

Gull Lake Quality Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting on Zoom due to Covid-19

January 12, 2021

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Joe Mauro, Gary Mittelbach, Katherine Gross, Rick Hebert, Martin Ranly, Brook Wilke, Margo Rebar, Linda Shierlaw, Joe Lukeman, Doug Smith, Steve Keith, John Etzcorn

Absent: Sera Gesmundo, Dustin Perrin

Welcome (Kay Gross)

Approval of Nov 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: L. Shierlaw Seconded: J. Etzcorn

Approved: Unanimous

Treasurer's report: Joe Mauro

Joe M. noted that the year 2020 ended with a surplus of \$11,000. Joe requested permission to take \$30,000 from a 10 month CD that is expiring this month and move it to our money market account (same interest rate). Motion made by Martin R., seconded by Linda S. and approved unanimously. The 2021 proposed budget will be discussed under New Business.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: M. Rebar Seconded: B. Wilke

Approved: Unanimous

Membership and Communications Committee

Linda S. reported that Margo is doing a fine job with taking over membership duties and that the 2021 membership appeal went out in the mail last month.

Linda S. is planning to schedule a meeting with Ken Cambell, Kathy Gallagher and Eric Reed (via Zoom) to determine how to best handle communications in 2021, including publication of the newsletter and maintaining our Facebook page and website. The Board encouraged her to do so. Content for the Winter 2021 newsletter was discussed, with proposed articles on: Gull Lake Fisheries (Brook), Gull Lake Dam Assoc. and the GLOO (Gary), native shoreline habitats (Kay and Linda), winter activities on Gull and Little Long Lakes (Linda and Kay). Linda also noted that she has received data from Prairieville Township on the use of the Prairieville Park Gull Lake **access and is hoping to get Dustin Perrin's help in summarizing these data so that we can present them to the public.**

Fisheries Committee

Brook W. reported on continuing conversations with Matt Diana, the DNR Fisheries Biologist for our region. Matt D. said that he is planning to move forward with discussion of slot limits for Northern Pike in Gull Lake, the first step of which would be a survey sent to local riparians and anglers. The earliest that a pike slot limit might go into effect would be Spring 2023. Brook is preparing an article for the winter GLQO newsletter on the Gull Lake fishery.

Law Enforcement Committee

Joe Lukeman reported on a proposal for a no-wake zone to be established in “the bay” at Gull Lake. The DNR is currently taking public input on the proposal and the waiting period for public input ends Nov. 30th. The DNR will then make a recommendation to the Ross Township Board of Supervisors. We discussed how the GLQO might best provide input on this issue. Joe said that he would update the GLQO board on the recommendation from the DNR once it is made.

Water Quality Committee

John E. reported on recent information from a MDEQ website about a hog-feeding operation located near Milo Road. The hog operation could have up to 3,200 hogs and over a million gallons of waste stored in a pit structure. No information was available about waste discharge plans. John will continue to monitor.

Water quality data collected from Gull and Little Long lakes in 2020 is being summarized and will be presented at a later date.

New Business:

Joe M. (Treasurer) presented the proposed 2021 GLQO budget. The 2021 budget was prepared by the ad hoc budget committee after receiving information from all the GLQO committee chairs on their needs and probable expenses for 2021. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the 2021 budget (motion by Linda S., second Rick H.). Budget approved. Joe will distribute the final copy of the 2021 budget to the board. Joe asked Board members and committee chairs to please seek approval from the Board before incurring any expenses not outlined in the 2021 budget.

As part of the budget discussion, a motion was made to establish a membership development committee (motion by Linda S., second by John E.). Motion approved. Rick Hebert will chair the membership development committee, with Doug S. as a member and other members to be named later.

Linda S. noted the the Four Township Resource Council (FTRC) will hold their annual Canoe Kalamazoo event on Gull Lake this spring, proposing to canoe from the Island to the new Dam on Gull Creek. Likely date will be the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Steve K. volunteered to head up the repairs needed to the Gull Lake boat wash before the 2021 boating season.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Upcoming Board Meetings and events: Board meetings usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Scheduled meeting dates: March 9, May 11, July 13. Due to Covid19, meetings will be held via ZOOM until further notice.