



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2021 – ONLINE

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

**Absent:** Uldis Birznieks,

**Guests:** Dave Anderson, Kevin Egan, Rosemary Goff, Steve Katka, Kathy Lundberg, Brian Turner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:31 a.m.

Motion by Eliason and second by Quackenbush to approve the January 13, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA*	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
<b>YTD Time Period</b>	<b>1-31-21</b>	<b>12-31-20</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$1,900.00	\$47,291.94
Total Expense	7,841.89	238.99
Net Other Income (Expense)	3.78	(3,275.53)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$5,938.11)	\$43,777.42
Total Current Assets	\$260,643.43	\$386,987.87

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

### Correspondence -

- Ecology Democracy Network – Refer organization to Crow Wing County since not a single lake issue.
- MAISRC - Thank you note
- Minnesota Lakes & Rivers – 2020 Annual Report
- Crow Wing County – Deadline for public comment on the Cragun's Resort expansion is March 11, 2021. GCOLA will not make any comments since it does not impact Gull Lake Chain.

### Donation Requests

- None

### USACE/MN DNR Update

- Turner reported the lake is down nine inches which is typical for this time of year.

### Event Updates

- Crow Wing County AIS Prevention Presentation – Alex stated the same number of inspections will be completed in 2021 as in 2020 and wishes more dollars would be dedicated to decontamination efforts.

### AIS Committee

- Alex announced the Cass County AIS specialist position is open due to an internal promotion.



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### Communications Committee

- Harrier asked Board members to submit their summer newsletter articles by May 1. Lundberg indicated that Lakes Printing is working on the spring newsletter layout.

### Environmental Committee

- No report

### Finance & Audit Committee

- M. Meyer reported the Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund has received an increase in donations due to the recent mailing.

### Fisheries Committee

- Herrig reviewed the results of the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza with 4700 virtual participants.

### Gala Committee

- Edwards stated there are 12 volunteers for the committee with a mix of new and old members and four board members. Currently Grand View can host 120 people, but this may change as Minnesota COVID guidelines are adjusted. Breakeven for the food and entertainment is 218 participants so the fundraising occurs through the silent auction, raffle tickets and sponsorships. The team is exploring more ways to promote the silent auction e.g., Brainerd Dispatch. Due to COVID, overseas travel is not as attractive so recommending additional raffle items e.g., electric bikes, deck/patio furniture. Please send raffle ideas to Harrier. Goal is to rollout raffle on May 1.
- Herrig hosted a discussion about the annual meeting. Consensus is to keep it separate from the Gala, use a virtual format with more publication and survey members to find out what they would like included on the agenda.

### Government Relations Committee

- Frawley reported on a presentation hosted by Senator Carrie Ruud including Sarah Strommen, DNR Commissioner; the Environmental Quality Board and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Get the Lead Out program. The summer newsletter will include material from Get the Lead Out. From the MLR Lake Association Legislative Roundtable it appears the Minnesota legislative focus on COVID issues will make it harder to get other legislation passed including funding for MAISRC and enhanced wakes. The Government Relations committee does not recommend donating to the USACE Corps Foundation due to the national scope. They will monitor the Corps Foundation activities in case an effort has a local impact.

### Membership Committee

- No report.

### Recreation and Safety

- Chaney is coordinating with the Sheriff on the boat safety classes this year.



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Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eliason and second by M. Meyer. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.