

GOLA Newsletter

Spring 2025

GOLA Purpose 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.

New GOLA Website Coming!

The board is doing a complete overhaul of our current GOLA website. Keep an eye out for the new site coming soon!

We are hoping the site will be available by the end of May, more details to come.

Upcoming GOLA Events:

- ❖ GOLA Meeting: Saturday, 5/24 @9am
Crosslake American Legion
- ❖ Community Garage Sale: 8/21-8/23
8am to 4:30pm
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Upcoming Non-GOLA Events:

- ❖ Lake O'Brien 4th of July Boat Parade
Date/Time = *TBD*
- ❖ Lake Goodrich 4th of July Boat Parade
Date/Time = *TBD*
- ❖ Lakestock Fish Fundraiser on O'Brien
at the Anderson's -*More Info to Come!*

Lake O'Brien – Sandbar Signs

For those of you on Lake O'Brien, there are new sandbar signs (replacing the buoys). When traveling through, please make sure to keep an eye out for people, travel slow and stay in the middle of the signs as they mark the channel. Thank you to David Anderson for the coordination and installation of the new 'slow no wake' signs.

Notes from the Treasurer

Dues forms will be available at the upcoming Memorial Day meeting and at the 'Y' off Bonnie Lakes Road on the bulletin board.

As a reminder, please complete a full membership document each year when submitting your GOLA dues. This allows membership details to stay as up to date as possible. These documents are used for auditing our records when reviewing funding allocations. Dues will remain \$20 per household for 2025.

Fish stocking donations are also being accepted throughout 2025 for the 2026 stocking year (stock every other year). When donating, please indicate the lake you are associated with, so your stocking contribution is allocated to that specific lake. Our goal fish stocking goal is \$5500.

Minimal budget changes occurred over the winter months 2024-2025. Updated balance amounts will be shared at the Memorial Day meeting.

Loon Nesting

There have been numerous reports of loon activity between both lakes this Spring! Please make sure to keep a safe distance from the loons, their offspring and nesting areas.

Goodrich is in their last year of participating in the DNR loon study with strategically placed loon nesting platforms.

Thank you to both Mark Erickson and Larry Johnson for their continued management of the nesting platforms.

Handy Links & Phone Numbers

GOLA Facebook Group

Lake O'Brien & Goodrich Lake Association
URL: facebook.com, search by name to join

City of Crosslake website:

URL: www.cityofcrosslake.org/
P: 218-692-2688

Fairfield Township Website:

URL: www.fairfieldmn.com

Loon Center

URL: www.nationallooncenter.org

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers

URL: www.mnlakesandrivers.org

WAPOA

URL: wapoa.org

Minnesota Boating Guide

URL: <https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regula/regul/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf>

DNR - Fire Restrictions

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html

A special thank you to all GOLA officers and board members for your continued participation and support. Your dedication and work help maintain the general welfare and beauty of our lakes.

Board Officers

Co-Chair Goodrich: Mark Erickson
Co-Chair, O'Brien: H Peterson
Secretary: Jamie Weise
Treasurer: Sue Borne

Board Members

Goodrich: Liz Luskey & Steve Hoch
O'Brien: David Anderson & Mike Ergen

Reminders

2025 GOLA Garage Sale

August 21st through August 23rd
Times: 8am to 4:30pm

Sale signs will be posted from town (Crosslake) to Bonnie Lakes Road by Teri/Annette. Anyone participating in the sale will be liable for their own signage along Bonnie Lakes Road and their driveway.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Teri Boxmeyer and Annette Ecklund.

Crow Wing County Power Line Work

The county will be coming through clearing brush/trees interfering with any power lines. The cleanup will be the property owner's responsibility. No specific dates have been shared yet.

GOLA Bulletin Board at the 'Y'

Bonnie Lakes Road & Tamarack Rd
Check the bulletin board throughout the Spring-Fall months for copies of the latest newsletter/dues forms.

Purple Loosestrife

Reminder to pull and discard by either burning or putting into your garbage can as it continues to spread around both lakes.

Crosslake Decontamination Station

We do our best to keep our lakes clean and clear of any invasive species or plants. Please consider using the decontamination station in town when traveling in from other bodies of water. It is free to use and takes about 15 minutes or less.

Staffed Friday – Sunday from 9am to 6pm
Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility (13870 Whipple Dr; Crosslake).
Phone: 218-824-1142

