



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2020 – ONLINE

Present: Claudia Allene, Steve Alex, Todd Amerman, Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Linda Harrier, Chuck Herrig, Joel Meyer, Rick Quackenbush

Absent: Jane Edwards, Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Kevin Egan, Rosemary Goff, Steve Katka, Marc Bacigalupi

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

Motion by Eliason and second by Frawley to approve the November 11, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	11-30-2020	10-31-2020
Total Income (Loss)	\$125,335	(\$4,393)
Total Expense	\$113,487	\$239
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$1,147	(\$3,276)
Net Income (Loss)	\$12,995	(\$7,908)
Total Current Assets	\$258,702	\$335,853

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

Correspondence -

- Nisswa Fire & Rescue – donation thank you

Donation Requests

- None

USACE/MN DNR Update

- Bacigalupi reported the annual Gull Lake Chain fishery survey will move to every other year and that the Avid Anglers event will be scheduled for this winter.

Event Updates

- MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates conference – Birznieks related the highlights including a review of the 2021 legislative agenda along with a presentation by Dr. Nick Phelps on the MAISRC AIS prediction tool.
- MN COLA Membership meeting – Birznieks reviewed the presentations including:
 - Kathryn Hoffman with Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy regarding legal/lobbying projects.
 - Jeff Forester and Henry Erdman Minnesota Lakes and River Advocates about the few changes to the 2020 Minnesota legislative landscape with few changes.
 - Minnesota Association of Water Districts approval of a resolution to support enhanced wakes legislation.



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- Joe Schneider, MN COLA, is pursuing the formation of a national lake association organization.
- Tom Watson and Uldis Birznieks presented the top four legislative priorities, which align well with GCOLA's priorities.
- MAISRC Webinar: Go to the following URLs to learn more about the AIS prediction tool
 - About video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdN87mMNIU8&feature=youtu.be>
 - AIS Explorer tool: <https://www.aisexplorer.umn.edu/#/>

AIS Committee

- Alex will work with Cass County to understand the amount of funding available in 2021, before contracting with the City of Lake Shore for boat inspections.

Communications Committee

- Harrier announced articles are due by February 1 and ask the committee for help if need ideas.

Environmental Committee

- Eliason stated two lake shore restoration projects have been completed. MLR has asked to have their logo added to some of the GCOLA Lake Steward signs to encourage membership to MLR. Eliason will work with Dorothy Whitmer to get her input on the idea. MLR is encouraged to submit a membership article for the GCOLA newsletter with clear definition of benefits for belonging to both organizations.

Finance & Audit Committee

- Birznieks presented the 2021 budget. Motion by Birznieks and second by Eliason to approve the 2021 budget. Motion passed.

Fisheries Committee

- Herrig announced the Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza will be virtual in 2021 so GCOLA will not be providing volunteers to the event.

Gala Committee

- Friedrichs reported that Grand View Lodge and Deuces Wild will defer, and Give Smart (silent auction) will not defer down payments if the GCOLA event is moved to 2022.

Government Relations Committee

- Birznieks provided an update on meetings with legislators regarding priorities. See '2021 Gull Chain of Lakes Association Legislative Priority Items' for details.

Membership Committee

- No report.

Recreation and Safety

- Chaney is replacing all the no-wake buoys with lighted buoys.



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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.