



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
June 14, 2023 – Grand View Lodge and Zoom

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Advisory Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Advisory Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Uldis Birznieks	Present	Dave Anderson	Present	Brian Turner	Present
Jay Chaney	Present	Derek Bahr (interim)	Present	Janele Waterman	Absent
Robert Eliason	Present	Jane Edwards	Absent	Dorothy Whitmer	Absent
Steve Frawley	Present	Kevin Egan	Absent		
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Steve Henry	Present		
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present		
Jon Mendel	Present	Tim Plude	Absent		
Tim Thoele	Present	Dan Simons	Present		

**GUESTS**

Chuck Becker

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Lundberg to approve the May 10, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>GCOLA*</b>	<b>Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund</b>
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>5-31-23</b>	<b>4-30-23</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$95,845.00	\$21,775.55
Total Expense	30,695.57	474.47
Net Other Income (Expense)	462.96	(5,634.64)
Net Income (Loss)	\$65,612.39	\$15,666.44
Total Current Assets	\$412,360.92	\$423,290.73

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**DONATION REQUEST**

- None

**SAFEWAKES**

- Chuck Becker explained the purpose and accomplishments of the organization as a coalition of people concerned about the environmental damage and safety issues caused by artificially enhanced wakes.

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Birznieks stated the Committee will have a recommendation regarding the Initiative Foundation contract changes at the July meeting.



## **HELIPORT**

- Birzniaks announced the City of East Gull Lake Planning and Zoning unanimously voted to reject the heliport ordinance amendment and the City Council voted 4-1 to reject it.

## **MAXSON DEVELOPMENT**

- Birzniaks reported the City of East Gull Lake City Council voted 3-2 to approve the Maxson development of 138 homes that will be primarily used for vacation rental.

## **RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- Chaney stated all the adopt-a-buoy stickers will be placed on the buoys by June 17 and the boat safety classes are going well. He will explore options for replacing the 'No Wake' messages that are rubbing off some buoys.

## **ADVISORY UPDATES**

- Cass County – Steve Henry introduced himself as the new AIS Specialist and reported the Adopt-a-Harbor program has launched and there are continued efforts to partner with resorts on signage and education. He stated there's research on the timing for starry stonewort pulling and the need for more flexibility.
- Crow Wing County – No report
- DNR – Bahr stated the DNR is asking for input on proposed limit changes for northern pike on the Gull Lake Chain—informational signs have been posted at accesses. Walleye fry were stocked on May 24th. The warmer than average water temperatures observed at stocking this year may contribute to improved fry survival, which will be evaluated in the fall. DNR will also be conducting a netting survey in mid-July.
- USACE – Turner announced the fishing line collection bins are installed and the USACE/GCOLA/Cass County decontamination unit agreement is under review by USACE.

## **AIS COMMITTEE**

- Thoele informed the Board there will be Saturday only coverage at the Gull Narrows (Zorbaz) public access as the City of Lake Shore Police Department does not have sufficient staff to cover the inspections. Cass County is looking into reprioritizing coverage at less risky boat launches. He is working with resorts/DNR, etc. to install the recently purchased Clean/Drain/Dry/Dispose signs from the Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL). Thoele authorized the purchase of a net for Larry Friedrichs to use while inspecting the Gull Lake Chain for spiny water flea.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Lundberg reported the newsmagazine will be mailed when Lakes Printing receives the new property owner list for Cass and Crow Wing counties. On June 24, there will be a notice in the Brainerd Dispatch regarding the Gala and on June 20 and July 11 Gala emails will go out. She is working with Johnston regarding a loon protection email.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

- Eliason announced there are 74 end-of-dock volunteers who will be sampling 89 sites. The water sampling kits have been mailed to volunteers.

## **FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

- Simons reported the Camp Confidence fishing tournament will be held on June 17.



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**GALA COMMITTEE**

- Frawley announced Jane Edwards will start leading the committee again after a hiatus due to her work schedule. Chaney has solicited a live auction item from John and Becky Allen which includes cocktails, a tour of Fort Mahogany and dinner at Bar Harbor. Friedrichs distributed dinner and ebike raffle tickets to Board Members.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Frawley reported the ice-house cleanup bill has passed and \$1 million has been appropriated for the Get The Lead Out (GTLO) program. The boat operator permit bill is moving forward.

**LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE**

- No report.

**LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE**

- Johnston stated the black flies caused the loons to nest late. The next survey will be on July 24 and the Upper Gull Lake loons are expected to be banded at the end of July.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- 843 paid members with 9 new members

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Mendel is continuing to vet a candidate for the Membership Committee Chair.

**CROW WING RIVER WATERSHED**

- Friedrichs will attend the Crow Wing River One Watershed One Plan public kick-off and will provide input consistent with the GCOLA mission and programs.

**EVENTS UPDATE**

- MNCOLA – Frawley has been elected as a board member.

**TO-DO LIST**

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Chaney	Send names to Thoele for Grand View and Sandy Beach contacts for Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose signs	5-10-23	Open
2. Frawley	Draft agreement with resorts regarding the purpose of the kiosks, which is to communicate GCOLA information only, and that GCOLA has sole control over the content.	2-28-23	Open
3. Friedrichs	Send kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when kiosk agreement is ready.	2-28-23	Open
4. Henry	Confirm the Lake Shore Police are using the DNR online tool to submit AIS inspection reports	7-12-23	New
5. Johnston	Contact Simons regarding a joint GTLO event.	2-8-23	Open
6. Johnston	Work with Amoth and Turner to place tackle drop off box at Government Point	5-10-23	Open
7. Johnston	Work with Gutzmann to identify purple loosestrife areas on Upper Gull as potential biocontrol areas.	6-14-23	Open
8. Johnston	Talk to Whitmer about incorporating Dark Sky lighting into the Lake Steward assessment.	7-12-23	New



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<b>9. Chaney</b>	Work with Your Boat Club to send 2023 contract to Friedrichs.	5-10-23	Closed
<b>10. Friedrichs</b>	Send letterhead with new logo to board members	5-12-23	Closed

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.