

Gull Lake Quality Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting on Zoom due to Covid-19

March 9, 2021

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, Joe Lukeman, Steve Keith, John Etcorn, Dustin Perrin

Absent: John Etcorn, Doug Smith

Welcome (Sera Gesmundo)

Approval of Jan 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: L. Shierlaw

Seconded: R. Hebert

Approved: Unanimous

Treasurer's report: Joe Mauro

Joe M. noted that dues income for 2021 is ahead of this time last year. Dues requests for 2021 were mailed as 1st class mail (which can be forwarded). It was suggested that this may have allowed our request to reach more of our members. Joe noted that he is trying to streamline invoicing and that he filed our tax-exempt form with the IRS.

There was a long discussion about the cost of repairs needed for the Gull Lake boat wash. L. Shierlaw stated that the repairs needed were estimated by Turnkey Company to be about \$5,900. This level of expenditure for the boat wash was not anticipated and is not in the 2021 budget. Linda stated that we have applied for a grant from the DEQ to help pay for the costs of boat wash maintenance and repair, but the success of this grant application is of course unknown. R. Hebert made a motion, seconded by M. Ranly, that we approve up to \$6000 for boat wash repairs for 2021 since no other options exist. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report approved unanimously

Membership and Communications Committee

Linda S. reported that the Fall and Winter GLQO newsletters have been published and distributed to our members.

Margo reported that as of today we have 299 members and 18 life members.

Fisheries Committee

Brook W. noted that there has been good response to Matt Diana's (DNR Fisheries Biologist) article in the GLQO Winter newsletter. Discussion followed as to whether the

organizers of the numerous bass fishing tournaments held on Gull Lake might be willing to contribute to the maintenance of the Gull Lake boatwash. Brook said that he would explore this option.

Law Enforcement Committee

Joe Lukeman reported that the DNR's recommendation for a no-wake zone in "the bay" on Gull Lake was approved by the Ross Township supervisors, who stated that they received a number of letters and e-mails in support of the ordinance. The position of the GLQO was to support the DNR's recommendation. Joe noted that while the process of establishing the no-wake zone was at times contentious, a good outcome was increased communication between all the organizations involved. Ross Township will work on the process of permitting and placing buoys marking the no-wake zone. Joe asked whether the GLQO could contribute to covering the cost of the buoys. G. Mittelbach made a motion that we contribute \$500 towards the cost of buoys, seconded by M. Rebar. Motion approved.

Water Quality Committee

John Etcorn reported via e-mail that he will initiate action with Progressive AE to conduct the Gull Lake vegetation survey and treatment of Starry stonewort as budgeted for 2021.

New Business:

Rick Hebert reported that he participated in MSU's on-line extension course on lake ecology and found it very valuable and informative. The 6-wk course involves 2 hrs/wk of on-line instruction. The next offering of this course will be in Jan. 2022, with registration open in Oct. 2021. Rick urged all interested GLQO board members to check it out.

Rick noted that he was hopeful that we could host an outdoor event for the members of the GLQO later this summer, perhaps a combination of what in past years was our Summer Party and our Annual Meeting. More discussion to follow.

Linda S. noted that 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.

Meeting adjourned: 8.20 pm

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