



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**March 9, 2022 – Zoom Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**GUESTS**

Nicole Erickson, Dana Gutzmann, Heather Mullane, Steve Katka

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Birznieks at 8:35 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by Frawley and second by Quackenbush to approve the February 9, 2022, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b>        | <b>GCOLA*</b>  | <b>Gull Chain Preservation<br/>Endowment Fund</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>YTD Time Period</b>     | <b>2-28-22</b> | <b>1-31-22</b>                                    |
| Total Income (Loss)        | \$5,750.00     | Not received                                      |
| Total Expense              | 8,877.05       | Not received                                      |
| Net Other Income (Expense) | 7.75           | Not received                                      |
| Net Income (Loss)          | (\$3,119.30)   | (\$13,247.04)                                     |
| Total Current Assets       | \$303,430.87   | \$455,483.80                                      |

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

Friedrichs reviewed the financials and Harrier confirmed that she compared the operating checking account statement to the Transaction Report and found no discrepancies.



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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**DONATION REQUEST**

- Pequot Lakes Splash Pad – no donation

**GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE**

- Cass County – Gutzmann has started the hiring process and is working with lake service providers.
- Crow Wing County – Erickson is starting a Starry Trek program for lake associations.
- DNR – No report
- USACE – Turner reported the drawdown was 8” vs. a normal 12” in prior years.

**EVENTS UPDATE**

- MN COLA – Birznieks reported they have hired an administrator to manage the newsletter, website, etc.; Tom Watson has been named to the MAISRC advisory board; and the annual meeting in June will be in-person.

**TO-DO LIST**

| <b>Accountable</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Deadline</b> | <b>Status</b> |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Allene             | Explore different membership fees for business members.  | 1-12-22         | Open          |
| Allene             | Research the pros/cons of automated membership renewal   | 5-11-22         | New           |
| Allene             | Study a life-time membership option.   | 5-11-22         | New           |
| Birznieks          | Explore alternative investment options for the AIS contingency fund.   | 1-12-22         | In process    |
| Birznieks          | Prepare the GCOLA letter which supports the Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance change regarding airports in the Shoreland District.                                       | 3-9-22          | Complete      |
| Birznieks          | Prepare the GCOLA letter opposing the proposed helipad location in East Gull Lake.   | 3-19-22         | New           |
| Birznieks          | Share Adopt-a-Buoy best practice with MLR & MN COLA.   | 4-13-22         | New           |
| Birznieks          | Work with Government Relations and Recreation/Safety Committees to define the responsibilities for the two committees on the enhanced wake issue and the SAFL wake study." | 5-11-22         | Open          |
| Chaney             | Contact Eric Sullivan (MN DNR) to attend a future board meeting to discuss law enforcement issues on the lake.   | 2-9-22          | Open          |
| Friedrichs         | Submit DNR grant for Lake Margaret curly leaf pondweed spraying.   | 2-22-22         | Complete      |



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| <b>Gutzmann</b> | Send link to AIS detector class to Lundberg   | 3-15-22 | New      |
| <b>Harrier</b>  | Sign up volunteer group for Brainerd Jaycees.   | 1-13-22 | Complete |
| <b>Harrier</b>  | Contact Jaycees to discuss low turnout and explore other volunteer opportunities for next year to be more helpful   | 3-9-22  | Open     |
| <b>Harrier</b>  | Set up meeting with Gutzmann, Erickson, Bacigalupi and GCOLA representatives to identify gaps in AIS inspections based on times, dates, and locations e.g., Nisswa ramp before a fishing tournament, Zorbaz after Labor Day, etc. | 3-9-22  | Open     |
| <b>Harrier</b>  | Research cost of food for Gala to determine feasibility.  | 3-9-22  | Open     |
| <b>Harrier</b>  | Setup meeting with Gala committee to discuss options  | 4-13-22 | New      |
| <b>Johnston</b> | Meet with Turner to discuss loon signage, education, and a lead tackle drop-off container at Government Point.  | 3-9-21  | Complete |
| <b>Meyer</b>    | Set up meeting with Sue to review list of adopted buoys.  | 5-11-22 | New      |

**AIS COMMITTEE**

- Quackenbush announced he is selling his home and will be resigning his board membership when he moves.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Lundberg announced the website is being updated for the new committees.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

- Motion by Frawley and second by Birznieks to send a letter on behalf of GCOLA to the City of East Gull Lake opposing a landowner's request to add a helipad near their home. Motion approved.

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- No report

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

- No report.

**GALA COMMITTEE**

- Harrier will coordinate a meeting with committee members to discuss options for the event.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Frawley reviewed a proposed letter to be sent to legislators regarding GCOLA legislative priorities. One proposed change was from 'shallow lakes' to 'shallow areas.'
- Birznieks provided an update on various legislation in the Minnesota House and Senate.



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**LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE**

- No report

**LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

- Johnston is working on a Get The Lead Out event at Jack Pine, the committee will not be working on platforms this year and she will be modifying the loon survey so that it is consistent with national standards which will help with analysis.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- Friedrichs reported that total memberships of 96 as of 2-28-22 is lower than the prior two years due to the timing of the dues letter.

**RECREATION AND SAFETY**

- Meyer stated the buoys have been ordered and should be shipped soon.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.