GULL CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors’ Meeting

January 10, 2018, Grand View Lodge

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

 Herrig, John Ingleman, Sheila Johnston and Robert Toborg.

Absent: Steve Allex, Robert Eliason, Marv Meyer

Guests: Dave Anderson, Marian Anderson, Marc Bagicalupi and Mary Kay Larson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herrig at 8:25 a.m.

On motion by Ingleman, seconded by Birznieks, the minutes of the December 13, 2017, meeting were approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of December 31, 2017, there were cash assets of $190,107.27 (including $105,198.130 in the AIS Contingency Fund). Total income from December 1 thru December 31 was

$7,843.84 and expenses were $6,447.55. The treasurer’s report was set aside subject o audit.

**Corresponndence:**  Thank you from Lakes and Rivers Advocates for donation

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 Christmas card from Lakes Printing

**Corps of Engineers:** Larson reported that the winter draw down throughout the Headwaters area is looking good. The Corps winter planning meeting will be held at the end of January.

**DNR:** Bacigalupi presented information discussed at the Gull Lake Fishery Avid Anglers meeting held on December 5. (See attached) He also presented a draft of the 2017 Gull Lake fishing survey report. (See attached).

**2017 GCOLA Financial Summary**: Birzniekspresented slides showing

Discussion was held on searching for more grants.

**2018 GALA**: Brekken reported that Linda Harrier has offered to chair the silent auction, and Bob Toborg the raffle. Dinner tickets will remain at $45. A speaker needs to be found.

**Shoreline Habitat Contest:** Johnston presented a draft of the proposed Shoreline Habitat Contest for comment. The final proposal will be presented at the February meeting.

**Fishing Extravaganza:** Members volunteering to work at the 2018 Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza are: Dave Anderson, Robert Eliason, Rosemary Goff, Chuck Herrig, Mary Kay Larson and Bob Toborg.

**Membership Committee:** Chaney reported that he has obtained the list of Nisswa businesses and will be sending a letter to each business encouraging them to join GCOLA.

**Communications Committee:** Ingleman reported that newsletter articles need to be to Goff by January 26, followed by discussion on potential articles.

**Environment Committee:** Johnston has placed an order for 200 tree seedlings from the Crow Wing County Soil and Conservation District for pickup on May 3 and distribution to interested GCOLA members on May 12 at Ski Gull.

**Legislative Committee**: Birznieks reported the committee has set up meetings with local legislators Rep. Heintzman and Poston to discuss the GCOLA priorities for the 2018 legislative session. Meetings with Sen. Gazelka and Jeff Forester, Executive Director of MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates will also be scheduled.

**Lake Improvement District:** Brekken stated that after his initial research he feels it is important to step back and get more information before pursuing a LID. He is working on a survey to be sent to members to find out how they see the lake changing. He will also be meeting with other lake associations.

**Safety and Recreation:** Toborg reported that the new signs for the three DNR boat landing GCOLA safety brochures are ready. He will be seeking permission from the DNR to install a sign/box for brochures at the new landing on Lake Nisswa.

The six month look ahead calendar was presented.

On motion by Birznieks, seconded by Harrier, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Rosemary Goff