friedrichs the contact information for the new Crow Wing County AIS specialist	5-8-24	Complete



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ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.