

Gull Lake Quality Organization
GLQO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Carriage House Classroom, Kellogg Biological Station

Call to order: 7:04 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

Absent: Dustin Perrin, Brook Wilke, Steve Keith, Margo Rebar

Guest: Eric Reid

Approval of March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Approved as written

Treasurer's report:

Don Paulson presented the May 2023 Treasurer's report. Don noted that income from dues is down slightly from this time last year, but that new Lifetime memberships for 2023 are as projected. Don moved some monies in savings to CD's to take advantage of higher interest rates. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Tom Belco, second by Andy Widner, motion approved unanimously.

Membership Committee Report: Andy Widner reported that we currently have about 300 regular members, 14 business members and 26 Lifetime members. The new GLQO brochure that was recently mailed out has generated a number of membership renewals.

Communications Committee: Sera Gesmundo thanked Kay Gross for her leadership in helping get the new GLQO brochure put together. One thousand copies of the brochure were mailed to members and others in the Gull Lake watershed, with 200 brochures left to be distributed to township offices, businesses, etc. There was discussion on how to best get the brochures mailed to everyone in the area. Future mailing will target folks who were members in 2021 and/or 2022 but who haven't yet renewed for 2023. Andy offered to help compile this list of past members.

Water Quality Committee Report: Chair Gary Mittelbach reported that Progressive AE has scheduled the first survey for invasive plant species in Gull Lake for June 1, 2023. The results of this survey will guide treatments by Progressive Lake Management (PLM) to control invasive species over the summer. Gary Mittelbach will contact Luke Aaron at PLM about taking a careful look for any spread of invasive species in the area near the GLCC.

Boater Safety Committee Report: Chair Joe Lukeman requested that the GLQO make a \$1500 donation to the Kalamazoo County sheriff marine patrol for service on Gull Lake in 2023 (as we have in past years). Don Paulson (Treasurer) noted that this expense has already been approved by the Board and is in the 2023 budget.

Nominating Committee: Chair Sera Gesmundo reported that the nominating committee has identified and contacted four potential new GLQO board members: Mike Gallagher, Ellen Keenam, Vicki Gesmundo and Trudi Luderking. Motion to accept the nomination of these four new board members made by Tom Belco, second by Jay Wesley. Motion approved unanimously. New board members will be elected at the GLQO Annual Meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023.

New Business:

Newsletter. The Spring and Summer 2023 GLQO Newsletter will be a combined issue to be published before the June Annual meeting at KBS. Gary Mittelbach presented a map of Gull Lake showing suggested best practices for the safe and courteous operation of wake-surf boats and asked for comments. Discussion of how to best present these recommendations in the newsletter and on the GLQO website followed.

Fall Fling. Rick Hebert announced that the GLQO Fall Fling event will take place on September 24, 2023 at the Gull Lake Country Club. Costs for the event to be determined. Promoting “Score the Shore” will be the theme in anticipation of GLQO doing another assessment of shorelines in Gull Lake in 2024. A tentative Fall Fling committee composed of Rick, Sera G., Trudi L. and Ellen K. was identified.

Bylaws. Kay has been working to update the GLQO bylaws, with help from Jeff Segal, an attorney with Warner Norcross + Judd

2024 GLQO Annual Meeting. To be held on June 13 from 7-9 pm at the KBS Manor House. This meeting is open to all GLQO members and those interested in GLQO. A presentation on the health and environmental effects of PFAS in inland lakes and surface waters will be made by representatives from the Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services (NB:Speaker had to be changed just before meeting to representatives from MDEQ; researchers from the MSU Center for PFAS Research also attended.) Township supervisors and representatives from the Gull Lake Sewer authority are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Prairieville Park Consent Agreement update. Jay Wesley provided an update of the renewal of the consent agreement which governs the use of the Prairieville Township Park boat landing at the north end of Gull Lake. Because this was a consent agreement made by a judge, it can not be amended, just extended (or ended). The parties involved (MDNR, Prairieville Township and GLQO) agreed to extend the current lease for 5 years and to review the agreement every 5 years thereafter. The terms of the lease and rules governing the size and use of the Prairieville Park boat landing are specified in the consent agreement handed down by a judge and will remain unchanged. However, GLQO will work with Prairieville Township and the Township Parks and Recreation Department to develop a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) regarding the upkeep of the boat wash and related issues.

Social Media. Eric Reid reported that the GLQO Facebook and webpages have several new updates and postings, including: new drone photo of Gull Lake (image used in the brochure, provided by Jon Petro), the installation of containers for recycling old fishing line developed by the MDNR are now available at the GLQO boat wash station, and images of great fishing on Gull Lake.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

Upcoming Board Meetings and events:

June 13
September 24

GLQO Annual Meeting, KBS Manor House
Fall Fling, GLCC