



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**February 8, 2023 – Cragun's and Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**GUESTS**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frawley at 8:33 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Mendel to approve the January 11, 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>1-31-23</b>	<b>12-31-22</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$11,200.00	Not provided
Total Expense	2,204.04	Not provided
Net Other Income (Expense)	355.21	Not provided
Net Income (Loss)	\$9,351.17	Not provided
Total Current Assets	\$356,099.70	\$406,599.81

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Crow Wing County One Watershed One Plan – GCOLA will have a representative as part of the planning partnership.
- MLR support for new boater education and certification bills – GCOLA will not proceed with recommendations regarding the legislative bills until more specifics are known.

**DONATION REQUEST**

- Long Lake Conservation Center – No donation since it is outside the GCOLA trade area.



### **ADVISORY UPDATES**

- Cass County – Gutzmann stated the County will be moving forward with the Adopt-a-Harbor and purple loosestrife biocontrol programs.
- Crow Wing County –Timblin announced the public comment period is closed for the County AIS plan and will go the County Board for approval.
- DNR – Derek Bahr is the interim Fisheries contact until a permanent replacement is hired. Upcoming DNR plans include setting trap nets near Hole-in-the-Day Bay, after ice out, to monitor the northern pike population; and looking for public comment on a proposed change in the northern pike limit to two and 30-40” as a protected slot.
- USACE – Turner reported the winter draw down is on hold due to the low moisture soil content last fall; he’s continuing work on the partnership agreement between USACE, Cass County and GCOLA; he intends to replace the decontamination unit motor this spring; and USACE is recruiting for summer rangers.

### **AIS COMMITTEE**

- Thoele has arranged with PLM to complete the Lake Margaret curly leaf pondweed spraying and two boat launch surveys in 2023 and he’s working on the contract with the Lake Shore Police Department. He met with Timblin and Waterman, Crow Wing County AIS, to discuss increasing the risk level of the Nisswa boat launch due to the proximity to Leech Lake and adding more AIS inspections at that location.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Lundberg reminded the remaining committee chairs to provide input on the newsmagazine ‘What We Do’ section.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

- No report

### **FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Motion by Eliason, seconded by Mendel to approve the GCOLA Investment Policy. Motion carried.
- Birznieks reported the Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees will be meeting in April to approve the ability to change the Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund to a more conservative asset allocation.
- Motion by Birznieks, seconded by Eliason to approve the maximum distribution possible from the Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund. Motion carried.

### **FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

- No report.

### **GALA COMMITTEE**

- Edwards announced the steering committee has been created and includes board members Frawley and Friedrichs plus Rosemary Goff, Mary Beth Jones, Lynn & Mike Smith, Vicki Smith, Maris Speckman, Ann Swenson, and Phyllis Trcka.



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- The Committee has chairs for entertainment (Frawley), venue/food/date (Jones, Smith, Swenson) and needs chairs for sponsorship, silent auction, raffle, and marketing communication. All board members are responsible for the success of the event and encouraged to volunteer for a chair position.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Frawley announced Tim Collette has joined the Government Relations Committee as an advisory member. Frawley attended the DNR Roundtable event along with representatives from other lake associations, legislators, Native American leaders and conservation groups. The Committee is moving the Day at the Capitol event to meet legislators until later in the year due to the sheer number of bills being proposed. GCOLA signed a letter along with the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) and Pelican Lake Association in support of changes to the Crow Wing County land use ordinances along with a recommendation to add the requirement for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet.

**LAKE STEWARD COMMITTEE**

- No report.

**LOON CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE**

- Johnston is looking for a volunteer to build the artificial nesting platform (ANP) to be in Lake Margaret. Kathy Lundberg & Chuk Batko volunteered to be sponsors of the ANP.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- No report

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Send referrals for Membership Committee Chair to Mendel.

**RECREATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- Jayme Klecker has volunteered to coordinate the Adopt-a-Buoy program.

**TO-DO LIST**

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
1. Board Members	Contact Jane Edwards at <a href="mailto:jedwards3718@gmail.com">jedwards3718@gmail.com</a> to volunteer for the Gala/	2-20-23	New
2. Chaney	Setup meetings at Grand View and Sandy Beach with Thoele regarding kiosk.	4-12-23	Open
3. Committee Chairs	Provide input to Lundberg on the "What We Do" page that appears in the newsmagazine.	2-4-23	Open
4. Egan	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



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5. Edwards	Provide Gala date to Lundberg so that it can be included in the newsmagazine.	2-21-23	New
6. Eliason	Contact Troy Nelson (Resource Specialist) at <a href="mailto:troy.nelson@casscountymn.gov">troy.nelson@casscountymn.gov</a> or Jeff Woodward (ESD Director) at <a href="mailto:jeff.woodward@casscountymn.gov">jeff.woodward@casscountymn.gov</a> regarding additional docks at Quarterdeck	2-8-23	Open
7. Frawley	Complete 2023 Executive Committee Goals.	2-8-23	Open
8. Frawley	Contact Ron Faust and Bill Brekken to determine if interested in being the GCOLA representative for the Crow Wing 1W1P planning partnership	2-15-23	New
9. Friedrichs	Send \$500 kiosk invoice to Deb Thuringer at Madden's when kiosk agreement is ready.	2-28-23	Open
10. Johnston	Contact Chuck Arvesen about working with Chuk Batko to learn how to build kiosks.	2-8-23	Open
11. Johnston	Contact Simons regarding a joint GTLO event.	2-8-23	Open
12. Johnston	Work with Gutzmann to identify purple loosestrife areas on Upper Gull as potential biocontrol areas.	6-14-23	New
13. Matt Nelson	Send 2023 Your Boat Club contract to Friedrichs.	2-8-23	Open
14. Timblin/Waterman	Send AIS inspector hiring information to Lundberg	2-14-23	New
15. Turner	Explore volunteers to build fishing line containers.	3-8-23	New
16. All	Contact Dan Simons if you can volunteer for the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Contest at <a href="mailto:dsimons@theworldco.net">dsimons@theworldco.net</a>	1-21-23	Complete
17. Birznieks	Send GCOLA legislative priorities to MN COLA.	2-8-23	Complete
18. Chaney	Send information to Friedrichs to donate \$500 towards the Gull Lake lighted trail	2-8-23	Complete
19. Eliason	Send list of 2022 volunteers to Lundberg & Friedrichs.	11-1-22	Complete
20. Friedrichs	Send email to members requesting volunteer help.	1-18-23	Complete
21. Friedrichs	Send member dues mailing	1-31-23	Complete
22. Friedrichs	Send Simons the MN DNR fishing tournament link	2-8-23	Complete
23. Thoele	Set up meeting with Gutzmann and PLM to discuss option of looking for AIS when treating weeds.	2-8-23	Complete
24. Thoele	Complete 2023 Committee Goals & committee members.	2-8-23	Complete

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chaney and seconded by Friedrichs. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.