

Spring 2006 Newsletter

Board Officers & Members:

Co Chairs: Mike Flynn, and Mike Rancour

Secretary: Loyal Meech

Treasurer: Arnie Berg

O'Brien Members: George Chuba, and Bob Mattson

Goodrich Members: Kathy Royce, and Paul Dorweiler

GOLA Website The lakeshore association website can be located at <http://www.golamn.org>. It is an easy name to remember, the ads are gone, and the site is easier to maintain than the free one. Crosslake Communication is providing the hosting service at a reduced rate. We plan to improve the site and make it a primary communication vehicle. Bring your ideas for content to the spring meeting.

2006 GOLA Meeting Dates

All meetings are Saturdays at the Crosslake American Legion club.

May 27, 10:00 am – Social Meeting

July 8, 10:00 am – Business Meeting

September 2, Noon – Pot Luck Lunch, 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Annual Membership Dues

The last page of the newsletter has a form to fill out with your annual dues. Dues remain at \$10 per year. Please send your check to Arne Berg or pay at the Spring meeting.

Water Quality Testing Complete testing for water quality continues to be done on a regular basis. Temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and specific conductivity are done at every meter of depth. A secchi disk reading is also done to measure water clarity. The team of Bob Mattson and Arnie Berg is testing O'Brien. Bob Stock and Miles Johnson are testing Goodrich. We would like to get another team trained for each lake. If you can help, please

contact one of the team members. Dates for testing are Monday mornings on May 15, June 19, July 24, August 21, and September 25.

2006 Treasurer's Report Summary

General Fund Balance \$1,191.85

Emergency Fund Balance \$3,465.85

Walter Israel Fund \$2,780.86

Shoreline Restoration

Good shoreline practice can help keep the quality of our lakes high. Bob Mattson has taken a class in shoreline restoration. At the class, he received a significant amount of informational material. Call him, if you would like to borrow the material or chat about shoreline care.

Welcome Wagon Mary Berg has tote bags for new residents in our area. For Mary to do her job she needs to know when your new neighbors move in. Call Mary and let her know who your new neighbors are: 692-4153.

O'Brien Launch Site – Temporary Solution We are attempting to get permission from Fairfield Township to allow the old access to be open on Saturday, May 27, 2006. If successful the Launch will be open from 7:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. The cost to the association for an off duty police officer will be about \$35.00 per hour.

Boat Launching

Dave Ketcher (692-1599) and Tom Huesman (692-2198) are available for a hire to launch boats. Dave also does snow plowing in the winter.

Chairman's Award

The award for the best potluck dish at the Fall meeting was determined by the co-chair whose term expired. Congratulations to the 2005 winner Julie Middlestad for her fabulous frozen cranberry dessert. We need her picture and recipe for the website.

Exotic Weeds Milfoil continues to spread to lakes throughout Minnesota. Remember to remove any weeds that cling to the bottom of your boat, motor or trailer. Remind your friends to do this each time they launch a boat.

Open House

To Show our appreciation for the help and concern we received from the people of the Goodrich/O'Brien Lakeshore Assn. following our fire, we would like to invite you to an open house in our home on Saturday, May 27, 2006 from 2–4 P.M. Please park on the road as we share a driveway. (there are a few places by the garage for those with limited mobility) Ray and Judie Larson 36668 Tamarack Rd.