



Great Lakes United
Board Meeting
June 28, 1992

GREAT LAKES UNITED

Present:

Dick Kubiak	Fred Brown	Rick Coronado
Ann Hunt	John Witzke	John Jackson
Camilla Smith	Pam Leisinger	Dorreen Carey
Chris Clark	Carole Mills	Bruce Walker
Paul Muldoon	Jeanne Jabanoski	Brett Hulsey
Bill Neuhaus	Sarah Miller	

Dick opened the meeting at 8:45 am. The minutes will be read and approved at the Fall board meeting.

IN CAMERA SESSION (FOR BOARD ONLY)

8:45 am - 9:25 am

The discussion, led by John Jackson, centered on the search for and the hiring of Great Lakes United's new executive director. In addition, Fred Brown discussed budget initiatives, especially related to staff adjustments.

Two committees were also appointed: 1) contract revision committee: John J. and Fred; 2) personnel committee: John J., Rick, Pam, John W., with Sarah as chair.

END OF IN CAMERA SESSION

Staff was invited to return to meeting:

Staff present: Tony Luppino, Dotty White, Michelle Downey, Terry Yonker, Glen Gelinas, Sean Enright, Reg Gilbert, Karen Murphy, Mary Ginnebaugh

Fred continued the financial report by reviewing the two sheets attached to the previous budget and mid-year modifications. Fred recommended that organizational and individual memberships need to be worked on to bring the members up-to-date.

Rick asked why staff time is being reduced when debt is only \$5,640? Answer?

A question was asked about using the gold bullion as the basis for an endowment fund. If possible, this will be the disposition of the funds released from the collection sale.

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Chris asked if there was any money allocated for fundraising. Fred responded that on page 7 of the budget, there was \$5,500. Also on page 6 under direct mail, printing and postage there is money for direct mail solicitation. There was discussion on the availability of monies for board fundraising and Chris requested that more money be allocated. This request was noted.

Fred moved that the modified budget be passed. Jeanne 2nd. (see attached wording by Fred) - passed.

Fred reminded the board that the By-laws require that a tentative budget for the following year be proposed at the meeting following the annual meeting.

There was discussion on the unfulfilled budget categories in 1992. Great Lakes Protection Fund, memberships, etc. Brett suggested that the board should be the first to commit to fundraising by making personal donations if possible. He followed through on this suggestion by writing a check to GLU.

The question of administrative overhead was discussed. Fred mentioned that there would be an increase in office rent in 1993. Dotty indicated there is a limit to the overhead that can be charged on grants for project funding. Brett added that Sierra Club charges 30% for overhead per grant.

CANADIAN BUDGET

Jeanne presented a draft of the Canadian budget. Organizational and individual memberships are down and need a lot of work.

Chris suggested recruiting a retired accountant to work on Canadian books. Dotty said that if an audit is required when charitable status is achieved, then a certified accounting firm might be required. Jeanne will look into this.

Sarah moved to pass the Canadian Draft Budget, seconded by Bruce, passed.

Dick announced that he will make the appointments for the Standing Committees and include this information in the next board packet. (nominating, by-laws, and executive committees).

Camilla reported on an Audubon Society Proposal from Steve Sedam. He has asked GLU to write a letter of support and also participate or co-sponsor a series of hearings on biodiversity around the Great Lakes.

John Jackson asked if there was any Canadian participation, and if not is there a possibility to broaden the grant to allow GLU to co-sponsor in Canada.

Chris suggested looking at the biodiversity work being done by NWF on Lake Superior.

Camilla moved that we write a letter to Audubon to co-sponsor and extend project to Canada. seconded by John, passed.

Rick added that GLU should be doing work on the Lake Erie Committee that has been formed. Dick responded that we will address that at the Fall meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULES

John and Sarah moved that the Annual Meeting be held in Kingston, Ontario. Passed

Board meeting dates and places:

Fall - Toronto, Ontario - October 2 & 3
Winter - Milwaukee, Wisconsin - January 15 & 16
Spring - Buffalo, New York - March 27 & 28
Annual Meeting - Kingston, Ontario - May 1 & 2

Dick appointed an annual meeting committee: Rick, Camilla, Dorreen, Sarah, Jeanne, Dotty and John J. as chair.

Brett asked for issues committee: Fred, Jeanne, Bruce, John W., Karen, Dorreen, John J., Rick, Sean, Glen, and Brett as chair.

Dorreen suggested that minutes from strategy workshops be used as basis for issue discussion and report out.

Jeanne asked what was the result of the facilitated process we participated in yesterday? Can we tie up the loose ends, determine accountability and responsibility? Further what happened to the facilitation process with the staff that started in Toronto? Rick concurred. When Terry gets established in the Buffalo office this process will be continued through the staff and board committee. It was suggested that a facilitator would not be required as there was a good foundation to work from.

Dorreen suggested that Chris be encouraged to move forward on the fundraising program he has put forth.

Camilla asked how we will handle the overdue memberships. Brett said he would take the Sierra Club chapters. It was decided that board members would look over list and contact their local overdue groups.

Move to adjourn by Bruce, seconded by Brett.