

GOLA Meeting

Labor Day Weekend

August 30, 2025

Website: Golamn.org

Agenda:

- **Call to Order**
- **Introductions:**
 - Co Chairs:
 - Goodrich – Mark Ericson
 - O'Brien – H. Peters
 - Treasurer: Sue Borne
 - Secretary: Jamie Weise
 - Board Members:
 - Dave Anderson
 - Mike Ergen
 - Liz Luskey
 - Steve Hoch

- **New Residents**
 - No new residents in attendance at this time.

- **DNR Problem Bears Speaker, DNR**
 - Franklin Whittaker, Wildlife Damage Specialist
 - Brainerd MN location, but works statewide
 - Native bear to MN: Black Bear – throughout the entire state
 - 5-6' long snout to tail
 - 75-150 pounds
 - Come in various colors (brown, black, cinnamon, etc.)
 - ~3 blonde/white bears in the state
 - Trapping of bears = tagged and collared
 - Females will have approx. 2.6 cubs in its life span
 - Mating is typically late July to late September, delayed implantation (egg will float around until early November).
 - If you see a bear with multiple cubs, they could be from different males due to the floating of the egg and the delayed implantation.

- **Secretary Report**
 - Reminder of GOLA website (GOLAMN.ORG)
 - Reminder of DNR fire burning restrictions & current year boat regulations flyers and QR codes located at the Y board.
 - Also posted on the GOLA website.
 - Posted recently at the Y board, is also a MN Lakes & Rivers map for each lake indicating the suggested wake boat activities area.
 - Also posted on the GOLA website.

- **Treasurers Report**
 - General & Fish fund balances announced
 - Fiscal year ends on 8/31/2025
 - Website Development –
 - 2025 Donations
 - Loon Center, \$500
 - American Legion, \$500
 - Approximate paid numbers
 - 2024: 77-87 paid members
 - 2025: Will be calculated after fiscal year ends (8/31/2025)

Motion & Approved Secretary and Treasurer reports

- **2026 Garage Sale**
 - Looking for a volunteer to run the garage sale event.

- **Water Quality**
 - Continue to check on quality
 - WAPOA & Volunteer checks for each lake
 - Still no invasive things in the lake at this time, however there is purple Loof strife on O'Brien. Has been seen South-East shore this year.
 - There is also a ton between the lakes as well.
 - Reminder it needs to be pulled and burned.

- **Buoys on O'Brien Sandbar**
 - Signs were removed based off the Sheriff being confused
 - Still a lot of people going through the sandbar at a high rate
 - Each buoy is hooked to a 150# tire.

- **Boating Guide**
 - QR code available at the Y, at the meeting & boating guide paper versions.

- **Road Clean Up**
 - Proposed to do a GOLA clean up date on a Monday (day before garbage day).

- Board will set up a date and post via GOLA Facebook & GOLA website.
- **Bonnie Lakes Road & All Coming In**
 - **30 MPH Flashing Sign**
 - It was temporarily given to us by the City to use.
 - It has been moved and is being used in a different area.
 - Be careful when using the roadways with traffic
 - Be careful when children are out.
- **Social Events**
 - Boat Parades –
 - Lake Concerts did not happen this year on either one, but will be working on scheduling for next year.
- **Fish Fund**
 - Reminder of goal to raise for 2026 stocking year.
- **Donations**
 - \$500 to Loon Center
 - \$500 to Legion for use of facility
- **Suggested Donations from the Floor**
 - The Loon Project, Dr. Walter Piper
 - Dr. Piper studies and bands the loons between O'Brien and Goodrich lakes.
 - Motion: Make a donation to The Loon Project, \$500.
 - Motion from the Floor:
 - Table the donation topic until we can find out what a valuable donation amount is (capped up to \$500). Missy to talk to Dr. Piper Walter and will then pass the information back to Jamie Weise, GOLA Secretary. The board will then meet to discuss and confirm/deny the motion.
 - Consider self-funding loon platforms on both lakes.
- **Board Member Elections (Motion/All In Favor – Approved)**
 - Co-Chair for O'Brien: Jamie Weise
 - Secretary: Liz Luskey
 - Chair for Goodrich: Jane Haubrich
 - Chair for O'Brien: Silvia Ergen
 - Treasurer: Sue Borne