



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MARCH 10, 2021 – ONLINE

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

Absent: Todd Amerman, Jay Chaney, Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Dana Gutzman, Kathy Lundberg

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Eliason and second by Harrier to approve the February 10, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	2-28-21	1-31-21
Total Income (Loss)	\$24,115.00	\$9,851.87
Total Expense	\$8,399.75	\$0.00
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$7.15	\$0.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$15,722.40	\$9,851.87
Total Current Assets	\$262,303.94	\$402,389.74

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

Correspondence

- MAISRC – Thank you for donation.
- Gylling – Not renewing membership since GCOLA did not support the City of East Gull Lake helipad.

Donation Requests

- Nisswa Elementary – Donation not approved.

USACE/MN DNR Update

- USACE – no report
- DNR – Bacigalupi is optimistic there will be a more normal walleye stocking in 2021.
- Cass County – Dana Gutzman, introduced herself as the new AIS Lake Technician and stated they're in the process of hiring AIS inspectors.

Event Updates

- ACCL Board Meeting – Kathy Wagner, introduced herself as the new president. ACCL is seeking input from lake associations, encouraging the promotion of Cass County bait bags, and continuing the resort Ambassador program.



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City of East Gull Lake Proposal

- Dorothy Whitmer requested a letter supporting her recommendation to add a requirement to the City of East Gull Lake Land Use Application to complete the GCOLA Score Your Shore assessment. The Board requested that references to Dorothy's role as the GCOLA Lake Steward Coordinator is removed from the proposal, but the link to the Score Your Shore assessment can be included.

AIS Committee

- Alex submitted the DNR grant for the Lake Margaret weed spraying and the contracts with PLM for survey & spraying have been signed.

Communications Committee

- Lundberg announced the newsletter will be mailed soon. Anderson disclosed the website statistics. Harrier reviewed the newsletter advertiser list and that we will have higher advertising revenue in 2021 than 2020. Herrig will talk to Jim Christensen and Chaney will contact MN Inboard to determine why they are no longer advertising in the newsletter.

Environmental Committee

- Motion by Eliason and second by Quackenbush to approve the Lake Steward sign design with the Conservation Minnesota logo for those signs purchased by the Conservation Minnesota grant. Motion approved.

Finance & Audit Committee

- No report.

Fisheries Committee

- Herrig reminded everyone that new fishing licenses are needed beginning March 1, 2021.

Gala Committee

- Edwards provided an update on plans including the assumption there may be less attendees due to COVID, we want to attract new/younger people with a more casual feel, and this is the year to try something new because of the pandemic. There will be a trip raffle that may include a staycation option with patio improvements/furniture and an electric bike raffle. She asked Board members to use the sponsor letter as they contact sponsors/donors.

Government Relations Committee

- Birnieks reviewed the status of various bills in the state legislature. Minnesota may need a law prohibiting lead weights and sinkers, like lead shot for waterfowl hunting, to make the fishing gear more available/affordable. The Government Relations committee will explore this if it becomes a bill. Frawley stated the U of M might wait to publish the Wake Study results in the fall when the peer review has been completed. Due to the extent of information gathered additional studies may be completed on propeller wash and impact on types of shorelines.



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Membership Committee

- Edwards announced we have as of February 28, 2021, 306 paid members with 45 of them new to GCOLA.

Recreation and Safety

- J Meyer stated the buoys have been ordered and that he will be coordinating the memorial buoys. Board sponsored buoys will be limited to five years and if anyone wants to pay for a memorial buoy it will be for a minimum of five years. The committee will contact Nisswa Marine and Boats and Beyond to see if they'd like to renew their buoys for a five-year term in 2022. The Board sponsored buoy for Bill Ewing will be replaced by one honoring Bob Toborg & Rosemary Goff.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.