GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Director’s Meeting

July 11, 2018, Grand View Lodge

Present: Steve Allex, Uldis, Birznieks, Bill Brekken, Steve Frawley, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck

 Herrig, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, Marv Meyer, Bob Toborg, Marc Bacigalupi, Mary Kay

 Larson

Absent: Jay Chaney, Robert Eliason

Guests: Dave Anderson, Dave Hoelman, Jon Mendel, Ken Stover

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

On motion by Ingleman, seconded by Frawley the minutes were approved with one correction: under Annual Business Meeting the time was changed to 9:00 a.m. **Passed**

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of June 30, 2018, there were cash assets of $222,967.82 (including $130,547.88 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income from June 1 thru June 30 was $8,490 and expenses were $$7,203.64. The treasurer’s report was set aside subject to audit.

**Correspondence**: MAISRC regarding2018 Showcase on September 12

 Ann Johnson regarding sale of goblets

 Waterfront Restoration

 E-mail regarding buoys in Lake Margaret Channel

**DNR:** Bacigalupi discussed rainbow trout caught below the dam. They were able to stock 2.8 million walleye fry in Gull Lake, despite the weather. This summer the DNR is conducting electro research, a perch study and a shoreline health survey on Gull Lake.

**Corps of Engineers:** Larson reported that 3.62” of rain fell in the last 12 days, but the water level on the chain remains at the middle of the band.

**MN COLA Recap:** Herrig presented a recap of the MnCola meeting held June 19. See attachment.

Herrig reported he is still involved with the Cass County Civic Governance as a Best Management Practice which is working on a weevil project as a potential to eradicate Eurasian milfoil. He also suggested that we start to explore the One Watershed, One Plan concept that are being developed in Cass and Crow Wing Counties. Grant money is available for the development of local water management plans and projects.

**Nominations Committee:** Frawley reported the committee had met with Sue Friedrichs, a potential nominee as a board member. She has a financial background and marketing experience.

 **Motion** by Frawley, seconded by Herrig that Sue Friedrichsbe appointed a Board member, upon

 ratification at the annual meeting on August 4. **Passed**

Board members whose terms are up this year are Steve Allex, Steve Frawley and Chuck Herrig. All have agreed to stay on the Board for another three year term.

**2018 Gala/Annual Meeting:** Harrier reported that all silent auction items are in and will be on the web site for bidding at the end of the week. Press releases will be in the local papers the next two weekends and radio interviews will take place on two separate occasions. The annual meeting is set for August 4 at Lutheran Church of the Cross at 9 a.m.

**AIS Committee:** Allex reported that the Association of Cass County Lakes continues to work on AIS contingency plans with a goal of all Cass County lake associations having contingency plans. He is working on a Gull chain plan. The first weed sampling of the summer has been completed at 23 sites with no AIS found. The sampling will be repeated at the end of August.

**Communication Committee:** Ingleman reported that news items for the summer newsletter are due August 8.

**Environment Committee:** Johnston reported that she has been contacted by families on Rocky Point about concerning the large schools of carp. South Lake Margaret also has many carp.\

 Johnston also suggested that we invite someone from Lake Koronis to come to a future meeting with DNR in attendance to talk about how to prevent the introduction of starry stonewart.

Johnston was able to get permission from the landowner on Beaver Point to place a loon chick caution sign. The Association will reimburse her for the cost.

Discussion was held on the fact that there is no law regulating how far out boats have to be from shore, only personal watercraft.

**Finance Committee**: Meyer reported that an internal audit of the finance books will take place this fall.

**Legislative Committee**: Birznieks reported they are getting ready for the upcoming legislative session.

**Membership Committee**: Goff reported that paid membership is currently at 963, with 108 new member in 2018.

**Safety and Recreation:** Toborg discussed the large amount of damage to buoys taking place this summer. There was a suggestion that a larger buoy or brighter light be placed at Squaw Point. Toborg will also talk to the sheriff about the possibility of a buoy at the sandbar on Upper Gull. It was decided that a safety brochure box should be placed at the new public landing on Nisswa Lake.

On motion by Toborg, seconded by Frawley, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff