

**AGENDA**  
**Gull Lake Quality Organization**  
**Board Meeting - Minutes**  
**Thursday 14 October 2025, 7:00pm**  
**Terrace Room, KBS**

We used the Zoom set up in the Terrace Room for this meeting; it was an open meeting and unfortunately someone joined our meeting. Eric has changed the Zoom setup to having a Waiting Room to prevent this type of 'bombing'

**Board Attendance:** Joe Lukeman, Kay Gross, Kathy Gallagher, Andy Widner, Trudy Leudecking (via Zoom), Tom Belco, Hank Pender, Susan Harrison

**Absent:** Gary Mittelbach, Jay Wesley, Steve Keith, Jim Nolin (voted by proxy for approval of Minutes), Ellen Keenan

**Guests:** Eric Reid, Mary Wright - graduate student from GVSU working on PhD in Nursing who is interested in gaining leadership experience

**Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved as amended.

**Approval of Committee Chairs and Members:** Moved by Sue Harrison, seconded by Andy Widner to approve the roster of Committee Chairs and Members as presented. Approved unanimously. The committee chairs will be posted on the Website under *About Us*.

Susan introduced her guest Mary Wright, a graduate student at GVSU interested in learning about GLQO as part of her coursework in environmental leadership.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 4 September 2025 meeting were approved as presented

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy Widner presented a summary of income and expenditures to date (30 September 2025). Very little activity in September (August and October) Expenditures for weed control and monitoring were paid this past month. Boat Wash expenditures for Labor will post next month; these are less than expected for 2025. Year to date (p3) of the report were reviewed. Donations exceeded what was originally budgeted. Shoreline project expenses are lower than predicted; similarly weed control expenses were also lower than expected. Based on income and expenditures to date. He has allowed a CD to expire (August) so the funds reverted to the Money Market account so that it will be available to cover upcoming expenditures.

Andy will go to Advia to confirm process for changing signatories for our accounts; this will be done after 15 November when Jim Nolin (new signatory) returns from Spain.

***Moved by Kay seconded by Kathy to approve the Treasurer's report as amended. Approved unanimously***

Susan Harrison inquired about the potential for getting a credit card to be used to pay for small expenses in support of GLQO. Andy will inquire about obtaining a Debit Card for use by GLQO Board members for approved expenses.

## **Committee Updates:**

Water Quality - Gary Mittelbach submitted a written report prior to the meeting, summarized here: Water quality sampling and invasive species monitoring/treatment has wrapped up for 2025. Data collected by GLQO volunteers for the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) has been turned into EGLE offices and we will get their report and analysis sometime after the first of the year. 2025 marks the 15th year that we have been collecting CLMP data on Gull and Little Long Lakes.

We will also be receiving a report from Progressive AE summarizing their monitoring and treatment of invasive species in Gull Lake in the next month or so. Based on their summer updates, control of invasive species in Gull is going well; no new infestation sites were found in and treatment of existing sites went well. It is important that we continue to be vigilant in the monitoring and treatment of AIS in Gull Lake.

Gary followed up with PLM regarding a question raised by Joe Lukeman regarding monitoring for AIS in the channel known as Spring Creek. Hailee Lamorandier, who does the AIS monitoring in Gull Lake, reported that PLM does not currently monitor Spring Creek for AIS. They can add this to the area monitored in 2026. Also, a riparian on the north end of Gull Lake contacted GLQO concerned that she might have starry stonewort at their property. Gary responded this was not likely, and Mike Galleghar checked it out and found only native species there. The riparian was relieved. Joe was pleased that a GLQO member was being vigilant.

Susan inquired as to what can be done if the vegetation can only be treated if it is non-native; homeowners can contract on their own to have treatments done. GLQO only will pay for control of non-native species.

Kathy Gallagher reported that the Boat Wash has been shut down for the season; Eric will post about this on Facebook

Fisheries - Jay Wesley, not able to attend, sent a message that they had nothing new to report. The Fisheries Committee is planning another winter ice fishing clean up and will have trash containers strategically placed at access point. Jay will get together with the Fisheries Committee (Andy Widner, Steve Keith) to brainstorm other projects and communication needs.

Boating Safety- Hank Pender had nothing to report regarding Boating Safety patrolling on Gull Lake; Kalamazoo Township did not have funds to continue monitoring. He will also inquire from Chief Brown what their activity was on the lake this summer. Ross Township is storing their boat at KBS now.

Membership- Kathy Gallagher has returned from summer travels. The group is planning to do a membership appeal in early November. There is interest in finding out if membership can be done auto-renewal. There are challenges with this that need to be considered carefully. Fun ideas for contacting more people and getting membership need to be developed. The One-on-One approach may be 'old school', but works

Outreach and Communications: Susan Harrison reported the work to enhance the streamside at Prairieville Township Park is continuing; she and Margo Rebar purchased several shrubs from Mulders Greenhouse - natives. (Native, cultivars). Margo wants to find true natives. The 3 shrubs that were purchased this year were installed. Judy Risdon will inquire with the Parks commission regarding the installation of a rain garden. Additional planting to this area will be delayed until Spring 2026.

Cardboard was donated to smother an area that will be planted in Spring 2026. May need some more mulch. Margo is planning to work with Rick to identify non-native plants that can be controlled by cutting and spot-treating. She will set up a time to do this.

Fall Newsletter is slated to come out 15 November... could be earlier. Articles for the Fall Newsletter include: new board members/officers, Business Highlight – Kooper's Marine, Boat wash, Jeff Price GLQO vs Dam Association, Leaves in the Lake, Boating Safety, membership appeal. Drafts of articles should be sent to Eric by 31 October

The idea of using You-Tube to promote GLQO was discussed. Videos could be submitted by members. Eric will explore what needs to be done to set up a GLQO YouTube account, including determining what we can/could post, and how often this would need to be done to maintain interest. Kathy Gallagher said Rotary is now using this. Trudy raised the issue of getting permission to use videos of people. A challenge will be to have a steady stream of appropriate content. Members need to get involved.

### **New Business**

Committee Assignments – The list of Committee Chairs and members for 2026 that was distributed earlier (via email) was approved.

New meeting location: It was the consensus of the Board to move the meetings to the KBS Terrace Room. It has better video connection and more space

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month, 9 pm, KBS Carriage House Classroom

2025: December (holiday gathering) – Kay will email about possible dates for this

2026: February 10; April 14; May 12; June 9 (Annual Meeting)