

Gull Lake Quality Organization
GLQO 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

Manor House, Kellogg Biological Station

Call to order: 7:30 pm

Quorum declared: YES

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

Meeting Minutes: Following a brief social hour, GLQO President Kay Gross called the Annual Meeting of the GLQO to order at 7:30pm. It was estimated that about 50 people were in attendance, including representatives Christina Hutchings, Ross Township Supervisor, Martine Brown, Ross Township Police Chief; Jimmy Stoneburner, Prairieville Township Supervisor; John Crumb, Executive Director, Gull Lake Sewer. Special guests included speakers from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy Water Resources Division and three graduate students from the MSU Center for PFAS Research.

President Gross welcomed everyone attending the meeting and gave a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting and summarized some recent activities of GLQO. A handout summarizing the financial status of GLQO was prepared by Treasurer Don Paulson and made available to attendees at the meeting.

The first order of business was to approve the nomination of new Board members. President Gross briefly introduced the four GLQO members (Mike Gallagher, Ellen Keenam, Vicki Gesmundo and Trudi Luderking) that the GLGO Nominating Committee had recommended be appointed to the Board and asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of the Board to appoint them as new board members. It was moved by S Gesmundo and seconded by Gary Mittelbach to approve this motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously. Gross also thanked those leaving the GLQO board for their service (Joe Lukeman, Randy Curtenius, Brook Wilke, Steve Keith, and Gary Mittelbach); Lukeman, Wilke, Keith and Mittelbach had all served two consecutive three year terms on the Board

The second order of business was a presentation by representatives from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy regarding efforts being done to monitor PFAS levels in surface waters and fish. The speakers were Brandon Armstrong (surface waters) and Geoff Rhodes (fish). Their presentation including research and monitoring being done throughout the state and highlighted implications for Gull Lake. A handout summarizing their presentation was distributed at the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

A lively discussion followed the presentation. Representatives from the MSU Center for PFAS Research who attended the meeting provided additional information about what resources the Center could provide citizens concerned about PFAS levels in lakes, streams and ground water and its effects.

Gross thanked the speakers and those attending for their comments and input and reminded the GLQO members of the upcoming Fall Fling (Sunday, September 24th) and encouraged them to attend.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

Note: Copies of the speakers summary were distributed to the Ross, Richland and Prarieville Township offices after the meeting.