

Gull Lake Quality Organization
GLQO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

Carriage House Classroom, Kellogg Biological Station

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Katherine Gross, Gary Mittelbach, Rick Hebert (via Zoom), Margo Rebar, Steve Keith, Brook Wilke, Martin Ranly, Don Paulson, Dustin Perrin, Joe Lukeman

Absent: John Etzcorn, Sara Gesmundo

Approval of November 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Approved: Unanimous

Finance Committee Report and 2022 Budget:

Treasurer Don Paulson presented the proposed 2022 GLQO Budget and thanked the GLQO Finance Committee (M. Rebar, S. Gesmundo, A. Widner) and the GLQO Committee Chairs for their help in drafting the 2022 Budget. Discussion followed. Don noted that dues collected have averaged about \$36,000 consistently over the last few years. Motion to accept the 2022 Budget by B. Wilke, Second by G. Mittelbach. Budget approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Don Paulson presented and reviewed the treasurer's report.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: B. Wilke Second: D. Perrin

Treasurer's report approved unanimously

Membership Committee Report:

Margo Rebar noted that there are 318 current members, including 20 lifetime members. A second reminder letter will be sent to 2021 members who have not yet renewed.

Outreach Committee Report:

Rick Hebert reported that the Outreach committee (R. Hebert, S. Gesmundo and E. Reid) will be getting together in person once Rick returns from Florida. Goals for the outreach committee include: contacting the Gull Lake Living magazine about a potential article on the GLQO (including a call to help support the GLQO) and contacting local realtors about developing a brochure on the GLQO to include with their materials to potential home buyers.

Water Quality Committee Report:

Gary Mittelbach presented an update of current committee activities, which have focused on preparing for treatment of invasive species in Gull Lake in summer 2022. Progressive AE (our consultant) has provided us with a list of property owners whose parcels border the sites in Gull

Lake where Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort were identified in the summer 2021 plant survey. The Water Quality committee (J. Eitzcorn, chair; G. Mittelbach, D. Perrin, and M. Ranly) is working to obtain written permissions from these property owners so that we can arrange for treatment of invasive plant species; this includes sites near the boat launch at Prairieville Township Park and near the creek leading out of Gull Lake.

Future recommended actions include scheduling whole lake plant surveys every other year and treatment to control invasive plant species. The GLQO will continue to participate in the state-wide Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) in 2022.

Fisheries Committee:

Brook Wilke gave a brief report on the status of potential slot-limits for Northern Pike in Gull Lake. Not much action to date, for a variety of reasons. It was suggested that the 2022 GLQO annual meeting focus on this and other fisheries management issues in Gull Lake and that we invite Matt Diana (as the representative from the MDNR) to speak at the annual meeting. Brook will follow up.

Communications Committee:

There is a need to get this committee better functioning following the departure of some key people. For now, G. Mittelbach will be handling the articles for the Newsletter, with help from E. Reid on layout and production and Kay Gross on the mailing list. Gary asked that people send him suggestions and articles for the upcoming newsletter. Suggested articles include: summary of U of Minnesota study on wake-surf boats, CLMP reports for Gull and Little Long Lakes for 2021, update on Boat Wash and staffing needs for summer 2022, and a “natural history piece” on disappearing Zebra mussels in Little Long Lake.

Nominating Committee:

Steve Keith presented a report from the newly formed Nominating Committee (S. Keith (chair), J. Lukeman, B. Wilke, L. Shierlaw). The report included the status of current GLQO board members leaving or renewing in 2022 and 2023, along with a list of potential new board members.

New Business:

Boat wash staff - Kay Gross discussed our need to staff the Gull Lake boat wash in summer 2022. Kay proposed hiring a person to coordinate staffing of the boat wash in 2022 and to be in charge of the boat wash staff and monitoring the status of the boat wash throughout the summer. The boat wash coordinator might be a recent college graduate looking for a summer job or a past staff person familiar with the boat wash operation. Some names of people to contact about this position were suggested. Dustin Perrin will be the GLQO Board member in charge of the boat wash for 2022 and Kay thanked Dustin for taking on this important position.

Task Force to Review the consent agreement governing the Prairieville Park boat launch on Gull Lake – Kay Gross reported that she met with Mary Ann DeVries, Chair of the the Prairieville Township Parks committee regarding a number of issues important to the GLQO,

including management of the boat wash and need to renew the Consent Agreement (signed in 1993) for management of the Prairieville Township Park on Gull Lake. They agreed that it would be good to form a Task Force to review the current consent agreement and draft a Memorandum of Understanding to guide future management of the Park. The proposed task force would include GLQO Board members (Martin Ranly, Brook Wilke), Chris Tracy, and representatives from Prairieville Township (Mary Ann DeVries will name). Kay will work with Ms DeVries to establish the Task Force.

Gull Lake Sheriff Patrol contribution – Joe Lukeman asked whether the GLQO had made the annual contribution of \$1500 to the Gull Lake Marine Patrol. Don Paulson confirmed this is in the 2022 budget. Joe will work with Don to get this payment made.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 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

May 10 (T)	KBS Carriage House Classroom - Board meeting
June 14 (T)	KBS Carriage House Classroom- Board meeting
July (TBD)	
August 9	KBS Carriage House Classroom- Annual Meeting <i>New board members elected</i>
September TBD	<i>Fall Fling Fundraiser</i> <i>New Board member Welcome</i> <i>SUMMER Newsletter</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>