GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Director’s Meeting

April 11, 2018, Grand View Lodge

Present: Uldis Birznieks, Bill Brekken, Jay Chaney, Robert Eliason, Steve Frawley, Rosemary Goff, Linda

Harrier, Chuck Herrig, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, and Bob Toborg.

Absent: Steve Allex and Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Mark Apfelbacher, Marc Bacigalupi, Hoot Gibson and Mary Kay Larson

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

On motion by Frawley, seconded by Chaney, the minutes of the February 14, 2018, meeting were approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of March 31, 2018, there were cash assets of $225,518.56 (including $130,364.30 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income from February 1 thru March 31 was $223,105 and expenses were $$5,764.05. The treasurer’s report was set aside subject to audit.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Nisswa Elementary School re “Bloom” fundraiser.

E-mail from MAISRC re AIS Detectors program.

Letter from BNI re Visitor Day event

Letter from BLACF re sponsorship at annual dinner.

E-mail from Mike Anderson re support for muskie stocking.

**MN DNR:** Bacigalupi clarified recent information on walleye stocking. They aren’t stopping the stocking of fingerlings. They are scaling back from previous stocking numbers – from two pounds to one pound. A ten year test determined extra stocking didn’t make a difference. Electro fishing ar3ea wide was poor last year, partly due to the weather. More muskie stocking will take place in Gull in the fall.

**Corps of Engineers:** Larson reported that the spring cleanup at the dam site will take place April 29, with the Brainerd Jaycees funding the project. A portion of Gull Lake Dam Road may be permanently closed. A decision will be made in late spring.

**Waterless Cleaning Station:** Mark Apfelbacher from CD3 Station presented information on a new product for cleaning watercraft at public landings. The equipment is manually operated by the boat owner. The Board will revisit in several years after there is more information on the value of the investment.

**AIS SUMMIT:** Frawley and Herrig presented information on the AIS Summit held on February 28 and 29 which they and Brekken attended. (See attached summaries.)

**2018 GALA:** Harrier dispersed lists of 2017 silent auction donors, reported she has contracted with Gesture to conduct the silent auction and gave a deadline of July 1 to get silent auction donations to her. Major donors need to be determined by May 1, to be listed the spring newsletter.

Toborg reported he has the raffle license from the state and presented the three trip options for the raffle.

Brekken reported that Carroll Henderson, the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program Director, has agreed to be our Gala speaker, talking about loons.

**AIS Committee:** Birznieks reported that there will be a round table AIS discussion for lake associations on Saturday April 28 at the Ideal Community Center. It is sponsored by the Whitefish lake association, WAPO.

**Communications:** Ingleman reminded the Board that articles for the spring newsletter are due April 26.

Anderson gave a report on the hits on our web page. Over 3,000 pages have been viewed in the past year. Board members are asked to let him know if there are articles out of date on the web site and send new articles for posting.

**Environmental Committee**: Johnston reported they are starting small with the Shoreline restoration contest and will be looking at the WAPOA contest and possibly expanding next year.

DNR permits are needed to place man made loon nests on the lake and must be renewed every year.

Eliason reported that Jane Edwards has volunteered to coordinate the July loon count. The cost of the end-of-the dock water sampling has gone up to $27 per sample. He has eight new volunteers for the program.

**Government Relations:**  Birznieks gave a report on the status of three lake-related bills before the legislature: Road and parking lot salt use reduction; funding for AIS prevention and limiting muskie stocking. He is hopeful that in the future a new governor and DNR commissioner will make AIS prevention a higher priority.

**Communications Committee:**  Chaney reported that we have 828 paid members (households), of which 113 are new.

**Safety and Recreation Committee:** Toborg is working with Chad Boeson of Gull Lake Marine on getting life jackets for the boat safety classes with imprinted GCOKLA labels. The buoys are ready to go in the lake as soon as ice out occurs.

On motion by Toborg, seconded by Eliason the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff