



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**May 11, 2022 – Grand View Lodge & Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Advisory Board</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Claudia Allene	Present	Dave Anderson	Present
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Marc Bacigalupi	Absent
Jay Chaney	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Sheila Johnston	Absent
Steve Frawley	Present	Kathy Lundberg	Present
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Tim Plude	Absent
Jon Mendel	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
Joel Meyer	Present	Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

**GUESTS**

Chad Boesen, Dana Gutzmann, Tim Thoele

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Birznieks at 8:33 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by Eliason and second by Frawley to approve the April 13, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>GCOLA*</b>	<b>Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund</b>
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>4-30-22</b>	<b>3-31-22</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$68,915.00	(\$15,042.16)
Total Expense	25,529.21	339.61
Net Other Income (Expense)	160.83	(\$4,339.65)
Net Income (Loss)	\$43,546.62	(\$19,721.42)
Total Current Assets	\$350,096.79	\$449,009.42

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Anonymous – Writer express concern about number of boats, lifts, and large docks. This issue will be addressed in an upcoming newsmagazine article.
- Habitat for Humanity – Lundberg will follow up with the request to include information about ReStore in our newsmagazine.
- Harrier – Linda Harrier has resigned her position as Chair and Board Member.



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**DONATION REQUEST**

- None

**GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE**

- Cass County – Gutzmann announced AIS inspections will begin on May 14.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – No report
- USACE – No report.
- Your Boat Club – Boesen reported all the buoys will be installed by May 12.

**EVENTS UPDATE**

- City of Nisswa – Anderson attended the city council meeting where the decision was made to re-write the ordinances regarding the development of environmentally sensitive lakeshore lots.

**TO-DO LIST**

<b>Accountable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. <b>Anderson</b>	Add a 'request for volunteers' message to the website.	5-18-22	New
2. <b>Birznieks</b>	Share Adopt-a-Buoy best practice with MLR & MN COLA.	4-13-22	Open
3. <b>Birznieks</b>	Add 'Print 25 posters' to the Gala to-do list.	5-18-22	New
4. <b>Birznieks</b>	Set up annual audit meeting.	5-18-22	New
5. <b>Birznieks</b>	Connect Steve Allex up with Tim Thoele for transition of AIS duties.	6-8-22	New
6. <b>Board Members</b>	Reach out to at least two Board member recruits.	6-8-22	New
7. <b>Chaney</b>	Ask the Yacht Club if available for annual meeting on Aug 8 or 9.	5-18-22	New
8. <b>Eliason</b>	Review bylaws for changes to succession process and make recommendation.	6-8-22	New
9. <b>Frawley</b>	Contact WAPOA on how they recruit committee members.	6-8-22	New
10. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Send Tim details on ACCL meeting on May 27.	5-12-22	New
11. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Send AIS budget to Thoele.	5-18-22	New
12. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Send Hoot Gibson contact information to Frawley.	5-18-22	New
13. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Research cost of third boat access AIS survey by PLM.	5-23-22	New
14. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Purchase thank you gift card for Harrier.	6-8-22	New
15. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Setup meeting with Erickson, Gutzmann, Plude & Thoele to discuss ideas for AIS prevention.	6-8-22	New
16. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Coordinate second membership mailing with Lakes Printing.	6-8-22	New



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17. <b>Lundberg</b>	Work with Habitat for Humanity to include flyer into GCOLA communication with a note on how it aligns with our mission.	6-8-22	New
18. <b>Lundberg</b>	Send email blast requesting volunteers.	6-8-22	New
19. <b>Meyer</b>	Set up meeting with Friedrichs to review list of adopted buoys.	5-11-22	In process
20. <b>Meyer</b>	Talk to Birznieks about Fisheries chair accountabilities.	6-8-22	New
21. <b>Thoele</b>	Send Sue picture for the newsmagazine.	5-18-22	New
22. <b>Thoele</b>	Research if additional inspections are needed on Thursdays at the public ramps.	6-8-22	New
23. <b>Allene</b>	Explore different membership fees for business members.	1-12-22	Complete
24. <b>Allene</b>	Research the pros/cons of automated membership renewal	5-11-22	Complete
25. <b>Allene</b>	Study a life-time membership option.	5-11-22	Complete
26. <b>Anderson</b>	Add a link to the website on where to purchase lead-free tackle.	5-11-22	Complete
27. <b>Birznieks</b>	Explore alternative investment options for the AIS contingency fund.	1-12-22	Complete
28. <b>Birznieks</b>	Work with Government Relations and Recreation/Safety Committees to define the responsibilities for the two committees on the enhanced wake issue and SAFL wake study.	5-11-22	Complete
29. <b>Board Members</b>	Bring ideas to the next meeting on how to host the annual meeting.	5-11-22	Complete
30. <b>Board Members</b>	Send suggestions for AIS chair to Harrier.	5-11-22	Complete
31. <b>Boesen</b>	Contact local fishing guides to find someone to attend the GTLO event at Jack Pine.	4-20-22	Complete
32. <b>Frawley</b>	Contact Birznieks and Whitmer to determine committee member recruiting needs.	5-11-22	Complete
33. <b>Frawley</b>	Summarize committee recruiting ideas and send to Board members to prioritize for his recommendation at the next meeting.	4-20-22	Complete
34. <b>Frawley</b>	Put together an article in the newsletter regarding the need for GCOLA volunteers.	5-1-22	Complete
35. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Send most recent volunteer list to Board and committee chairs.	4-20-22	Complete
36. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Prepare National Loon Center letter with Harrier's signature and send.	4-20-22	Complete
37. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Sign and send kiosk form to the DNR.	4-20-22	Complete
38. <b>Friedrichs</b>	Send list of 2021 loon volunteers with emails to Johnston.	4-20-22	Complete



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<b>39. Friedrichs</b>	Confirm with the City of Lake Shore if they will be performing AIS inspections in September & October. If not, contact Gutzmann for additional hours.	5-11-22	Complete
<b>40. Harrier</b>	Contact Jaycees to discuss low turnout and explore other volunteer opportunities for next year to be more helpful	3-9-22	Closed
<b>41. Harrier</b>	Research cost of food for Gala to determine feasibility.	3-9-22	Complete
<b>42. Harrier</b>	Notify Jane Edwards that we'd like to start having Board meetings at Grand View beginning with the May meeting	4-20-22	Complete
<b>43. Johnston</b>	Send information about the GTLO event to Lundberg for publication on the website, social media, and email.	4-14-22	Complete
<b>44. Johnston</b>	Work with Friedrichs to create GTLO artwork for email, website, and social media	4-14-22	Complete
<b>45. Lundberg</b>	Add request for loon survey volunteers to the website and social media	4-20-22	Complete
<b>46. Meyer</b>	Send map with list of adopted buoys to Boesen and Nelson at Your Boat Club.	4-20-22	Complete

**VICE-CHAIR**

- Due to Linda Harrier's resignation as Board Chair, Uldis Birznieks has assumed the role of Chair. Motion by Birznieks and second by Chaney to elect Steve Frawley as Vice-Chair. Motion approved.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

- The Board agreed to tentative meeting dates of August 8 or 9 with location to be determined. The meeting will also be hosted by Zoom.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- The Board members agreed to continue having Board meeting at Grand View and to consider Craguns as an option if needed.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Motion by Eliason and second by Friedrichs to elect Tim Thoele as a Board member. Motion approved.
- Committee changes
  - Tim Thoele – AIS chair, add to Finance and remove from Government Relations
  - Rosemary Goff – Add to Government Relations and remove from Finance
  - Steve Alex – Add to AIS
- Frawley reviewed the Board member input on ideas for recruiting new volunteers. Ideas that will be pursued include Board members contacting two Board member recruits, a table at the Gala for new volunteers and contacting WAPOA for ideas.



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**AIS COMMITTEE**

- Friedrichs attended the Crow Wing County Starry Search presentation which is encouraging members to search the Nisswa and Hole-in-the-Day public landings for starry stonewort in July, August, and September. Since PLM already surveys all landings twice a year, they will provide a quote for a third survey.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Lundberg reported the newsmagazine is almost ready to go to the printer for graphic design work.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

- Eliason expects the end-of-dock water sampling kits to be mailed in May.

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Birznieks presented a recommendation to continue investing the AIS funds in CDs with First Western until this fall when the Finance Committee will look at the possibility of placing the funds into an investment portfolio. Due to the rising interest rate environment, Friedrichs will renew future CDs for only a 90 day maturity.

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

- No report

**GALA COMMITTEE**

- Birznieks provided the following details regarding the event:
  - Date: July 24
  - Place: Craguns Legacy Clubhouse
  - Entertainment: Ridiculous Trivia Game Show
  - Raffle: 2 Townie E-bikes
  - Food: Appetizers and dessert
  - Tickets: \$60 for Gala and \$20 for raffle
  - Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  - List will be provided to Board members to identify who will contact prior donors for sponsorship, live auction item or prizes for the game show.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Frawley reported the Government Relations committee met with Senator Carrie Ruud. She does not believe boat operator legislation will pass, but funding through 2024 will pass for MAISRC.



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**LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE**

- Tree giveaway is on Saturday May 14 at 10 a.m. to Noon

**LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

- Johnston provided a written report reminding everyone of the GTLO event at Jack Pine Brewery on Thursday May 12 from 5-7 p.m. Cass County has approved a \$1K grant for the kiosks to be located at Gull Lake Narrows and Government Point. Chuk Batko has volunteered to build the signs. The loon survey volunteers are in place and the dates have been scheduled. Loon safe boating cards are being printed and will be delivered to boat rental businesses and resorts.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- Allene recommended that we do not setup automatic membership renewals as it could reduce annual donations and increase credit card fees. She also recommended we not establish lifetime memberships due to the impact on annual donations. She will discuss business membership fees at the next meeting.

**RECREATION AND SAFETY**

- Chaney is looking for more participants in the youth safe boating classes so will be contacting the newspaper, chambers, and Round Lake Association with details.
- Meyer facilitated a discussion about buoy stickers. Going forward they will be replaced when damaged and new ones will be ordered when it is adopted for another five years.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.