

# *GOLA - Goodrich & O'Brien Lakeshore Association Newsletter*

## **Board Officers and Members:**

<b>Position</b>		<b>Name</b>
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.

## **2024 Fish Stocking**

This year is another stocking year through the lake association. We will be stocking both walleye and perch fingerlings.

This year we have a goal of reaching \$5500 amount in donations across the two lakes.

As a reminder, when donating, please indicate the lake you are associated with, so your stocking contribution is allocated to that specific lake.

During our last stocking year (2022), we collectively hit our goal of \$5000 in donations. That allowed us to do a full stocking- ending up with 60% of the donations from Goodrich and 40% of the donations from O'Brien.

## **Notes from the Treasurer**

Minimal budget changes occurred over the Winter this past year. Updated balance amounts to be shared at the Memorial weekend meeting.

Reminder when submitting your yearly GOLA dues to fill the membership document in full, even if things did not change. This helps when auditing our records and making sure all is up to date.

## **Loon Nesting**

As you are out enjoying your time on the lakes, reminder there are multiple loon nests between the two lakes. Please make sure to keep your distance and abide by the floating warning signs.

A continued thank you to Larry Johnson and Mark Erickson for building and maintaining the current loon nesting platforms.

## **GOLA Garage Sale**

Keep an eye out on all the communication avenues for more details about this year's GOLA sponsored garage sale details. More to come!

### **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).

### **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](http://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:**

**Saturday 5/25/2024 @9am**

**GOLA Meeting @9am**

Location: Crosslake American Legion

**Friday 7/5/2024 @2pm**

O'Brien 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade

\*This is not a GOLA sponsored event

**Saturday 8/3/2024 @1-4pm**

**Rock-On O'Brien at Anderson's South dock**

North-East side of Obrien's sandbar

Hot Dogs & Chips from 11-1pm

Crazy Larry Band from 1-4pm

Come by lake or foot – all are welcome! Donations will be accepted – put towards the GOLA fish fund.

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**Saturday 8/31/2024 @9:00am**

**GOLA Meeting**

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](http://www.golamn.org)

**Loon Center:** [nationallooncenter.org](http://nationallooncenter.org)

**Minnesota Lakes & Rivers:**

<https://mnlakesandrivers.org/>

**WAPOA:** [wapoa.org/](http://wapoa.org/)