

GARFIELD LAKE ASSOCIATION

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GARFIELD LAKE ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting February 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Ron Ray's residence. In attendance were: Stacy Ahcan, Charlie Clark (via phone), Bill Karsten (via phone), Jeanne Mehlhop, Ron Ray, and Mark Warisch.

Mark's treasurer's report shows a balance of \$689.00 in the checking account, which is above budget.

Members discussed how to fund 2019-2020 projects. It was concluded we will need to do fundraising and attempt to increase membership. Each board member has been assigned the task of bringing one fundraising idea to the next meeting.

The DNR boat landing AIS inspection program was discussed. Since no funds for landing inspections will come this year from Hubbard County's Raid Response funds, the number of hours inspectors will be at the public boat launch will decrease from 456 hours in 2018 to 288 hours funded by the state, in 2019. It was agreed that we must communicate with GLA members about the opportunity to staff the missing inspection times through trained Garfield AIS monitor volunteers. Can we get lake property owners to take the online courses required to become qualified? Ron will put the details together and send them in a separate and specific email to GLA members asking for their help as volunteers at the Garfield Lake boat launch.

Boat landing AIS inspection support from the city and townships was discussed. Board members will attend both the Lakeport Township annual meeting and the Hart Lake Township annual meetings, both on March 12, to support our request help with funding AIS monitoring for 2020. Stacey will attend the Lakeport meeting, and Mark will attend the Hart Lake meeting. City of Laporte will address our request during the 2020 budgeting process in September, 2019.

The 2019 Laporte Take A Kid Fishing program was discussed. The Garfield Lake Association wants to support the Garfield Lake Take a Kid Fishing program and event scheduled for June 8, 2019. Bill asked if we can contact Kabakona Lake and Steamboat Lake associations to ask if they'd be interested in participating too. Support is primarily communicating to our membership the event specifics and the volunteer and financial support opportunities that exist. Ron will get contact information on the Kabekona and Steamboat Lake groups to Bill so he can proceed with the communications. The Take a Kid Fishing fundraising dinner and silent auction is scheduled for April 28, at the Laporte school. A series of separate emails will be sent to membership with details about Take a Kid Fishing.

Four board members' positions will be open in the spring. Board members need to consider if they'll run for re-election, and general membership needs to consider if they will run for election. The election will be at the annual meeting on May 25, 2019.

The boat landing signage project was discussed. Ron reviewed example of several of the signs that are proposed to the launch area. This would include a large 4-foot x 8-foot sign asking all boaters to PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOAT FOR AIS; an 18-inch x 30-inch showing that POWER LOADING DAMAGES THE RAMP; and a 4-foot x 6-foot sign showing the launch is owned and maintained by the City of Laporte, with contributions by various businesses and organizations. We can use this media to ask for contributions to help improve the launch area.

The association's logo project was discussed. We reviewed the Garfield Lake Association logo that was drawn by a Laporte 3rd Grade student with the help of Kari Townsdin, Laporte School art teacher. We all like the art work and made suggestions on how to modify the logo for use it on various items, such as letterhead, signs, shirts, and hats. Ron will take these ideas back to Kari and make the final design and send it back to the

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board. Jeanne will proceed with shopping for the best place to provide sweatshirts, shirts, hats, etc. with a Garfield Lake Association logo. We would like to have products available for sale at the annual meeting.

The fishing research project was discussed. Charlie will be considering how to best communicate information to membership about what is affecting fishing on Garfield Lake. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

The boat landing improvement project in support of the Laporte City council was discussed. Much discussion was had about the repairs to the boat landing. The city has allowed GLA to help them with this project. Ron will send a sample of a DNR Bid Request (provided by DNR David Shatzko) to all board members. The association will also provide bid information to the City of Laporte. The document will also provide all interested parties with specifics. Hopefully documenting details and specifics of what needs to be done will make the project go smoother. We need to hope the spring weather cooperates so the repairs can be completed before fishing season opens.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m., with the next board meeting to be held March 20, 2019, at Ron Ray's home.