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

**Absent:** Todd Amerman

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Kevin Egan

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

Motion by Eliason and second by Birznieks to approve the August 12, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

## Treasurer’s Report

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| **Organization** | **GCOLA\*** | **Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund** |
| **YTD Time Period** | **8-31-2020** | **7-31.2020** |
| Total Income (Loss) | $108,135.00 | ($6,986.02) |
| Total Expense | $79,770.89 | $238.99 |
| Net Other Income(Expense) | $679.85 | ($3,275.53) |
| Net Income(Loss) | $29,043.96 | ($10,500.54) |
| Total Current Assets | $274,750.81 | $332,879.91 |

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

## Correspondence

* Conservation MN Grant – Eliason will share with Whitmer to apply for the grant.

## Donation Requests

* None

## USACE/MN DNR Update

* Bacigalupi explained that no muskie fingerlings will be stocked and a private contractor will stock walleye fingerlings this fall. The DNR is currently conducting a yellow perch study.

## Event Updates

* Bill Brekken hosted the Crow Wing County mid-year review. Herrig reported there is lots of interest in the U of M boat wake study and GCOLA should extensively communicate results via the website, Facebook, newsletter and email. The Initiative Foundation sponsored a two-year plan on managing AIS with 16 projects awarded funding. Crow Wing AIS inspectors completed 10,000 more inspections this year.

## AIS Committee

* As part of the MAISRC Starry Trek event the most popular boat landings were inspected by Allex and others with no new AIS discovered. Allex is working with MAISRC to research the amount of zebra mussels on docks in 2021. Allex will contact the DNR to remind them to notify GCOLA of fishing contests so that we can schedule inspectors during the busy times. Up the Creek Meats is sold out of beef so an article will appear in the spring newsletter about new availability.

## Communications Committee

* Harrier announced the fall newsletter will be mailed by September 30 and the next round of articles will be due by October 23.

## Environmental Committee

* Eliason stated the loon survey results are in and will be compiled soon. Responsibility for coordinating the 2021 loon survey will be passed to Amerman.

## Finance & Audit Committee

* Meyer reported that expenses will be lower in the shoreline restoration category due to COVID and Allex confirmed AIS expenses will be under budget.

## Fisheries Committee

* Herrig said there is spiny waterflea research being done on other Crow Wing county lakes. Next year the Gull Lake Chain will be included.

## Government Relations Committee

* Birznieks informed the Board that the East Gull Lake City Council did not approve helipads within the city limits.

## Membership Committee

* Edwards reported there are 942 paid members and 64 are businesses.

## Recreation and Safety

* Chaney would like to use buoy funds for additional lighted buoys next year since so many people are complimentary of them.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.