

Gull Lake Quality Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting on Zoom due to Covid-19

July 14, 2020

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Vicki Gesmundo, Sera Gesmundo, Don Paulson, Brook Wilke, Mike Gallagher, Kathy Gallagher, Steve Keith, Margo Rebar, Joe Mauro, John Etcorn, Gregg Pierce, Linda Shierlaw, Doug Smith, Dustin Perrin, Bryan Beck, Gary Mittelbach

Absent: Joe Lukeman

Welcome (Vicki Gesmundo)

Vicki made a motion to add two new members to the Board (Kay Gross and Rick Hebert). Seconded by Gregg Pierce. Motion approved unanimously. New Board officers **beginning after tonight's meeting will be:** Sera Gesmundo (President), Kay Gross (Vice president), Joe Mauro (Treasurer) and Gary Mittelbach (Secretary).

Sera Gesmundo, Kay Gross and Joe Mauro are approved as new signatories for GLOO financial business. Don Paulson (retiring Treasurer) and Vicki Gesmundo (retiring President) are to be removed as signatories for GLOO financial business. Joe Mauro will meet with Advia credit union to make this change.

Approval of May 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: L. Shierlaw Seconded: D. Smith

Approved: Unanimous

Treasurer's report: Don Paulson

Don noted that our finances are in good shape, with net worth above last year at this time. Linda S. noted that Praireville township is behind in sending us a bill for boat wash labor for the summer. Amount unknown, but likely between \$5000 and \$10,000. Mike G. also noted that bills from Progressive AE and from PLM for treatment of Starry Stonewort in Gull Lake were recently received and still need to be paid. Don reported **that with the Board's approval, he purchased a 10 month CD to replace the CD's that had matured.**

Motion to accept **Treasurer's report: M. Gallagher Seconded: L. Shierlaw**

Approved: Unanimous

Membership and Communications Committee

Kathy G. reported that total dues collected is up from this point last year even though total membership is somewhat down (400 members in 2019, 360 members in 2020). The addition of some new lifetime members in 2020 makes up the difference in

revenue generated. Gregg P. noted that the absence of the Summer Party (due to Covid19) may have contributed to the lower number of members this year.

The summer newsletter is being finalized and will include articles about: the Gull Lake dam (now fully funded for construction), issues with wake-setter boats, Ross Township park improvements, and mudpuppies.

Margo R. and Linda S. will get keys to access our PO box from Kathy G.

Fisheries Committee

Bryan B. and Brook W. – Brook communicated with Matt Diana (MDNR fisheries) via e-mail this week. Matt is back at work, but furlowed one day a week due to Covid19 budget cuts. Matt reported that he was aware of the smelt fish kill reported on Gull Lake, but had no information to add. Some large lake trout may be stocked later this summer in Gull Lake if they become available (as in previous years). Upper Crooked Lake drain permit is under review.

Law Enforcement Committee

No Report

Water Quality Committee

John E. and Mike G. reported on water quality sampling that they are doing on Gull Lake and Little Long Lake this summer. Mike G. noted that water clarity (measured by secchi depth) declined precipitously in Gull Lake from early to late June (27 ft on June 6th and 5 ft on June 29th), which is unusual. Mike wondered whether the decline in water clarity could be due to high wakeboat activity on GL prior to the June 29th sample. Otherwise, water quality as measured by dissolved oxygen and depth of the thermocline in Gull Lake is normal for this time in the summer. John E. reported that dissolved oxygen at depth in Little Long Lake is higher than normal this year (a good thing). Gary M. noted that there a few (if any) zebra mussels currently in Little Long Lake and John E. agreed.

New Business:

The 2020 GLQO annual meeting scheduled for August at KBS has been cancelled due to Covid19. Sera G. will work on the agenda for the upcoming August board meeting.

Mike G. reported the the FTWRC (Four townships water resources council) has traditionally had a GLQO board member on their board (Mike G. was the most recent member). Linda S. volunteered to be the new representative from GLQO board. Mike will follow up on this.

The terms of service for five GLQO board members ended with this meeting (Vicki G., Don. P., Bryan B., Mike and Kathy G.). The board expressed their gratitude to these five members for all they have done for the GLQO over the years and we hope that sometime in the future (post Covid19) we can all celebrate this event together.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

Upcoming Board Meetings and events: Board meetings usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Scheduled meeting dates: Sept. 15, Nov. 10, Jan. 22, March 9, May 11, July 13. Due to Covid19, meetings will be held via ZOOM until further notice.