GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors’ Meeting

February 14, 2018

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

Harrier, Chuck Herrig, Marv Meyer, and Robert Toborg.

Absent: Steve Allex, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston, Marc Bagicalupi and Mary Kay Larson.

Guests: Dave Anderson, Chad Boesen, Dave Hoelmer and Tim Plude.

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

On motion by Birznieks, seconded by Toborg, the minutes of the January 10, 2018, meeting were approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of January 31, 2018, there were cash assets of $210,706.72 (including $105,250.44 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income from January 1 thru January 31 was $28,080 and expenses were $7,543.12. The treasurer’s report was set aside subject to audit.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Limnopro Aquatic Science, Inc.

Freshwater Society regarding State of Water Conference

**DNR:** Tim Plude, DNR AIS Specialist, provided an update on the status of aquatic invasive species in the area. He listed new zebra infestations including mine pits. Education outreach is being extended to dive shops. Prevention efforts for 2018 include more education and early detection surveys, including a survey of Gull Lake. A new community based social marketing program is in the planning stages. Workshops will soon be offered on the five step process. They are trying to find a better way to manage starry stonewort, since nothing in the past has worked.

Goff recommended a book she is reading which gives a history of the introduction of aquatic invasive species, “The Death and Life of the Great Lakes” by Dan Egan.

**2018 GALA:** Brekken gave an update on the planning process. Harrier is working on silent auction and Toborg has applied for the raffle gambling permit. Brekken is working on a speaker for the event.

**Government Relations Committee**: Birznieks reported the committee has met with Heidi Wolff, from the DNR, Rep. John Poston and Senators Carrie Ruud and Paul Gazelka to get feedback on the GCOLA priorities. He went over the comments they made on the priorities.

**Membership Committee:** Chaney presented the packet of information that will be sent to 350 Nisswa Chamber members in an effort to gain more GCOLA membership in the business community.

**Safety and Recreation Committee:** Toborg had no report but Chad Boesen from Gull Lake Marina said he can provide life jackets with the GCOLA logo for the boat safety program. He will work with Goff on this project.

The March 14 meeting will be cancelled for lack of a quorum.

On motion by Toborg, seconded by Chaney the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff.