GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Director’s Meeting

January 9, 2019, Grand View Lodge

Present: Uldis Birznieks, Robert Eliason, Sue Friedrichs, Rosemary Goff, Linda Harrier, Chuck

Herrig, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, and Bob Toborg

Absent: Steve Allex, Bill Brekken, Steve Frawley and Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Tim Plude and Brian Turner

On motion by Eliason, seconded by Ingleman, the minutes of the December 12, 2018, meeting were approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of December 31, 2018, there were cash assets of $$226, 249.58 (Including $130,912.23 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income from December 1 thru December 31 was $6,150 and expenses were $1,173.94. The treasurer’s report was set aside subject to audit.

Goff announced that since the Endowment Fundraiser letter went out, donations have totaled $10, 605.

**Correspondence:** E-mail from Steven Carr regarding muskie stocking

Thank you from U of M Research Center for donation

Nisswa Elementary School PTO regarding the Bloom Fundraiser

**Corps of Engineers**: Brian Turner, the new liaison to the GCOLA Board introduced himself. He

reported that the dam is on the winter drawdown. Because of the lack of moisture, they are

keeping the lake levels a little higher, currently at 1193.621 feet. He will be working with our web

master on updating Corps information on the GCOLA website. A decision is expected in the next

couple of weeks on whether to close the portion of Gull Dam Road which washed out last

summer.

**DNR:** Tim Plude reported that curly leaf pondweed treatment was reduced last summer due to

less growth. The DNR will be checking the curly leaf pondweed growth through the ice this

winter.

**2019 Gala:** Herrig reported that Grand View is proposing a one-year agreement rather than the

previous three -year agreement. They are willing to keep the meal price the same as last year.

After a discussion on a date for the event, Ingleman will reserve Sunday, July 21, if we can get in

early to set up. The Gala committee will consist of Steve Frawley, John Ingleman, Jane Edwards,

Rosemary Goff, Sue Friedrichs, and Hoot Gibson. The dinner ticket price will remain at $45 and

raffle tickets at a limit of 100 tickets at $100 each.

**AIS COMMITTEE**: Herrig reported that the AIS coordinator positions are open in both Cass and

Crow Wing Counties. Both jobs are currently posted. Plude pointed out that Crow Wing County

does not have a separate AIS Coordinator but the function is part of a broader position. The Board

will recommend to Crow Wing County Commissioners that they have a separate position just for

AIS coordination.

**Communication Committee:** Ingleman reported that articles for the winter newsletter are due

January 18. Anderson presented a breakdown of website use. (See attached). He will be making

some enhancements on the website.

**Environment Committee:** Johnston reported that she will be adding a loon page to the GCOLA

website and potential Facebook page. She is now able to order the tree seedlings for the spring

tree giveaway through the Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Concerns were raised about light pollution in the lakes area. Discussion on how we approach

business and home owners. It was suggested that an article be placed in the newsletter talking

about the problem and asking for voluntary reductions.

**Finance Committee:** Birznieks pointed out that on the Budget Worksheet, 2018 donations are the

highest they have ever been. The budget ended up very positive for the year. On the downside,

expenditures for environment programs were down.

**Fisheries Committee:** Herrig has a meeting later today with the DNR and local fishing guides and

others to discuss the status of fishing on Gull Lake.

**Legislative Committee:** Birznieks presented the 2019 Government Relations priorities and Action

Plan. (See attached) The Committee recently had a meeting with the newly elected Crow Wing

County Commissioners, Steve Barrows and Bill Brekken, to discuss lake issues. He participated in

a MnCOLA conference call with 22 people to discuss MnCOLA legislative priorities. Three of the

GCOLA priorities are on their list.

**Membership Committee**: Goff reported that at the end of 2018 GCOLA had 1001 paid members, of which 114 were new members. The dues renewal notice for 2019 should be in the mail next week and will go to all property owners.

**Safety and Recreation**: Toborg presented information on solar powered internally lit buoys.

**Motion** by Toborg, seconded by Friedrichs that GCOLA purchase two internally lit buoys to test.

**Passed**

Herrig announced that ACCL, MnCOLA and MLR will hold a joint meeting on June 18 in the Gull Lake area. Location will be determined at a later date.

Vice Chair, Bill Brekken, newly elected Crow Wing County Commissioner, submitted a letter of resignation from the GCOLA board.

**Motion** by Goff, seconded by Harrier that we accept the resignation of Bill Brekken. **Passed**

On motion by Toborg, seconded by Eliason, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff