



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2021 – ONLINE

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

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Nicole Baker, Kevin Egan, Steve Katka, Jim Kutzner, Tom Nelson, Jon Mendel

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:31 a.m.

Motion by Eliason and second by Allene to approve the December 9, 2020 Board meeting minutes.  
Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report

| Organization               | GCOLA*            | Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>YTD Time Period</b>     | <b>12-31-2020</b> | <b>11-30-2020</b>                      |
| Total Income (Loss)        | \$131,433         | \$29,918                               |
| Total Expense              | \$132,041         | \$239                                  |
| Net Other Income (Expense) | \$1,483           | (\$3,275)                              |
| Net Income (Loss)          | \$875             | \$23,404                               |
| Total Current Assets       | \$246,382         | \$376,911                              |

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

### Correspondence -

- Upper South Long Lake – GCOLA will not comment on a dock permit in a wetland since the lake is not part of the Gull Lake Chain.
- Minnesota Lakes & Rivers – Thank you for donation.
- Ecology Democracy Network – Eliason will research and make recommendation on making a presentation to the Board.

### Donation Requests

- None

### USACE/MN DNR Update

- Bacigalupi reported the ice conditions are variable and vehicles should not go on it.
- The Corps Foundation – Nicole Baker made a brief presentation and was available for questions. The Government Relations Committee will review the material and make recommendation on next steps.

### Event Updates

- None



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### **MN COLA Grass Roots Agenda**

- Jim Kutzner and Tom Nelson, MN COLA Board members, reviewed the agenda and requested input regarding GCOLA priorities on the agenda items.

### **Compensation**

- Motion by Birznieks and second by Harrier to increase the Secretary/Treasurer annual salary by 7% to ensure a commercially reasonable and equitable fair market value for work performed. Motion approved.

### **AIS Committee**

- Alex is working with Up the Creek Meats for an article in the next newsletter and will send a copy of the Crow Wing Watershed plan to board members.

### **Communications Committee**

- Harrier announced the endowment mailing was delivered in December and two versions of the 2021 infographic has been created with one for the Membership Committee and another for the newsletter. Articles for the spring newsletter are due February 1.

### **Environmental Committee**

- Eliason stated that Kris Driessen is coordinating the tree giveaway which will be on May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sunshine's Summerhouse.

### **Finance & Audit Committee**

- M. Meyer received guidance from Egan that the 2019 audit can be delayed due to COVID-19 Stay Safe MN guidelines. Motion by M. Meyer and Herrig to delay the 2019 audit until fall of 2021.

### **Fisheries Committee**

- No report.

### **Gala Committee**

- Edwards reported that GiveSmart recommends a silent auction as the best way to raise funds. The Gala Committee is being established and the raffle details are being worked out.

### **Government Relations Committee**

- Birznieks summarized the results of meetings with Sen. Paul Gazelka, Sen. Carrie Ruud, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. John Poston, and Minnesota Lakes & River Advocates (MLR).
- Frawley indicated the Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory enhanced wake study final report will be available in May 2021. The MN DNR sent out surveys to boat owners about boating issues with preliminary results in March 2021.

### **Membership Committee**

- Edwards said the 2021 membership dues mailing is scheduled to go out in January and press releases have been sent to local publications promoting membership.



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### Recreation and Safety

- Chaney is coordinating with the Sheriff on the boat safety classes this year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.