

GOLA - Goodrich & O'Brien Lakeshore Association

2017 Newsletter

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O'Brien Board Position:	Dan Menden
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Goodrich Board Position:	Miles Johnson

Account Balances as of 5/22/17

General Fund:	\$5839.99
Walter Israel Fund:	\$2021.99
Emergency Fund:	\$2689.51

2017 Association Meeting Dates

Saturday, 5/27/17 at 9:00 am
Saturday, 7/1/17: at 9:00 am
Saturday, 9/2/17: at 9:00 am

GOLA Website and Twitter

The lakeshore association website can be located at <http://www.golamn.org>.

The hosting service is being provided by Crosslake Communications at a reduced rate. This site is the fastest way to get information out to members. Bring your ideas for content to the meetings or send an email to rancourm@aol.com.

There are links on the website to several sites of interest to lake residents. The DNR, Minnesota Waters and WOPOA sites have extensive relevant content.

Please follow GOLA updates on Twitter at [GOLA@golalakeassn](https://twitter.com/GOLA@golalakeassn)

Goodrich & O'Brien Area Garage Sales

A Garage Sale Day is being organized for Saturday, August 5. To be included on the map send an email to jamie.borne@gmail.com by 7/15.

Road Construction

Now that winter is finally over it's time for our other season, road construction to start. County Road 36 between County Road 114 and State Highway 6 is planned for rehabilitation this summer. The current schedule is bid letting on June 7. With construction to follow this summer and stretching into early fall. You can check current status at the county website here: <http://www.crowwing.us/149/Current-Projects>

Annual Membership Dues

We encourage everyone with property on the lake to join our association. The last page of the newsletter has a form to submit with your annual dues. Dues are \$20 per year per household. The last year you paid dues is in the upper right of the address block of the newsletter. Please make your checks out to GOLA and mail to PO Box 674, Crosslake, MN 56442-0674. Contributions to the Walter Israel fish fund are tracked separately and by lake. If you send fish fund contributions along with dues, please let us know how much for each. The next stocking will be in the fall of 2018. The GOLA fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31 each year.

Jellyfish

Fresh water jelly fish have been observed in O'Brien. Don't get alarmed. They are classified as "exotic" not as "invasive". They have been in Minnesota for about 100 years. About 30 lakes are reported to have them. For more information check out this link: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2012/08/27/jellyfish-spotted-in-minnesota/>

Lake Etiquette

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

RESPECT: The rights of others.

ENVIRONMENT: Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

SAFETY: Heed the boating regulations – go slowly.

PEACE: Watch your noise and your wake.

ENJOY: Have fun & share the moments with friends.

CONSIDER: Other people and creatures on the lakes.

TRASH: Take your trash home.

Selected items from Minnesota Boating Regulations:

- Operation of personal watercraft is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset.

- Personal watercraft must travel at slow no-wake speed (5mph or less) within 150 feet of nonmotorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.

It's against the law:

- To operate a watercraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- To operate a watercraft so its wash or wake endangers, harasses, or interferes with any person or property.
- To operate a watercraft so it obstructs ordinary navigation.

PROTECT OUR WATERS

By taking a few simple steps, you can help protect Minnesota's lakes and rivers from zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) cannot move across the land without help, but when given a lift they can spread almost anywhere.

It's time for everyone who recreates in Minnesota's lakes and rivers to help prevent the introduction and spread of AIS.

Take these actions required by law:

CLEAN all visible aquatic plants off your boat, trailer and other water-related equipment before leaving a water access or shoreland property. It's illegal to transport prohibited invasive plants or animals, whether dead or alive.

DRAIN water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access. Keep drain plugs out and waterdraining devices open while transporting watercraft.

DISPOSE of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, worms and fish parts in the trash. It's illegal to release live bait into a water body, dump worms on the ground or move aquatic animals from one water body to another.

Whenever possible, also take these recommended actions: **DRY** everything before going to another lake or river, especially if your boat has been in the water or moored for more than 24 hours – or if you have recently been in zebra mussel or spiny waterflea infested waters. To further decontaminate your boat and equipment, do one or more of the following: • Spray with high-pressure water • Rinse with very hot water* • Dry for at least 5 days

The complete Minnesota Boating Regulations are here: http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boat_ingguide.pdf

How can I help?

