



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

JUNE 9, 2021 – GRAND VIEW LODGE

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

Absent: Jay Chaney

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, Chad Boesen, Dana Gutzman, Kathy Lundberg, Heather Mullane, Tim Plude, Brian Turner

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

Motion by Frawley and second by Eliason to approve the May 12, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	5-31-21	4-30-21
Total Income (Loss)	\$80,390.00	\$40,096.40
Total Expense	\$19,838.92	\$285.99
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$428.99	(\$3,688.57)
Net Income (Loss)	\$60,980.07	\$36,121.94
Total Current Assets	\$307,563.49	\$434,907.96

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

Correspondence

- None

Donation Requests

- None

Government Agency Update

- USACE – Turner stated all the local lakes are in drought condition.
- DNR – Bacigalupi reported that an additional 5 million walleye fry were stocked in Gull Lake in May. Fish die off is happening due to the warmer water than normal. All fishing tournaments are published in the DNR website which GCOLA needs to work with Cass and Crow Wing Counties to coordinate AIS inspectors. Plude is watching the results of the Lake Margaret spraying since it used a new herbicide.
- Cass County – Gutzman is providing AIS coasters for the Gala gift bags and will contact MAISRC on the status of spiny water flea towels. All the decon specialist positions have been filled.

Event Updates

- ACCL – Presentation by RMBEL which is an alternative for end-of-dock water testing since they send the results to the MPCA.



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- MN COLA – Birznieks reported the focus is on board elections and they are exploring a lifetime membership option.

Annual Meeting

- Herrig will test run the presentation at the State of the Lakes event.

Gala Committee

- Edwards stated that since the COVID restrictions have been lifted we can sell more than 200 tickets. Board Members were asked to be greeters at the event and we need help collecting more donations for the silent auction.

Nominations Committee

- Frawley reported the team is seeking nominations for Board positions and suggested the Board has a session in the future about recruiting and succession planning. Allene has agreed to be the Membership Committee chair.

AIS Committee

- Alex announced that Quackenbush is now a Certified AIS Inspector. Alex was notified of curly leaf pondweed near Bar Harbor, and he is working with the owner regarding treatment options.

Communications Committee

- Lundberg reported the newsletter has been mailed and articles are due August 1 for the next edition. Harrier stated the team is working on email blasts for the Lake Steward program and gala.

Environmental Committee

- Eliason announced that Dorothy Whitmer's proposal to the City of East Gull Lake has been approved by incorporating the Score Your Shore survey into building permit requests. The DNR reported this is the first time a lake association and a city government worked together to the benefit of water quality. Whitmer will work with the City of Lake Shore next.

Finance & Audit Committee

- No report.

Fisheries Committee

- No report.

Government Relations Committee

- Birznieks reported that MLR made a Lake Steward presentation to the Water Quality Commission. The wake study results will go through a peer review before they are made available.



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Membership Committee

- Allene will coordinate a new member mailing to the buyers at the Harbor at East Gull Lake.

Recreation and Safety

- Boesen announced the updated memorial banners have been placed on the buoys.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Harrier and second by Amerman. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.