



Garfield Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting, May 29, 2019 minutes

The GLA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:30 at President Bill Karsten's house. All Board members were present with Marylou Hofer and Darryl Jarombek on conference call.

The minutes of the May 15, 2019 Board meeting were approved and a review of the current Financial Report was shown. As of May 24, 2019 the Garfield Lake Association has a bank balance of \$2,378.01 . Bill went thru the details of that financial report.

Discussion was had to establish the term of each Board member and all voted to approve. Shown below are the Board members and their remaining Board term:

1 Year: Cathy Karsten ; Mark Warisch ; Ron Ray

2 Year: Charlie Clark; Jeanne Mehlhop ; Bill Karsten

3 Year: Dan Fitch ; Marylou Hofer ; Darryl Jarombek

Officers were voted on and elected: Bill Karsten President; Dan Fitch Treasurer; Ron Ray Secretary . The position of President Elect remains open and will be discussed over the next Board meetings.

Bill reviewed a banking resolution that requires name changes as GLA officers change positions. This resolution was voted on and accepted. This document was signed by the secretary.

Significant discussion was had regarding the annual meeting held Saturday, May 25, 2019. Overall all Board members were pleased with the meeting as it covered a wide range of topics with good member input. Membership in the GLA has increased by 9, including 13 new members from 2018 and is currently at 53 members.

We had discussion on the pros and cons of a Memorial Weekend Annual GLA meeting and it was felt we would benefit if we took a survey of our members and non-members. The Board would like to know the members thoughts about the date of the meeting as well as other input members might give us. Marylou suggested we use the services of a commercial survey professional group called Survey Monkey. Ron agreed to put a list of possible question together and share them with the other Board members for their input to make a final questionnaire. Marylou said she would get more information on how we might use Survey Monkey in this effort. Jeanne suggested we provide name tags for everybody in the future. We all agreed.

Lengthy discussion was had on the Apparel Fundraiser project and all felt it went well. Bill has done a great detailed analysis on sales; costs of delivered items; remaining inventory and Net Contributions. All Net Contributions go to help pay for AIS inspection for 2020. The GLA has solicited funding from the 2



Townships on our lake (Hart and Lakeport) and the City of Laporte to help pay for AIS boat launch inspection for 2020. The GLA is working with these 3 parties to bring the Laporte AIS boat launch inspection back to the same level as the 2018 hours of inspection. To do that we need to raise \$5000. We will each match ¼ of this amount, or \$1,250 each. Apparel Sales is one of the GLA ways to fund that commitment.

There was great discussion on how the GLA should participate in the Laporte July 4th Celebration. We all felt that the GLA would benefit if we had a booth at these festivities. Discussion evolved around which dates to staff a booth; how many hours to staff it; how many people needed to staff and what services should we offer.

There was also good discussion on how we should sell the Garfield Lake clothing during this July 4th event. We agreed that we should certainly sell all remaining inventory and discussed the need to have additional inventory to sell at the event. Dan agreed to take this assignment and requested approval to purchase \$500 in inventory to be available for sale. His request was voted on and approved. Dan will outline the hours the GLA booth needs to be staffed; types of fundraising items to be sold or contributed to (including a “jar” for AIS inspection funding) and displays of the GLA shirts and hats.

Bill then guided us thru a 2020 GLA Planning Guide for the purpose of organizing the many GLA’s activities we are involved with. We are looking for a Board member to be the leader and formal coordinator of that activity. We are also looking for ways our membership can participate in activities that they enjoy and feel they would like to be involved with. Outlined below are the Activities names; which Board member has agreed to lead that activity and a brief outline of the various programs underneath that activity.

2019 GLA Activity Planning Guide

1. Lake Monitoring – Mark Warisch
 - a. Water Quality and AIS Monitoring Tests -Mark
 - b. Liaison with DNR – Charlie Clark
 - c. Liaison with HC COLA – Mark
 - d. ZM Tubes Around the Lake – Charlie
2. Member Communications – Bill Karsten
 - a. E-Mail and monthly updates
 - b. Facebook page on GLA issues
 - c. GLA website : development ; design ; domain name issues
 - d. USPS mailings
 - e. Membership meetings – Jeanne Mehlop
3. Membership Annual Meeting – All
4. Membership Education – Ron Ray
 - a. AIS Education
 - b. Eye’s on the Water program



5. Membership Marketing – Dan Fitch and Marylou Hofer
 - a. Lake property owners
 - b. Non-Lake property owners
 - c. Business Sponsorships
6. GLA Member Social Events – Cathy Karsten – lead w Dan, Marylou and Jeanne helping
 - a. GLA nights at local restaurants / bar
 - b. Picnic
 - c. Pontoon parade
7. Boat Launch AIS Inspection – Bill Karsten
 - a. Funding Additional Hours for 2020 and 2021
 - b. Funding Sources such as City of Laporte; Hart Lake; Lakeport ; Garfield Ice Racers; GLA membership fund raising
 - c. Coordinating AIS Inspection hours with Hubbard County
8. Boat Launch Support – Ron Ray
 - a. Launch improvements
 - b. Garbage collection
 - c. Outhouse cleanliness and frequency of cleaning
 - d. AIS signage ; Power Loading signage ; Laporte Boat Launch Supporters signage
9. Fund Raising – Dan Fitch / Ron Ray
 - a. Purpose and Goal
 - b. Clothing Merchandise
 - c. Other merchandise i.e. water ski's sold and or items to sell
 - d. Methods for members or public to make donations or contributions
 - e. Laporte Independence Day
 - f. Grant Money review – Sara Hanhan
10. Administration – Bill Karsten
 - a. Banking
 - b. Accounting
 - c. Financial Reporting
 - d. Minnesota Annual Reporting
 - e. IRS Non-profit Reporting 990-N
 - f. Board Minutes
11. Other –not discussed at this time

Bill asked if there was any new business and Ron reported that he had been in contact with Dan, the owner of City Sanitation who does the volunteering trash pickup at the boat landing. Dan has generously agreed to provide a 55 gallon trash can to be used at the launch. He will do this on a “no charge basis”. This will replace the very small 3 gallon one someone has left there.



Ron also reported that he will be working on submitting the formal DNR Request for Permit Application for the design changes we and the City of Laporte are requesting to be done early summer. Mark outlined the formal process the DNR will take in going thru this application request. How long this will take is unknown but we expect at least 4+ weeks which puts this work into July. We all agreed that no work would be done over the week of July 4th and we will work with the City and contractor once the permit has been approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by:

Ron Ray, Secretary