

Spring 2007 Newsletter

Board Officers & Members

Co Chairs: Mike Flynn, and Mike Rancour

Secretary: Loyal Meech

Treasurer: Dan Radunz

O'Brien Members: George Chuba, and Bob Mattson

Goodrich Members: Kathy Royce, and Paul Dorweiler

2007 GOLLA Meeting Dates

All meetings are Saturdays at the Crosslake American Legion club.

May 26, 10:00 am – Social Meeting

July 7, 10:00 am – Business Meeting

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

GOLLA 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.

2007 Treasurer's Report Summary

General Fund Balance \$1,562.20

Emergency Fund Balance \$3,506.36

Walter Israel Fish Fund \$1,735.48

O'Brien Launch Site

The old launch site between the lakes will be open on two Saturdays:

May 12 from 9:00 A.M. – Noon

May 26 from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Boat Launching

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

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 make your checks out to GOLA and mail to PO Box 674, Crosslake, MN 56442-0674 or see Dan Radunz at the spring meeting.

Crosslake Library

The new Crosslake Library officially opened April 30, 2007.

Welcome Wagon

We are looking for someone to replace Mary Berg who has been our Association "welcome wagon" the past few years. Please contact Mike Rancour or Mike Flynn if you are willing to assume this position. Please let someone on the board know when new neighbors move in. The Association has tote bags filled with goodies for our new lake residents.

Chairman's Award

The award for the best potluck dish at the Fall meeting was determined by the co-chair (Rancour) whose term has expired. Congratulations to the 2006 winner Sue Stock for her lettuce pasta salad. 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.

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.

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 14, June 18, July 23, August 20, and September 24.

Meet Congressman Howes

Come to the May 12, 2007 meeting and meet Larry Howes and participate in a discussion about the boat launch for Lake O'Brien. Should Larry have any last minute schedule conflicts the home page of the web site will be updated to reflect this.

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