



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

August 11, 2021 – Grand View Lodge

Present: Claudia Allene, Todd Amerman, Uldis Birznieks, Jay Chaney, Steve Frawley, Sue Friedrichs, Linda Harrier, Jon Mendel, Joel Meyer

Absent: Robert Eliason, Rick Quackenbush

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marc Bacigalupi, John England, (Safe Wakes), Rosemary Goff, Dana Gutzman, Chuck Herrig, Kathy Lundberg, Bob Toborg, Brian Turner

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

Motion by Frawley and second by Amerman to approve the July 14, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Organization	GCOLA *	Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
YTD Time Period	7-31-21	6-30-21
Total Income (Loss)	\$135,298.03	\$48,392.25
Total Expense	\$66,604.82	\$285.89
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$760.92	(\$3,688.57)
Net Income (Loss)	\$69,454.13	\$44,417.79
Total Current Assets	\$316,037.55	Not provided

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

Correspondence

- Pinewgard55@gmail.com asked that GCOLA stop breaking barriers at the Mayo Lake culvert. Bacigalupi examined the site and found nothing out of the ordinary.
- Lake Jazz Authority - Declined the request to sponsor their concert on August 29.

Donation Request

- Nisswa Fire & Rescue: Approved \$60 donation.

Government Agency Update

- Cass County – Gutzman is looking for Starry Trek volunteers and the county with DNR is exploring using Diver Assisted Suction Harvest (DASH) at Leech Lake for starry stonewort.
- DNR – Bacigalupi is continuing search for a Fisheries chair.
- USACE – Turner reported the lake is down 5" and could be down 9" if no rain. He will research what impact lawn sprinkling has on the lake level if water is pulled from the lake.

Event Updates

- ACCL meeting – Herrig will send report to be distributed to Board members.
- MN COLA meeting – Birznieks announced the Government Relations committee has committed \$500 to help fund a media campaign. The key messages include waiting for the SAFL wake study results so that decisions are based on science with a goal of protecting the land and water and maintaining safety for individuals.

Gala Committee

- Harrier requested input from the board which resulted in the following suggestions for the future:
 - Research alternative for GiveSmart.
 - Send a survey to members before start planning.
 - Consider an alternative location.
 - Explore having the ticket cost cover the food only.
 - Select a Gala chair now so get started early.
- Preliminary financial results show income of \$27K, but not all invoices have been received.

Annual Meeting

- Chaney will explore cost and availability for event to be hosted at Gull Lake Sailing School next year.

Nominations Committee

- Motion by Frawley and second by Amerman to renew Board terms for Birznieks and Chaney until 2024. Motion approved.

2022 Planning

- Harrier requested that Committee Chairs meet with their committees to establish 2022 priorities and bring their recommendations to the September Board meeting.
- The available Endowment Fund annual distribution for 2021 is \$14.8K. Birznieks recommends that Committee Chairs keep this in mind as they plan their 2022 priorities.

AIS Committee

- No report

Communications Committee

- Lundberg stated the newsletter has gone to Lakes Printing and is expected to be mailed early September. If anyone has a picture of a memorial buoy please send to Friedrichs. Lundberg will start a search for media relations volunteer.

Environmental Committee

- No report.

Finance & Audit Committee

- Birznieks notified the Board that AIS donations from members have been transferring to the AIS Fund monthly instead of on an annual basis. The Membership form will be changed from 'AIS Fund' to 'AIS Expenses' so that clear to anyone donating.

Fisheries Committee

- No report.

Government Relations Committee

- No report.

Membership Committee

- No report.

Recreation and Safety

- Chaney will bring recommended guidelines to the next Board meeting for honoring a retiring Board member with a buoy.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Birznieks and second by Frawley. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.