



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 12, 2022 – Grand View Lodge

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS

Lorraine Birskovich, Travis Collette, Nicole Erickson, Rosemary Goff, Dana Gutzmann, Chuck Herrig, Steve Katka, Jennifer O'Neill

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Frawley and second by Birznieks to approve the December 8, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ORGANIZATION	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	12-31-21	11-30-21**
Total Income (Loss)	\$173,305.01	\$48,884.31
Total Expense	114,672.71	285.89
Net Other Income (Expense)	1,334.45	(\$3,688.57)
Net Income (Loss)	\$59,966.75	\$44,909.85
Total Current Assets	\$306,550.17	\$443,995.87

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

**On 12-29-21 Kasey Stevens from the Initiative Foundation notified GCOLA of the following: "You may have noticed that on your recent financial statements, there appeared to be \$10,500 worth of endowed donations received and invested in November. There was a typo on our records that



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made it appear as if these funds were for Gull Chain PEF, but they were for a different fund. This has since been corrected.”

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DONATION REQUEST

- None

GOVERNMENT AGENCY UPDATE

- Crow Wing County – Erickson announced the 2022 AIS Prevention plan will be presented on 1-21-22 to the County Board with final vote on 2-22-22.
- DNR – Bacigalupi discussed the results of the zebra mussel survey at Pelican Lake which indicates the amount has leveled off.
- Cass County AIS – Gutzman reported that self de-contamination units have been delivered to Leech Lake due to the starry stonewort infestation.
- Cass County Sheriff – Collette stated that the enforcement level on the Gull Lake Chain remained the same in 2021 and if Cass County Sheriff staff is not on the lake then either Crow Wing County Sheriff or the DNR are providing coverage. In general complaints are down and those received were skewed towards noise issues. Two more buoys on the Booming-Out Bay side of Bar Harbor will be placed to provide better navigation guidance. They will not be ‘no-wake’ buoys.

EVENTS UPDATE

- None

TO-DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
Allene	Explore different membership fees for business members.	1-12-22	Open
Anderson	Add the National Loon Center to the website.	1-12-22	Complete
Birznieks	Explore alternative investment options for the AIS contingency fund.	1-12-22	In process
Chaney	Contact Eric Sullivan (MN DNR) to attend a future board meeting to discuss law enforcement issues on the lake.	2-9-22	Open
Committee Chairs	Review list of committee members and send changes to Harrier and Friedrichs.	12-8-21	Complete



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Friedrichs	Send Allene's email to Etzell regarding parking and Chaney's email about a fish house for the Jaycees fishing contest.	12-22-21	Complete
Friedrichs	Place the Membership list in Dropbox for Allene to access.	12-22-21	Complete
Friedrichs	Notify committee chairs that the 2022 budget has been approved.	12-15-22	Complete
Friedrichs	Transfer \$25K from checking to AIS savings.	12-15-22	Complete
Harrier	Sign up volunteer group for Brainerd Jaycees.	1-13-21	Open
Quackenbush	Provide a list of questions to Lundberg that you want to ask potential volunteers to vet their qualifications for your committee.	2-9-22	Open
Quackenbush	Request City of Lake Shore to continue inspections in September and October 2022 instead of stopping after Labor Day.	2-9-22	Open

AIS COMMITTEE

- Quackenbush announced City of Lake Shore will discontinue inspections after Labor Day and that the PLM contracts are in place for 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Lundberg reminded everyone 1Q22 articles are due 2-1-22. Mullane is working with Johnston to send out Loon Conservancy questions to vet volunteers. The 2022 infographic will be ready in time for the first quarter newsletter and membership mailing.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- No report

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Motion by Frawley and second by Harrier to direct First Western to send monthly ACH payments to Anderson. Motion approved.
- Birznieks hosted a discussion regarding alternative investment options for the AIS Contingency Fund. The Board agreed to have the Finance Committee continue exploring this idea with any future recommendation to include Board risk mitigation measures i.e., Investment Committee with experienced committee members, Investment Policy, and an understanding of the fund manager role regarding fiduciary responsibilities.
- Birznieks reviewed the 2021 FYE financial results and 2022 budget.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

- Harrier reported that Matt Etzell has resigned as Fisheries Chair and we're looking for a volunteer. She is coordinating the Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza and three more



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volunteers are needed to assist persons with disabilities that day. Jay will provide the fish house and Herrig will pick up and deliver it. Volunteers so far are Harrier, Herrig and Meyer. Chaney will research if he can assist with any snow removal at Allene's to provide convenient parking for volunteers.

GALA COMMITTEE

- No report

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Frawley stated the legislators will be available for meetings in late January and since there have been changes they will focus on establishing new contacts. The Safe Wakes study has not been published yet and no date has been announced.

LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE

- No report

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- No report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Allene announced we have 1080 members at the end of 2021 with 199 new members. She is working with Whitmer on launching a joint ambassador program between Membership and Lake Steward.

RECREATION AND SAFETY

- Chaney announced that ice thickness continues to be a challenge due to the slush that's on top. Mayer has received requests to adopt-a-buoy that is not available as we don't want people to get too close to certain ones e.g., the rock pile.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.