

GULL LAKE QUALITY ORGANIZATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

Call to order: 7:01 pm

Quorum declared: YES

Approval of the Agenda

Board Attendance: Katherine Gross, Don Paulson, Sera Gesmundo, Pete Hawk, Trudy Luedecking, Margo Rebar, Tom Belco, Ellen Keenan, Mike Gallagher, Dustin Perrin, Jay Wesley, Vicki Gesmundo joined by Zoom.

Guest: Eric Reid, provides all technical support and media for the organization.

Absent: Andy Widner

Review and Approval of October 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes, Don Paulson made the correction regarding the statement: "The GLQO is currently is not a 501 C-4...." Tom Belco moved to accept the minutes as amended; Margo Rebar seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Don Paulson presented the October Treasurer's report. Income was minimal and the largest expense was weed control. The budget report shows we are ahead of budget. There was discussion regarding the bank balance growth in last 7 years. There was discussion about authorized signors at the Credit Union. One signor, (who is authorized to sign checks or withdraw money), has left and there now needs to be an additional signor on the accounts.

Motion was made by Dustin Perrin to remove Gary from the bank account; seconded by Jay Wesley. Motion passed.

Margo Rebar moved to add Sera Gesmundo the bank account; seconded by Vicki Gesmundo. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Tom Belco to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Sera Gesmundo. Motion passed.

New Business:

Committee Updates:

Water Quality

Mike Gallagher

Mike Gallagher presented several facts about a way to measure the quality of the

lake, which is done across the State of Michigan. He explained he was trained to do the measurements of the quality of the lakes, through CLMP, Cooperative Lakes Management Program. He cited many interesting facts and history about Gull Lake. Gull Lake is 2100 acres, 110 ft deep, 725 homes and approximately 800 docks. This past year nothing was noticed that would be problem with Gull Lake. One thing they do is to measure clarity of the water every week and they were able to see down 36ft, in May, by August only 8.5 feet. The sewers have helped the water's clarity. He compared this to facts as follows: Torch lake can see 44- 21 ft at least; Glen Lake, 29-18 ft; Higgins Lake 50-30ft; Gun Lake 14-12.5 ft; Little Long Lake 23-11ft; all of which began in 2009. He explained they also measure temperatures, chorofil, which shows algae/food in the water, and phosphorous, oxygen, etc. Based on a current survey of all the plants in Gull Lake, only 3 were invasive plants, which were treated. Mike stated 2023 was the 100th year of keeping track of ice on the lake. Since 1924, there were 3 years where lake never froze. Average freeze date January 7th and average number of days the ice stays on the lake since 1924, 71 days. Since 2000 average has been in approx. 50 days. In 2023, there were only 15 days it was frozen. Mike provided additional numerous facts about Gull Lake, and Eric Reid stated he will post all the facts on line.

Membership

Margo Rebar

Margo Rebar state there was one new membership in October, and there may be some coming in through Paypal.

Outreach and Communications

Sera Gesmundo, Ellen

Keenan

Fall Fling 2023- Ellen Keenan stated it went well, in spite of less attendance. Donations were greater than buying tickets to attend the fling, most likely many people on the lake had left for the winter. She posed the question: What is the intent of the fall fling? It was decided she and members would gather ideas as to the main goal of the fall fling, it's objective is to accumulate funds, members, and awareness of the organization, etc.

Winter activities – Proposed ice fishing clean up sponsored by the organization. Jay Wesley requested \$500 to enact this clean up again for 2024.

Brochure updates – Ellen Keenan reported the brochure is being updated, which will include the new membership levels. It will be included with the December outreach of membership.

Old Business:

Newsletter – Status and future options

Eric Reid/Kay Gross

Kay Gross reported that the Newsletter is completed and was sent to the printer today; about 259 will be mailed, 30 extra copies for pickup and 174 email addresses and post it on the website and Facebook. It was agreed there would be a summer, winter/spring, and one Newsletter for fall-winter. There was discussion regarding topics and times of the year to send the Newsletter. It was decided that there will be 3 newsletters, and it's important to have articles/input for material. One social media post and one newsletter article will be provided by each board member.

Social Media-Schedule of postings

Eric Reid stated he would set up a calendar for all members to help contribute articles and pictures of the Newsletters.

Other Business

Schedule for 2024 budget planning

Don Paulson

Don Paulson stated once the December year end statement is completed, he will forward that to committee chairs, requesting their portion of the budget. The draft will be sent to the outreach committee for review. A tentative budget will be sent to Sera Gesmundo and Ellen Keenan and then in February it will be emailed for vote.

PFAS meeting and possible collaborative project

Kay Gross

Kay Gross reported about the information sharing meeting on October 30, 2023, regarding contaminations of wells that have been detected since 2018, which has resulted in more testing. She discussed that Gull Vista plat had 2 wells testing positive, which now they will expanding testing. Kay suggested there a role of GLQO to work with EAGLE to expand testing of the wells. Currently it costs \$250 to \$300 to send sample to a private company to be tested and it's only \$135 for MSU to do well testing. She posed the question to the members if GLQO should pay for a number of private wells through MSU? It was also offered that maybe GLQO members could get the testing paid for. It was determined that GLQO should be active to assist. Kay Gross will gather more information and report back.

Tom Belco made a motion to support Kay Gross's proposal to fund some well testing whether it's with MSU or EAGLE (tbd), seconded by Jay Wesley. Motion passed.

Prairieville Park

There is a sub-committee to work with Prairieville Township Park (Jay Wesley, Dustin Perrin, Brook Wilke, & Chris Tracy). Kay Gross contacted Prairieville to continuing to work with them to maintain the boat wash, maintenance, signage, shoreline improvement, etc. Nothing has been formalized to date.

There was additional discussion for brochures be provided to new home owners through those seeking permits to build, or new home owners through realtors.

Future meetings schedule – Attached list

Tom Belco moved to adjourn the meeting and all seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next in person meeting: March 12, 2024