

Gull Lake Quality Organization
GLQO Board of Directors Meeting

November 8, 2022

Manor House, Kellogg Biological Station

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Board Attendance: Katherine Gross, Gary Mittelbach, Don Paulson, Rick Hebert, Sera Gesmundo, Margo Rebar, Brook Wilke, Tom Belco, Randy Curtenius, Jay Wesley, Andy Widner, Pete Hawk, Dustin Perrin

Absent: Joe Lukeman, Steve Keith

Treasurer's Report:

Don Paulson (GLQO Treasurer) presented the treasurer's report. GLQO income and expenditures for 2022 are in line with expectations. There was some board discussion about the cost of operating the boat wash and paying for invasive species monitoring in Gull Lake. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Tom Belco, Second by Jay Wesley, motion approved unanimously.

Outreach Committee:

Rick Hebert (committee co-chair) presented committee thoughts on next year's Fall Fling event, including bringing additional board members onto the committee in 2023 to begin the transition of leadership for this event.

Water Quality Committee:

Gary Mittelbach (committee chair) summarized activities to monitor water quality in Gull Lake and Little Long Lake in 2022, as well as activities to monitor and treat invasive plant species in Gull Lake in 2022. Paul Hausler from Progressive AE has provided us an estimate and work plan to coordinate treatment activities in Gull Lake in 2023. Estimated costs are expected to be similar to 2022 (about \$7000). There was discussion about having the Gull Lake Country Club contribute to the cost of treating invasive species at their site (about \$400 in 2022). Progressive AE will work directly with the plant control contractor, PLM Lake & Land Management Corp, to coordinate the treatment of invasive species.

CLMP water quality results for 2022 will be available in winter 2023 and will be reported in the GLQO Winter Newsletter and on the GLQO website.

Dustin Perrin provided a summary of personnel costs for operating the Boat Wash at Prairieville Township Park in 2022 and anticipated costs for this in 2023. It was agreed that we should invite Fischer Jex to continue as on-site coordinator for the Boat Wash in 2023 and further develop his efforts to develop and provide outreach activities on aquatic species at the Boat Wash. He will work with Mike Gallagher (and Steve Keith) to shut down and winterize the boatwash and develop a budget for maintenance and improvements in 2023.

Fisheries Committee:

Brook Wilke (committee chair) discussed proposed fisheries activities for 2023, including working with Prairieville Township and the DNR to improve smelt habitat in Prairieville Creek and organizing an event to clean up debris left on Gull Lake after the ice fishing season.

Boating Safety:

Joe Lukeman (committee chair) was absent, so no committee report. Gary Mittelbach directed board members to Joe’s article in the GLQO fall newsletter in which Joe reported on the Kalamazoo Country Sheriff’s Marine Patrol activities for 2022 on Gull Lake, plus an update on Ross Township’s recently reactivated police department and purchase of a police boat to once again patrol Gull Lake.

New Business:

Kay Gross proposed new committee member assignments and liaisons to community groups. This list is amended to these minutes

There was discussion of ways to increase membership and awareness of the GLQO, including printing a new brochure with a scannable QR code.

Kay outlined a proposed schedule for GLQO activities in 2023, including a March board meeting, a June Annual membership meeting, and a September Fall Fling event. The proposed dates for GLQO meetings are listed below.

Brook Wilke and Jay Wesley are representing the GLQO in meetings with Prairieville Township and the DNR on renewal of the Consent Agreement governing use of the Prairieville Park boat launch. The MOU from this task force will be presented to the GLQO at the March 2023 for discussion; once approved it will be sent to the MDNR.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

GLQO Meeting Dates – 2023 (All at KBS Carriage House unless otherwise noted; 7pm)

March 14

May 9

June 13 – Annual Meeting, Kellogg Manor House (time tbd)

August 8

September 17 or 24 (tbd) – Gull Lake Country Club (time tbd)

October 10

November 14

GLQO 2023 – Committees and Liaisons

Water Quality - Gary Mittelbach (Chair); Andy Widner, Jay Wesley, Dustin Perrin (Boat Wash)*, Pete Hawk; *Mike Gallagher, John Etzcorn*

Fisheries - Brook Wilke (Chair); Jay Wesley, Steve Keith, Dustin Perrin, Andy W, Pete Hawk; *Ryan Johnson*

Boating Safety – Joe Lukeman* (Chair); Pete Hawk, Tom Belco

Outreach and Communications - Sera Gesmundo and Rick Hebert (Co-Chairs); Tom Belco*, Randy Curtenius; *Eric Reid*

Finance - Don Paulson (Chair); Sera Gesmundo, Margo Rebar, Andy Widner

Membership - Margo Rebar, Andy Widner

Nominating – Sera Gesmundo (Chair); Brook Wilke, Steve Keith

Liaisons - Promote and assure good communications with organizations that support and/or are important to the Gull Lake Quality Organization mission. Board members with this responsibility are indicated above and listed below

Ross Township – Joe Lukeman
Prairieville Township – Dustin Perrin
Gull Lake Country Club – Tom Belco
Gull Lake Marine Patrol – Joe Lukeman
Gull Lake Marine – Jay Wesley