

Spring 2009 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 Miles Johnson

2009 GOLLA Meeting Dates

All meetings are on Saturdays at the Crosslake American Legion club.

May 23, 10:00 A.M. – Social Meeting

July 11, 10:00 A.M. – Business Meeting

September 5, Noon – Pork Chop Lunch, 1:00 P.M. - Business Meeting Rather than a potluck lunch, we will be supporting the Legion Pork Chop Barbecue this year. You are encouraged to bring a desert to share.

O'Brien Launch Site

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

May 9 from 10:00 A.M. – Noon

May 23 from Noon – 2:00 P.M.

Welcome Wagon

Lynette Bourcy is our Association “welcome wagon” representative. Please let someone on the board know when new neighbors move in. Lynette has tote bags filled with goodies for our new lake residents.

GOLA Website

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. We plan to make the site the primary communication vehicle for GOLA. Bring your ideas for content to the spring meeting.

GOLA Directory The association secretary is looking to update and publish a new GOLA Directory but needs the correct information. Please see Loyal Meech with any additions, updates, or corrections.

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.

Annual Membership Dues

Did you ever wonder what the four digit number on the upper line of your mailing label was all about? It represents the last year for which our records indicate dues to the association were paid. 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. 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.

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 two meters 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 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, & September 21.

Weed Testing

Professional Lake Management will do the second weed testing of both O'Brien and Goodrich lakes this spring. The results will be announced at one of our GOLLA meetings.

Lake O'Brien Water Level

The issue with the Dam for Lake O'Brien has been permanently resolved to establish a lake level at 1234.8 feet of elevation.

This Year's Top Priorities

Your GOLLA Board has established the following goals for this year:

1. Significantly raise active membership
2. Make the GOLLA web site our active communication tool
3. Get a public boat ramp open on Lake O'Brien
4. Develop a specific plan, with funding, for weed control and eradication on both lakes
5. Develop a process to insure all lakeshore homeowners know what they can individually do to help control lake weeds

Crosslake Library

The new Crosslake Library officially opened April 30, 2007.

Boat Launching

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