

GOLA Meeting May 24, 2025

Call to Order @9:04am

Introduction

- Co-Chair: Mark Erickson & H Peterson
- Secretary: Jamie Weise
- Treasurer: Sue Borne
- Board: Dave Anderson, Mike Ergen, Liz Luskey, Steve Hoch

New Residents: NA

Speaker: Sgt Brad Thesing, Crow Wing Sheriff's Office

Office Details:

- Recreational area of the Sheriff's office
- Hired 5 new seasonal recreational staff to assist the Sheriff's office.
- 8 people in the summer months (4 full time dep, 5 seasonal)
- Focus attention during high traffic times (Holiday, Weekends, Evenings)
- If we have any problems on our lakes, call the Sheriff's office.
 - Logs are being kept if not able to attend to the 'issue' notes are taken and resources can be brought out.
 - If issues, registration + description should be taken and called in with.

Loon nesting – A lot of loon nests being put out.

- Seeing some people use them as buffers.
- Loon nest need a permit. Can obtain the permits online.
- Numbers placed on 2 sides.
- Should be placed in the owners repairing zone.
- Can be placed loon nests outside of 'your' repairing zone, permission is needed from the land owner across from the nesting location.

Wake Boats

- Impact can have an issue with the shoreline
- Everyone should own their wake.
- They tend to get a bad rap, similar to how jet skis did previously.
- Legislation potentially to focus on wake boats (how close to the shoreline, etc). This has been in the 'process' for over 5 years now and not complete.

Jet Skis

- New rule within MN, adults will be required to get a boating permit.
- Going into effect in July, 2025
- 21 years of age or younger, will need a boating permit.
- Sheriff's office will be putting classes on to support getting boating permits for those 21 years and younger.
- Graduated roll out – will increase the age as times goes on.

Life Jackets

- Required to have enough life preservers for each person within the boat (but not over what the boat is rated for).
- Kids under 10 years old need to wear a life jacket
- If you have an auto inflate life jacket – it needs to be worn to count as a life jacket.
- Square throwable, needs to be out and accessible to anyone on the boat.
- Paddle boards/boats – need to have a life jacket accessible (on children if on board/boat).

Swim Platforms/Rafts

- Often see them as being a shoreline buffer – the keep boats off the shoreline.
- Sheriff's office looks at the intended purpose of the object (when determining if it is too far out). Also looking at the water depth.

Board Reports:

- Secretary:
 - New website (same URL: golamn.org)
 - New Flyers
 - DNR Boat Guide – QR Code
 - DNR Fire Restrictions – QR Code
 - Garage Sale Sign
- Treasurer:
 - Budget/Balance
 - \$12,844.08 General Fund/Emergency Fund (Combined
 - \$1,028.95 Pending
 - \$178.25 Fish Fund (both lakes combined total)
 - 2024 Member Count:
 - Goodrich: 30 Members
 - O'Brien: 47 Members

Old Business:

- Trail, Sidewalk, Road
 - Bruch Dump – Reminder there is a location within Crosslake.
 - Please make sure you do not dump any brush/sticks/etc. anywhere outside of your own property.
- Garage Sale Details (Teri & Annette)
 - August 22-24, 8am to 4:30pm)
 - Teri and Annette will create signs from Crosslake (town) to Bonnie Lakes Road. All participants will be liable for their own signs on the road/driveway.
- Wildlife, Loons, Vever, Bears and Humans
 - Goodrich – There is a loon on the nest in the South Bay.
 - O'Brien – The nesting platforms are out, but nothing on a nest yet.
- Water Quality
 - O'Brien: Chris Boxmeyer performed on 5/4/25; 29.5'; 61* F
 - O'Brien: Chris Boxmeyer performed on 5/24/25; 20'; 62.6* F – Still a lot of pollen on the lake surface.
 - Goodrich: Mark performed on 5/11/25; 10'; 52*

Invasive Species

- WAPOA – Meeting in Crosslake coming up. The association is a member of WAPOA.
 - Crosslake Lutheran Church, May 31; 8:30-12pm

O'Brien Sandbar – Slow, No Wake Signs Installed

- Feedback: Have received feedback from a few people across from O'Brien.
 - OB was designated as a lake to have the signs.
 - Sheriff supplied the signs to mark the channel.
 - The width was suggested by the Sheriff's office. Same width as the buoys were each year.
 - The signs are reflective at night with light. Reflective tape will be added to the pole.
 - Metal posts, windy day – people worried about going through the channel with tubers.
 - If there is a lot of traffic, people tend to tube on the larger side of the lake due to smaller side of the lake being skinnier. Worried about the safety of the metal poles.
 - Just be responsible, pull in tubers and do not go fast.

New Business

- Wake Board Area/Maps
 - Maps are coming, will be printed/laminated and posted at the Y GOLA board
- Boating Regulation Guides
 - Paper copies available at today's meeting
 - Sign with QR code at the Y
- Lake and Road Clean Up- Next Spring
 - Suggestion to have a road/lake clean up.
 - Will be looking to schedule in the Spring of 2026.
- Discussion Only – Social events, picnics potlucks, concerts, boat parades
- Fish Stocking, 2026 – Donations accepted throughout 2025.
- American Legion – Donation for use of facility for GOLA meetings; board members approved during a board meeting; motion did not go to the floor.
- New website provider
- Elections at August meeting
 - Reminder there no longer is a July meeting. Only hosting meetings in Memorial day weekend and Labor day weekend.
 - 2025 Fall Elections – To take place Labor Day weekend
 - Harold (H) – Will be resigning after this year when his spot goes to Election.
 - Sue - Treasurer
 - Liz (Goodrich Member)
 - Dave (O'Brien Member)

Floor Comments/Discussions

- Consider annual contribution to the Loon Center.
- Movement from the floor to donate \$500 to the Crosslake Loon Center.
- All in favor/Approved
- Check with Missy and Pete Bassett – They may have additional information.

Fish Survey

- Goodrich – Completed by DNR, available online.
- O'Brien has not been surveyed and posted since 2019.

Meeting Closed at 10:08am

Communications

- Website: golamn.org
- Facebook; Goodrich O'Brien Lake Association
- Bulletin Board

Interesting Sites

- Maisrc.umn.edu
- Mnlakeanddrivers.org
- Wapoa.org