

Gull Lake Quality Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting on Zoom due to Covid-19

Sept. 15, 2020

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Sera Gesmundo, Joe Mauro, Gary Mittelbach, Katherine Gross, Rick Hebert, Martin Ranly, Brook Wilke, Margo Rebar, Linda Shierlaw, Doug Smith, Dustin Perrin, Gary Mittelbach

Absent: Joe Lukeman, Steve Keith, John Etcorn

Welcome (Sera Gesmundo)

Sera welcomed new board members Rick Hebert, Martin Ranly and Katherine Gross

Approval of July 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: L. Shierlaw Seconded: M. Rebar

Approved: Unanimous

Treasurer's report: Joe Mauro

New Treasurer Joe Mauro thanked past Treasurer Don Paulson for facilitating a smooth transition. Joe **then lead the Board through the Treasurer's report** dated 8/31/2020, noting that current finances for the GLQO are in good shape. Some expenses from summer 2020 (invasive weed control in Gull Lake, boat wash labor), however, have yet to be paid. Linda also noted that Prairieville Township is late in billing for boat wash labor and that we should expect to receive a bill from them for July and August labor. Joe stated that even with these additional expenses our 2020 balance should be okay, but he pointed to the need to develop a more comprehensive yearly budget for the GLQO in the future and he offered to lead that effort.

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

Approved: Unanimous

Membership and Communications Committee

Linda S. reported that we have 367 members to date, with one new lifetime member. The GLQO Summer newsletter has been published and distributed. Kathy G. will work with Linda to prepare the Fall newsletter.

Fisheries Committee

Brook W. – nothing to report on fisheries. Brook will again contact Matt Diana from the MDNR to schedule a time when he can join one of our meetings to provide an update on the Gull Lake fisheries.

Law Enforcement Committee

No Report

Water Quality Committee

No report. Sera requested volunteers to help Mike G. with future Gull Lake water quality monitoring. Dustin volunteered to help put together a summary of water quality data collected over the years from Gull Lake and Little Long Lake

New Business:

Sera G. initiated a wide-ranging discussion of the goals of the GLQO, asking the board **what does "quality" mean to you** and how should the GLQO best accomplish its goal of **maintaining and improving the "quality" of Gull Lake and its surrounding watershed**. Linda noted that an important part of the mission of the GLQO is education and providing knowledge to the residents of Gull Lake. **Joe M. noted that "life style" is a key feature of "quality"**. Gary M. provided a bit of historical perspective on some of the major projects that the GLQO has accomplished in recent years, including construction of the boat wash on Gull Lake, multiple years of water quality monitoring, invasive plant species surveys of Gull and Little Long Lakes, treatment of Starry Stonewort in Gull Lake, **"Score the Shore", and more**. Joe suggested that the GLQO needs to increase its visibility to make people better aware of all that we do. A small group of board members (including Joe, Martin, Rick, Sera, Linda) volunteered to meet to begin this process.

Mike Gallagher passed along information that Gull Lake will be featured on the cover of next month's Riparian Magazine. Mike also asked if the GLQO would be interested in ordering additional copies of the Riparian to distribute locally and if we would like to place a ½ page ad in the Riparian describing what the GLQO does and soliciting new members. Margo made a motion that we spend up to \$600 for the above mentioned activities. Motion seconded by Linda S. and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

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