

Gull Lake Quality Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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September 10, 2019

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Vicki Gesmundo, Gary Mittelbach, Kathy Gallagher, Margo Rebar, Linda Shierlaw, Joe Lukeman, Steve Keith, Gregg Pierce, Joe Mauro, Doug Smith, Brook Wilke, Don Paulson

Absent: Bryan Beck, Mike Gallagher, Tom Gallagher, John Etcorn, Sera Gesmundo, Dustin Perrin

Approval of July 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: L. Shierlaw Seconded: G. Pierce
Approved: Unanimous

Committee Assignments (Vicki Gesmundo)

Vicki welcomed new board members and asked the new (and old) board members to indicate the committees they would like to be on and possibility chair. After discussion, committee assignments are as follows:

Law Enforcement: Joe Lukeman (co-chair), Tom Gallagher (co-chair)

Fisheries: Bryan Beck (co-chair), Brook Wilke (co-chair), Steve Keith, Dustin Perrin

Water Quality: Make Gallagher (chair), John Etcorn, Tom Gallagher, Joe Lukeman, Dustin Perrin, Doug Smith, Brook Wilke

Communications/Membership: Kathy Gallagher (chair communications), Greg Pierce (chair membership), Margo Rebar, Linda Shierlaw, Vick Gesmundo, Sera Gesmundo, Gary Mittelbach

Treasurer's Report (D. Paulson)

Don gave a brief overview of GLQO financials for 2019, including a recommendation that we move \$15,000 into a CD at Advia credit union. Motion to do so made by K. Gallagher, seconded by L. Shierlaw, approved unanimously.

Joe Mauro offered to work with Don over the coming year to become familiar with the **Treasurer's duties, with the goal of Joe moving into the Treasurer's position after Don** leaves the board next year.

Motion to **approve Treasurer's report**:

L. Shierlaw Seconded: G. Pierce

Approved: Unanimous

Communications/Membership (Kathy Gallagher/Gregg Pierce)

Kathy noted that the summer newsletter has been printed and distributed. Kathy will be working on the fall newsletter in October and would like materials for the newsletter to be in her hands by the 2nd week of October.

There was a lengthy discussion about boating rules (e.g., counterclockwise travel, no-wake zone, noise levels) and how to make GLOO members and other users of Gull Lake better aware of the rules. It was decided that the Law Enforcement Committee will put together an article for the Fall 2019 GLOO newsletter highlighting important **boating rules. Doug Smith offered his company's help in developing a simple graphic to better illustrate the "counter-clockwise" rule.**

Greg noted that dues requests for 2020 will be sent to GLOO members in early 2020 and he offered to put a short note in the Fall 2019 newsletter discussing the timing of dues requests.

Fisheries (Brook Wilke)

Little to report beyond what Bryan reported at the 2019 annual meeting.

Water Quality

It was noted that chemical control of starry stonewort in Gull Lake appears to have worked well in 2019. GLOO members (headed by John Etcorn) conducted a **"score-the-shore"** assessment of Little Long Lake in August 2019. A nice article summarizing the results was published in the Fall 2019 newsletter and the data have been submitted to the CLMP office (Little Long Lake scored very well!). Mike Gallagher has offered to teach anyone interested in learning how to do water quality monitoring.

Law Enforcement (Linda Shierlaw, Joe Lukeman)

L. Shierlaw and M. Gallagher attended a Prairieville Township meeting where use of the park on Gull Lake was discussed. Linda provided a summary focusing on what happens when all the parking spaces in the park are full and cars/boats are backed up on M43 waiting to get **into the park. In this case, the Barry Country sheriff's** department can (and has) closed the park and dispersed the waiting vehicles until such time as 20 parking spaces again opened up. Linda also noted that an agreement between the DNR, Prairieville Township, (and GLOO?), in effect until 2023, sets a limit on the number of vehicle parking spaces available in the park (70 at present). There was discussion **about the "carrying-capacity" of Gull lake and the sense that the** number of boats slips and boats on the lake has been steadily increasing. Also discussed was **the possible need for a new "carrying-capacity" survey** for Gull Lake in the future.

Other Business:

Brook Wilke asked whether GLQO had ever done *E. coli* testing in Gull Lake and whether this was something we should explore doing. G. Mittelbach noted that GLQO had funded *E. coli* testing in Gull Lake (**and a few of it's** input streams) in the past (8-10 years ago?), working in cooperation with Kalamazoo County and a professor from Western Michigan Univ. The challenge at the time was in identifying the source of any higher than normal levels of *E. coli* (e.g., cattle, geese, other animals). Brook was asked to explore whether the methods of DNA testing for *E. coli* sources has improved and whether the costs have come down.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

Upcoming Board Meetings: Tuesday, October 1, 2019, November 5, 2019, March 3, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 7, (Summer party) July 14, 2020, August 4, 2019 (Annual meeting)