



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

May 8, 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	Present	Steve Henry	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Mike Knapp	Absent
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Dan Simons	Absent
Tim Thoele	Present	Brian Turner	Present
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

GUESTS

Jayme Klecker

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Eliason to approve the April 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

YTD Time Period*	3-31-24
Total Income (Loss)	\$88,288.75
Total Expense	\$9,273.81
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$13,247.39
Net Income (Loss)	\$92,262.33
Total Current Assets	\$548,056.10

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

CORRESPONDENCE & DONATION REQUESTS

None

ADVISORY UPDATES

- **Cass County** – Henry reported they are short 30 inspectors this year, but Gull Lake is well-staffed. MAISRC will evaluate the hand pulling/vacuuming and UVC treatment barge being used on Leech Lake for starry stonewort. They are applying to U.S. Fish and Wildlife for starry stonewort funding.
- **Crow Wing County** – No report
- **DNR** – Knapp asked that GCOLA publish in the newsletter and website, information about the northern pike regulation change for the entire Gull Lake Chain (including Round) that requires all pike from 30-40" to be immediately released and the limit is 2 with only one over 40" allowed in possession. Interviews for the AIS Specialist replacement have been completed and there were a number of strong candidates.
- **USACE** – Turner announced the lake is high due to recent 5.25" rain so the dam is open to get it within the band. AIS inspections will start May 11 and the decon unit will be available starting May 23. GCOLA will continue paying rent on the storage unit throughout the year.



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EVENTS UPDATE

- MLR Loon Rescue & Transport Webinar – Johnston reported it had great attendance with a survey to be sent to attendees to determine their interest in future rescues.
- Tree Giveaway – No report

LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE

Johnston reported:

- Linder Tackle Company will be going lead-free over the next three years.
- ACCL is sponsoring a Native & Natural Shoreland Tour on July 25.
- She is researching options for a GTLO container for Government Point.
- Craguns' Gull Lake Cruises will have loon education tours in Steamboat Bay, narrated by the National Loon Center.
- Artificial Nesting Platforms (ANP) are being placed by residents in territories where one is not needed so a future article will focus on the dangers of doing this.
- The loon survey will be from May 18 to June 5 which is longer than prior years due to early and late nesters.
- Dr Piper needs a 60-75 HP motor due to the size of the Gull Lake Chain. Recent donors will be contacted to determine their interest in funding the request prior to bringing it to the Board for approval.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Friedrichs reported there are 907 paid members with 13 new members as of 4-30-24.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Friedrichs provided a list of 2023 committee volunteers and Thoele has invited a Board member candidate to the July meeting.

SAFETY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chaney reported:

- All buoys are installed except for two new ones near Birch Island.
- LM Steel has again donated weights for the buoys.
- Chaney thanked Jayme Klecker for his work on adopting the buoys the past two seasons.
- Safety classes will be on June 14, June 20, and July 12 at 9 a.m. at the Gull Lake Sailing School. Classes are free and each attendee will receive a life jacket and pizza from Zorbaz.

GIS COMMITTEE

- Thoele reported:
 - The Lake Margaret curly-leaf pondweed delineation study indicated 2.6 acres will need spraying this year.
 - Crow Wing County is short by 12 inspectors so not able to satisfy the request for coverage at the Nisswa Lake and Hole-in-the-Day public accesses. They are looking into working with the DNR to backfill inspector shortages. Crow Wing views Hole-in-the-Day as a higher priority because it is on Gull, whereas people using Nisswa need to go through all the lakes to get to Gull Lake.
- Chaney reported the delineation study completed for the Love Lake Property Owners Association showed no need to treat since native is taking over. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Thoele for GCOLA to take over surveying Love Lake for curly-leaf pondweed effective immediately. Motion carried.



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- Motion by Thoele, seconded by Birznieks to ratify the Executive Committee decision to contact the Initiative Foundation and request emergency funding to purchase one Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor (I-LIDS) each for the Gull Narrows and Nisswa Lake public boat launches. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Lundberg reported:

- YTD ad revenue from the newsmagazine is \$41K.
- The next newsmagazine issue will be published around June 15.
- The committee has reviewed two website vendor RFPs and will be completing additional due diligence on each one.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Eliason reported:

- There are 60 volunteers for the end-of-dock water testing.
- 2024 will be the last year he will coordinate the end-of-dock program.
- There are 10 volunteers to watch for fireflies and determine where they are located on the Gull Lake Chain.
- Ron Faust won the best photo of the Orion constellation and his picture will appear in the next newsmagazine.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Birznieks reported:

- The East Gull Lake Board of Appeals has denied the appeal by a local resident who is landing his helicopter on his property as it is a violation of local ordinance. Motion by Eliason, seconded by Lundberg for GCOLA to send a letter to the City of East Gull Lake supporting the decision by the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.
- The Initiative Foundation has approved the distribution of the following information. Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Lundberg to authorize Birznieks, Frawley, Friedrichs and Thoele to sign the Initiative Foundation Confidentiality Agreement. Motion carried.



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What specific information will be shared?	Who is it shared with	What is the purpose for sharing the information , and how does it further the mission of the Partner Fund?	What media do you plan to use (ex: letter, mailing, online, social media, etc.)?	In what timeframe do you intend to share the information that(ex: single mailing in May of 2024, ongoing social media posts during year 2024, etc.)?
Monthly Income Statement and balance sheet	Public	Reports how the fund is doing financially	Online within the board minutes	Ongoing
Yearly totals for endowment donations by GCOLA members	Public	Recognizes individuals for their combined contribution to GCOLA and the endowment fund. Names are listed under one of five donation categories ranging from <\$100 to \$5K+	Online within newsmagazine under the annual Thank You Donors section	Ongoing
Initiative Foundation service fee percentage	Finance Committee and GCOLA Board	Reports how the fund is doing financially and keeps the Finance Committee and Board informed on fee %	Either PDF or PPT when information is shared	Committee or Board Meeting
Performance of GCOLA Endowment fund (quarterly and yearly)	Public	Reports how the fund is doing financially	Online within the newsmagazine under the Finance & Audit Committee update	Ongoing
Yearly spending policy amount for GCOLA Endowment Fund	Public	Reports how the fund is doing financially and what/how the Board would take action on available funds	Online within the newsmagazine under the Finance & Audit Committee update	Ongoing
Quarterly financial summary for GCOLA Endowment Fund	Finance Committee and GCOLA Board	Reports how the fund is doing financially and enables the Finance Committee to review and determine if Endowment Fund asset allocation mix should be changed.	Either PDF or PPT when information is shared	Committee or Board Meeting
Asset allocation mix for GCOLA Endowment Fund	Public	Reports how the fund is doing financially and provides an explanation on what/why an asset allocation change is made or considered.	Online within the newsmagazine under the Finance & Audit Committee update	Ongoing



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FISHERIES COMMITTEE

No report

GALA COMMITTEE

The trip raffle drawing will be at 7:30 p.m. with ticket sales no later than 7 p.m.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Frawley reported:

- The legislative session ended on May 20.
- No news on the SAFL Phase 2 report and SAFL Phase 3 is in process.
- Jim Woll is a new committee member.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

No report.

ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting will be on August 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

TO DO LIST

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



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17. Birznieks	Send Friedrichs muskie survey link for email blast and to add to the website	5-8-24	Complete
18. Chaney	Contact travel agency for raffle ticket prize description and give to Friedrichs.	5-8-24	Complete
19. Committee Chairs	Review list of volunteers, identify board candidates from highly active participants and send list to Frawley.	5-8-24	Complete
20. Friedrichs	Mail 1 st quarter newsmagazine to House and Senate Environmental committee chairs	5-8-24	Complete
21. Friedrichs	Research maximum prize value before taxes need to be paid.	5-8-24	Complete

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.