

GOLA Meeting
August 31, 2024

New Residents

- Pete/Missy Basset – Purchased house on Obrien. Moved from Burnsville, permanent residents.

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Reports

- General Fund: \$12,293.71
- Fish Fund: Hit our \$5500 Goal

Old Business

- Walking Trails – No updated news
- Garage Sales
 - Teri & Annette volunteered to support the 2025 garage sale event.
 - Dates: August 21-23, 2025 (8-4:30pm)
 - Teri & Annette will take care of main signage, all individuals will need to put their own driveway sign out.
- Wildlife
 - Both lakes had baby loons in 2024.
 - One on O'Brien, Two on Goodrich
- Beavers
 - Have not heard of any updates in regard to beaver damage.
 - The beaver dams are being taken care of at the end of the lake by the O'Brien dam.
- Water Quality in August 2024
 - O'Brien (18')
 - Goodrich (11')
- Invasive Species
 - Purple Loosestrife

New Business

- By Law Change – Eliminating July 4th Meeting
 - The board will work to update the by laws to reflect removal of July meeting.
 - Motioned, vote to the floor, approved – removal of July GOLA meeting.
- No Wake Signs for O’Brien
 - Current buoys are not
 - Dave Anderson met with the Sheriff’s department in regard to the current O’Brien sandbar.
 - Minimum 50’ side to side stakes to be put into the sand in 2025. They will be put in/removed each year. Signs were given from the Sheriff’s Office (2’x2’).
 - First installment will happen Spring, 2025.
 - Motion for GOLA to pay for the posts/equipment needed to install the signs.
 - Motioned, vote to floor, approved.
- Boat Regulations Signs at Landings
 - Member went to the DNR to have GOLA put signs up. DNR stated they do not allow for any signs to be put up except for signs they provide/put up.
- Boat Guide Booklet
 - Asked to get copies of the annual MN boat guide booklet & to be distributed to home owners.
 - GOLA could host them at the ‘Y’ board if someone would like to get the booklets.
- Discussion Only – Social Events, Picnics, Potlucks, Concerts, Boat Parades, Donations
 - Thank you to Dave Anderson and his family for hosting ‘Lakestock 2024’ and contributing all donations to the GOLA fish fund.
 - Donations
 - 2024 Loon Center, GOLA donated \$500. GOLA is the largest donator in the lake association area.
 - Consider additional donations to other areas within 2024.
 - In the past we have donated to Crosslake Fire/Ambulance.
 - Floor suggestion: Consider the places/companies we donate to have them come in and do a presentation.
 - Consider water patrol and/or DNR for Spring, Memorial Day weekend.
 - Mark Erickson will reach out to the water patrol to figure out logistics on how to get the Sheriff office.
 - Motion to look into the Sheriff’s office joining the Memorial Day, 2025 meeting, second and approved.

Floor Comments/Questions

Communications/Website

- Board is looking in to find a new website provider.

Board Member Elections

- All of the below current board members are up for 2024 elections.
 - Mark Erickson, Goodrich Co-Chair
 - Steve Hock, Goodrich Board Member
 - Dave Anderson, O'Brien Board Member
 - Jamie Weise, Secretary
 - Motion to the floor to renew all of the above chair members. Vote to floor, approved all.

Weeds/Tall Vegetation between Lakes

- Between the lakes, proposed weeding along the road (not clearing any large areas/lots), but making it easier to see when driving or for walkers.
- Proposed to trim down (approx. 2'), not disturbing the plant/roots.
- Proposed lower speed limit signs in that area, even if GOLLA funds the cost of the signs.

Wapoa – Tests of Area Lake Water – Look at historical water depths across both lakes.