

GOLA - Goodrich & O'Brien Lakeshore Association Newsletter

Board Officers and Members:

	Position	Name
Officers	Co-chair, Goodrich	Mark Erickson
	Co-chair, O'Brien	"H" Peterson
	Secretary	Jamie Weise
	Treasurer	Sue Borne
Board Member	Goodrich	Steve Hoch
		Liz Luskey
	O'Brien	David Anderson
		Mike Ergen

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.

As a reminder please complete a full membership document each year when submitting your GOLA dues. This allows for membership details to stay as up to date as possible. These documents are used for auditing our records when reviewing funding allocations.

2024 Fish Stocking

We have had great support from people around the lakes to hit our \$5500 goal! The Anderson family on O'Brien hosted 'Lakestock 2024' party fundraiser with all proceeds going towards the fish fund. During that event, they were able to collect approximately \$1900!

Come Fall, the association will be working through stocking both walleye and perch fingerlings into each lake. As a reminder, when donating, please indicate the lake you are associated with, so your stocking contribution is allocated to that specific lake.

Notes from the Treasurer

The Memorial Day meeting had a steady amount of people paying their annual GOAL dues plus donations to the fish fund. Overall, minimal budget changes occurred over mid-Summer. Updated balance amounts will be shared at the Labor Day weekend meeting.

Loon Nesting

Excited to have baby loon activity on both lakes again this year. Please make sure to keep a safe distance from the loons, their offspring and nests.

A \$500 contribution suggestion/approval for the Loon Center was brought forward at the Memorial Day GOLA meeting. That contribution was delivered this summer with raving gratitude to the association!

Great reminder for those that have frequent out of towners or renters at your places on the lake to keep an eye out for them.

A continued thank you to Larry Johnson and Mark Erickson for building and maintaining the current loon nesting platforms. They will be pulled in soon for the season.

GOLA Garage Sale

The board entertained the idea of sponsoring a GOLA garage sale event again this year. With minimal wanting to participate at the Memorial Day GOLA meeting, the decision was made to eliminate for the year.

If people are interested in participating in 2025, please attend the Memorial Day meeting to sign up to participate! If enough people are interested, we will also be looking for volunteers to support the sale weekend. This would include managing a signup sheet, creating a map of all sale locations, advertising and putting out signs.

Crosslake Decontamination Station

As a reminder...If you have a boat that either is new to our lakes or has traveled outside of our lakes recently, there is a FREE decontamination station in Crosslake. The overall decontamination process takes approximately fifteen minutes to complete.

Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility (13870 Whipple Dr; Crosslake).
Phone #: 218-824-1142

Facebook

If you happen to be on Facebook, make sure to check out the two pages for fun information about the lakes, activities, and wildlife sightings (Lake O'Brien & Goodrich O'Brien Lake Association).

As a reminder, this is not meant to be a for sale site or have negative comments. Please do your best to support a happy culture of sharing across the site.

River and Lakes Update

GOLA is a member of the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) and MN Lakes & River Advocates (MLRA). These groups help our lakes and arrange for testing of our waters at a 'group' price.

GOLA Bulletin Board @ the Y

For all GOLA updates and information, please feel free to take a look at our website (www.golamn.org). There is also a bulletin board at the 'Y' (Bonnie Lakes Road & Tamarack Rd).

We will do our best to keep an updated poster on the bulletin board at the "Y" between lakes. Depending on the time of year, you will typically find copies of the newsletter and dues forms within the mailboxes secured to the board.

Upcoming Events:

GOLA – Labor Day Weekend Meeting
Saturday 8/31/2024 @9:00am
Location: Crosslake American Legion

Handy Links

City of Crosslake website:
<https://www.cityofcrosslake.org/>

Crosslake Communications:
218-692-2777

Fairfield Township Website:
<https://fairfieldmn.com/>

GOLA Website: www.golamn.org

Loon Center: nationallooncenter.org

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers:
<https://mnlakesandrivers.org/>

WAPOA: wapoa.org/