- 1) If you are out walking and see the culvert between the lakes accumulating debris, you can remove it.
- 2) We are looking for a water quality tester for Goodrich. See Mike, H or Miles for details.

- 3) Are you a techie? Help updating the GOLLA website with new news, and modernizing the format would be appreciated.

Water Quality Testing

Volunteers continue to test the water routinely during the summer. We are looking for a volunteer for Goodrich—please let us know if you are interested. The information collected is available on the NR website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html>

The Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPO) also maintains a website with a lot of lake information at:

<http://minnesotawaters.org/whitefishareapropertyowners/>

What's the weather like at the lake?

Have you ever wanted to really know what it looks like, or just longed for a glimpse of a lake? It's not our lake but its nearby. Here is a link from the WAPOA site that has a live video feed looking at Lower Hay Lake on the Whitefish chain.

<http://www.pinenest.info/>

Other Links

Here are some other links you might find interesting:

[Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates](http://mnlakesandrivers.org/2012/06/28/msrpo-become-minnesota-lakes-and-rivers-advocates)

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[City of Crosslake](http://www.cityofcrosslake.org/)

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[Crow Wing County](http://crowwing.us/)

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[Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce](http://www.explorebrainerdlakes.com/visit/index.htm)

<http://www.explorebrainerdlakes.com/visit/index.htm>

[Scout Camp Cuyuna](http://www.twinvalleybsa.org/camping/cuyuna)

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[Crosslake Communications](http://www.crosslake.net/)

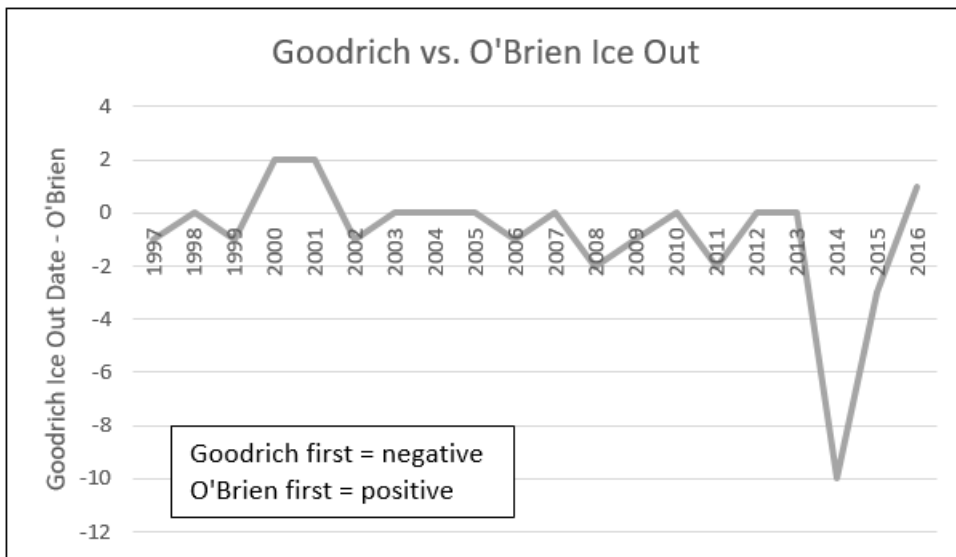
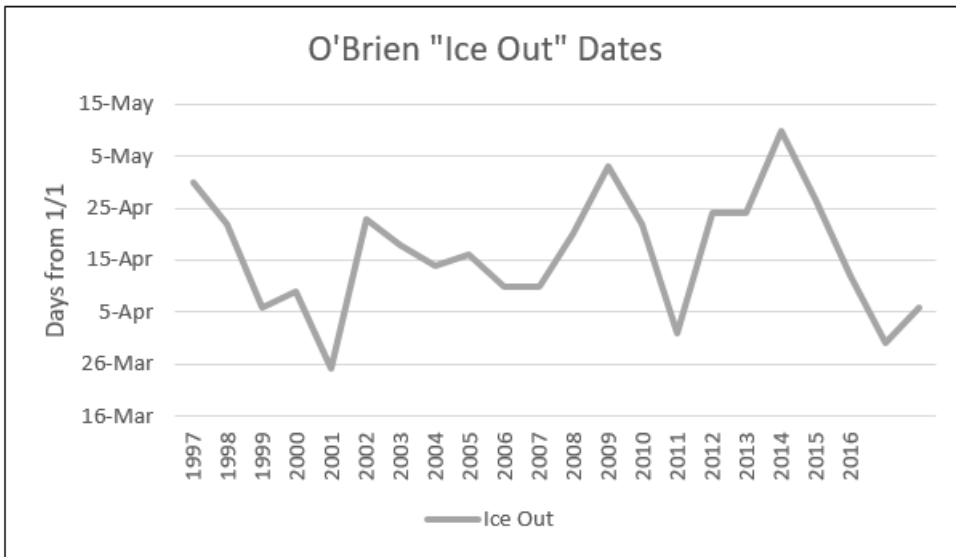
<http://www.crosslake.net/>

[Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts](http://www.glapa.info/)

<http://www.glapa.info/>

Ice Records

Jeff Balmer sent in his O'Brien "ice out" dates so I have added them to the website too. I missed the Goodrich 2016 "ice in" date and the 2017 "ice out date" if anyone has those please send the to rancourm@aol.com. Also wanted are any records for O'Brien of "ice in".



2016 & 2017 GOLLA Members & Fish Fund Contributors In Alphabetical Order

Glenda & Todd Glenda Amar
Helena & Clint Anderson
Ron Arnold
Cathye Austin & Travis Vest
Lindsay & Jeffrey Balmer
Rena & Matt Balmer
Priscilla Balmer
Shelly & Jim Becker
Dean Borgeson
Sue & Bob Borne
Shirley & Richard Bowman
Teri & Chris Boxmeyer
Natalee & Tim Bray
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Goodrich O'Brien Lake Association



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Please mail to: Goodrich O'Brien Lake Association

 P.O. Box 674

 Crosslake MN 56442

Yearly membership dues are \$20_____

Fish Stocking (Walter Israel Memorial Fund) O'Brien_____ Goodrich_____

GOLA Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the general welfare of the property owners and residents of Goodrich and O'Brien Lakeshore especially with respect to the natural resources associated with Goodrich and O'Brien.

Why should I join GOLA? What are the advantages for me?

- The primary job of the association is to protect our lakes. It's the lake that gives our property its value. It is GOLA's responsibility to monitor lake levels water clarity and water quality. These findings are reported to the Corps of Engineers three times a year. A nearby lake recently reported excessive nitrogen in their water. The Corps traced the problem to cattle farm up stream on a creek that flowed into their lake. Corrections were made and the lake is back to normal.
- We stock our lakes with walleye as they do not spawn naturally in either lake. If you catch one thank the association, the contributors to the Walter Israel Fish Fund, and the volunteers that have coordinated the stocking. That is the only way the walleyes get here.
- GOLA works to educate our members through our meetings and correspondence on the importance of shore land policies and regulations that help to keep our beautiful lake clarity.
- We have been involved with beaver control as they can and do affect our lake levels.
- Our association works to make solid connections with other groups that can be of help in achieving our goals. Groups we connect with are the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association, the city of Crosslake, Fairfield Township, Crow Wing County, the Army Corps of Engineers, the state DNR, and the State of Minnesota. An individual can bring an issue to any of these groups, but a group representing 200 or more has a larger voice.
- GOLA encourages sociability among the good folks who live on and near the shores of the Bonnie Lakes. The association meeting is a good place to make new friends and chat with your neighbors. We all come to the lake to have a good time. Some fish, some boat, some like quiet, some like noise, some like to ski, some just sit by the water. We all get what we want, just not all the time.

While some are not always happy with things that happen on our lakes, or things done by the association we do a lot of good. GOLA is a democratically operated association, so come to the meetings and have your voice heard. See you on the lake. \$20 is a real bargain.