GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Director’s Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Grand View Lodge

Present: Steve Allex, Uldis Birznieks, Kevin Egan, Robert Eliason, Rosemary Goff, Chuck Herrig, John

 Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, Mary Kay Larson, Marv Meyer, Bob Toborg

Absent: Jay Chaney, Linda Harrier

Guests: Dave Anderson, Bill Brekken, Kris Driessen, Rep. Josh Heintzman, John Poston and Tim Collette.

On motion by Egan, seconded by Meyer, the minutes of the December 9 meeting were approved with the following correction: Under MAISRC on the first line “Committee” is changed to “Center”.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of November 30, 2016, there was cash on hand of $148,407 (including $65,021.11 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income from November 1 to November 30 was $350 and total expenses were $18,547.25. The treasurer’s report was set aside subject to audit.

**Correspondence:** Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza

 Thank you from Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce

 Note from Sara Sampsell-Jones regarding sponsoring a buoy

 Christmas card from Carlson Hardware

 Thank you from University of Minnesota Foundation

 Thank you from MAISRC

 YMCA donation request

 DH Docks letter from new owner

 Conservation MN newsletter

Rep. Josh Heintzman and incoming Rep. John Poston were present to discuss the 2017 legislative session. The GCOLA legislative priorities were presented to them and discussed.

Tim Collette, DNR Enforcement Officer, made a presentation for the need and request for $5,000 for tracks for a Class 2 ATV to use for major events and daily patrol. Brothers Motor Sports is loaning the ATV at no cost to the DNR.

 **Motion** by Eagan, seconded by Eliason that GCOLA provide $5,000 to the law enforcement division of the DNR for tracks for an ATV. **Passed** on a 9-1 vote.

**News and notes:** Birznieks reported that:

 Zebra mussels have been confirmed on Leech Lake

 The Legislative Committee members are Uldis Birznieks and Doug Johnston. More

 members are welcome.

 GCOLA membership is up to 954.

 Donations have met budget.

 Financials for 2016 are showing a net income.

 The new DNR AIS specialist will be on board in mid- January.

**2017 Budget:** The proposed 2017 budget was presented by Meyer.

 **Motion** by Eliason, seconded by Egan that the 2017 budget be approved. **Passed.**

**Fishing Extravaganza:** Goff presented information on the 2017 Brainerd Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza.

Birznieks, Egan, Eliason and Larson volunteered to work at the event.

**2017 Meeting Dates:** The GCOLA board meeting dates for 2017 will remain at the second Wednesday of the month.

**AIS COMMITTEE:** Allex reported they have the curly leaf survey data and are working on a plan to expand the control program. Resorts and restaurants will be approached to participate in funding the cost. Johnston reported that the cost of AIS detector training put on by the U of M Extension Services is set at $175/person.

**Communication Committee:** Ingleman reported that he will be sending out proposed articles for the winter newsletter with articles due the third week of January. Anderson is working on a different provider for the web site.

**Environment Committee:** Johnston reported that no one has been found who can take over the pine tree seedling program. Options were discussed with the Environment Committee making the final determination.

**Fisheries Committee:** Herrig reported on a meeting he attended put on by local fishing guides and the DNR. While the fall fishing was excellent, guides are concerned that it may not be sustainable. The DNR

Will be conducting an annual walleye survey. The guides are interested in dropping the bag limit to four walleye.

**2017 GALA:** Herrig reported that Allex will chair the silent auction and Ingleman the raffle. Final decision on dinner and raffle cost will be made in January.

**Nominations Committee:** Egan presented the name of Bill Brekken to be appointed to the Board.

 **Motion** by Meyer, seconded by Eliason that Bill Brekken be appointed to the GCOLA Board of

 Directors. **Passed**

On motion made by Eliason, seconded by Egan, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff