

Gull Lake Quality Organization

GLQO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022

Carriage House Classroom, Kellogg Biological Station

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Katherine Gross, Don Paulson, Rick Hebert, Sera Gesmundo, John Etzcorn, Margo Rebar, Brook Wilke, Joe Lukeman

Absent: Martin Ranly, Gary Mittelbach, Steve Keith, Dustin Perrin

Guest: Fischer Jax

Meeting notes made by Sara Gesmundo with some later additions/edits by Kay Gross, as GLQO Secretary G. Mittelbach was absent.

Approval of May 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes:

Approved as written

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Don Paulson presented and reviewed the treasurer's report. Don noted that our 2022 income from memberships is closely matched by our current expenses. We have a healthy amount of funds in savings and other accounts, but given the current very low interest rates on CD's he sees no reason to move funds from where they are now.

Treasurers report was accepted with one small correction to change column headings from 2021 to 2022

Membership Committee Report:

K. Gross reported that we had a few members renew since our last meeting, including one new Lifetime Membership by Janet and John Carrig. Kay will send them a thank you. There are still ~80 former members (2021) who have not yet renewed and she asked board members to reach out to anyone on the list of 2021 members who haven't renewed to remind them to renew.

Boat Wash Update:

Fischer Jax reported that there is still a need to recruit more staff to work at the boatwash. There was discussion of the need to offer higher wages to be competitive. The board approved offering all new and existing employees \$15 per hour starting in July.

Fischer also requested that a small fund to be established for him to purchase occasional items to support the workers at the Boat Wash (insect repellent, sunscreen, water etc). A motion was passed to create a petty cash fund of \$100 to support this. Joe Lukeman offered to provide a fan for the BoatWash building so that we do not have to purchase one from these funds.

Water Quality Committee Report:

John Eitzcorn reported on the work that has been done to date to treat areas of aquatic invasive species in Gull Lake, A followup survey by Progressive AE discovered that fewer areas needed to be treated than originally proposed. These areas were treated by PLM on Thursday, June 16. They will follow up and inspect these areas for effectiveness.

Joe Lukeman recommended making Facebook posts about treatments before they take place. Although homeowners were notified by letter of these treatments, others in the area were not aware of what was being done. He proposed that postings be made on Facebook prior to the next treatment. John agreed to coordinate with PLM for the dates of this treatment and get information posted as to what was being done, why and what precautions should be taken around the treated areas.

Nominating Committee:

Steve Keith was not able to attend but provided via email the recommendations of the Committee for 5 potential new board members and a brief description of their interests and experiences. The nomination list included 3 current GLQO members, one past member (Curtenius, who will be asked to renew!) and a new member (Wesley). There was some discussion of what areas will be needed to fill on the board next year.

Motion to accept the nominations of new board members (listed below) was made by John Eitzcorn. Rick Hebert seconded.

New Board Members (terms to begin September 2022)

Outreach Committee Report:

The ad for the Fall Fling to be printed in the Gull Lake Living magazine is being finalized. This will appear on the same page as short article describing the history and goals of the GLQO. Planning for the Fall Fling is progressing. The menu will be basically the same as last year and though there is a small increase in price (per person), the ticket price will be the same as in 2021 (\$40). Board members will be provided with text they can use in calls, visits, or text to members and friends to encourage them to attend. To keep costs down it is important that we get an accurate accounting of how many people will actually be attending

The event will again have prizes contributed by local businesses and others; however fewer will be free 'door prizes.' Additional items will be available through a silent auction to raise more money for the GLQO. Sera and Rick asked for suggestions as to how to best organize this.

Fisheries Committee:

No updates

Boating Safety:

Joe Lukeman reported that some residents are questioning why they are being cited for the placement of buoys in front of docks. Joe will write a piece for the next GLQO newsletter (August 2022) to help educate people on the DNR regulations regarding buoys and how to comply with MDNR regulations regarding this.

New Business:

Brook Wilke reported that the annual meeting will be on August 9, at the Carriage House. He has arranged for speaker from the DNR (Matt Diana) to speak about pike regulations. As a group, we need to attract as much attendance as possible. Discussion of inviting everyone from avid fishers to the casual lake user through the use of the newsletter.

Brook also reported on the Prairieville Township meeting. There was a discussion about renewing the permit with the DNR. There was no call for another boat density study.

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm

Upcoming Board Meetings and events: Proposed 2022 meeting dates and key agenda items are listed below. Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm unless otherwise notes

August 9	KBS Carriage House Classroom- Annual Meeting <i>New board members elected SUMMER Newsletter</i>
September 25	<i>Fall Fling Fundraiser</i> <i>New Board member Welcome</i>
October 11(T)	KBS Carriage House Classroom- Board meeting
November 8(T)	KBS Carriage House Classroom- Board meeting <i>FALL Newsletter</i>
December (TBD)	<i>Holiday Party/Open House?</i>