

GOLA Meeting Notes

September 5, 2026

Main Agenda:

Open the Meeting

- Board Member Introductions (ALL)
- New Residents Announcement/Welcome
 - 2 new residents were in attendance from Lake O'Brien
 - 0 new residents were in attendance from Goodrich Lake.

Secretary Report

- Motion to Approve Spring 2026 Meeting Notes (taken by Liz Luskey).
- Confirmed motion - minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Financial Balances (9/1/2025 -8/31/2026)
 - Fish fund goal was met, the overage will roll over into the next fiscal year (starting 9/1/2026) and will be evenly distributed between the two lakes.

Fall Fish Stocking

- 2025/2026 goal has been met.
 - Donation Splits: 54% O'Brien and 46% Goodrich
- Currently working through permitting and DNR approval.
- Tentative stocking schedule will be mid-October.

Goodrich Loon Nests

- 2026 is the last year of study.
- Goodrich volunteers to help support for 2027.
 - Mark will support one nest, the other two now have volunteers (Doug Johnson & Mary Kuritz) to support storage and in/out during the season.

Beaver Update

- Trapper
 - Beavers tend to start their homes mid- August into September.
 - Not sure if the nest at the culvert is occupied currently or not. Be on the lookout for activity and let the GOLA board know.
 - Mark will work on contacting a trapper for a resource if removal/trapping is needed.
 - From the floor: Clemson Leveler was mentioned as an option. Would need to research more information.
- Culvert between Goodrich flowing into O'Brien keeps getting clogged.
 - Pitchfork is located at the culvert sight. If you happen to see a clog with sticks/mud, please help support, safely.
 - Thank you to those that have been helping with support, keeping it clear throughout the year.

GOLA Fall Clean Up

- Fifty garbage bags purchased by the association for cleaning up around lake/ditches.
- Available at end of meeting; one per cabin, dispose of full bags yourself.

Boy Scout Camp Sale Update – Goodrich Lake

- Awareness Only: plot map showing preservation vs. available for development.
 - Steve Hoch presented the plot map with lots in the camp.
 - The sale is all or nothing, at this time cannot be divided.
 - At this time, only lots 10 & 11 can be developed.
 - Future thoughts once sale is underway – Can an easement of some sorts be worked out with the new buyer to be able to use the minimal maintenance road in case of a fire-like emergency.

Upcoming Event: Crosslake's 1st Oktoberfest

- David Anderson has been working with Crosslake City, Chamber of Commerce & all 17 bar/restaurants.
- Dates: (MEA Weekend) Friday, October 16th from 12-9pm and Saturday, October 17th from 10-9pm.
- The Dweebs (band) will be playing
- Open to all ages, family event
- Not a GOLA sponsored event

GOLA Fall Position Elections

- Four positions up for re-election.
 - Opened each position one by one to the floor for any additional volunteers.
 - Each person was motioned, voted/approved to be re-elected.

Open Election Positions:	Currently Held By:	Volunteers from the Floor, Motion1-3, Voted/Approved
Goodrich Board Member	Steve Hoch	Re-Elected: Steve Hoch
O'Brien Board Member	David Anderson	Re-Elected: David Anderson
Secretary	Liz Luskey	Re-Elected: Liz Luskey
Co-Chair President, Goodrich	Mark Erickson	Re-Elected: Mark Erickson

Additional Items/Mentions

- GOLA 'Y' Sign – Thank you to Mike Ergen for his help updating the sign with metal trim.
- Crow Wing Power Member's Event
 - Brainerd Safari North Wildlife Park
 - Supply proof of membership
 - September 19-20; 9 to 6pm; Last ticket sold at 4:30pm
- Spring 2027 Meeting – Will be looking to have the City of Crosslake Fire Department come in and speak at the next meeting about being fire aware, access points, having a plan and what could be done if an evacuation would be needed.
 - Speakers to include the Crosslake Fire Chief and Doug Johnson (Goodrich Resident)
 - Property fire prep, evacuation planning, defensive space around homes/cabins, choices of what we can/cannot protect when fighting a fire.
 - Proposal from the floor to have a planning group for this topic.
 - Collected names of those interested at the end of the meeting.
 - Proposal to have an off-cycle meeting to start discussing the fire items and not to wait until Spring, 2027.
 - The Board will investigate any online items we can add to the current GOLA webpage for awareness now. Doug Johnson will supply any suggestions to Mark Erickson
- Winter of 2025/2026 – a lot of dog poop on the ice on Lake O'Brien.
 - Please pick up after your pet, even when on the ice. There are a lot of activities, fishing, skating, walking, skiing happening.

Questions/Comments -From the Floor

- Concern was brought up about the State being in a drought. Consider talking to your neighbor about unnecessary water use and drawing from the lake for irrigation systems.
- Wake board boaters – Seem to be more aware this summer of surfing location. Thoughts about looking into working with the County/Township to ban them from our lakes.

Close of the Meeting

Attachments

1. Boy Scout Camp Plot Map
2. Crosslake Oktoberfest Flyer