



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020

Bill Karsten, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30, Wednesday, May 7, 2020. The meeting was held via the internet video conferencing software ZOOM. Along with Bill, present at the meeting were Cathy Karsten, Dan Fitch, Darryl Jarombek, Jeanne Mehlhop, Mary Lou Hoffer, Charlie Clark, Mark Warisch and Ron Ray.

The April 8, 2020 board meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made to accept as written, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Bill reviewed the financial report as of May 6, 2020. It showed that our cash position is \$5,420.96 and includes restricted funds of \$2,622.77 for two more years of AIS Inspection contributions and \$1,000.00 restricted for future water quality testing, representing 2 years of cost. The financial activity included dues received from 37 members of \$1,110 and a generous contribution of \$400 for the Loon Nest project by Robb Olsen. Bill requested reimbursement payment of 3 expenses totaling \$101.06. They included the monthly fee for the use of Zoom Video Conferencing and the new metal Boat Landing Recognition sign installed earlier this week. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial statements and expense reimbursement as presented.

Bill reviewed the plans for the 2020 Annual GLA Membership Meeting to be held Saturday, May 23, 2020 via Zoom Video Conferencing. He will send out the process for registering for the annual meeting to all members and residents of the lake. A "pre-meeting test it out date" is set for Thursday evening, May 21, 2020 from 6 to 7pm. Our members can log into the Zoom site and get an understanding of how it will work. A formal message will be sent to the members on May 16 to invite them to the "test run". It was noted that it is a legal requirement that an annual meeting be held.

The 3rd Annual GLA Meeting will be held using Zoom video conferencing software beginning at 9:45am, Saturday, May 23, to give people time to connect and be registered. At 10:00 am the meeting will be called to order and Cathy will act as moderator and verify and record attendees. Bill will be presenting using a power point presentation illustrating GLA initiatives and activities during the last year as well as objectives for 2020. The presentation is anticipated to take 20 minutes. After the presentation, we will hold the board member election for 3 positions, which will start with a short introduction by each candidate. Voting will be done via 3 options, including: text messages sent to Dan; email sent to the

GLA g-mail address; or the Zoom Chat function. Only members in good standing (dues paid) will be allowed to vote. We will then conclude with a question & answer session.

Bill reviewed the new website pointing out two features, including the 'News' and the "Organization/Documents' sections. The 'News' section is a blog where news, events and stories can be posted. It was noted the last two members' updates have been posted under the heading 'GLA News' and the annual meeting notice was included under the 'Events' section. Further, it was pointed out that we can add other sections specific to our projects or other related topics. Bill requested submission of stories or articles from the board. Also, it was noted that under the 'Organization/Documents' section all prior board and annual meeting minutes are posted as are other legal filing documents. The web site is: www.garfieldlakeassociation.com. Ron suggested we add a section on "how to become a member." He agreed to write up the process, including the membership form, and send it to Bill for inclusion on the web site.

We are also encouraging our members to send in a story to be put on the GLA website that you think others on the lake would enjoy reading. We are also looking for input from our membership on how the Garfield Lake web site can be helpful to them. Please let us know.

We reviewed the GLA membership dues status for 2020 and assigned each board member a few names to contact reminding them of our 3rd Annual Meeting and the need to be a paid member to vote. We also encouraged our board members to contact our neighbors to become members.

Darryl reported that he is getting ready for the first Water Quality Testing, to be done Saturday, May 17. Darryl has volunteered to lead the 5 Water Quality and Zebra Mussel Villager tests for the 2020 season. Charlie will work with the members to get their Zebra Mussel Tubes in the water.

Mark reviewed the opportunity for Garfield Lake to be part of a large study that the DNR is doing to help increase the size of sunfish in selected lakes. He showed the details of how, by limiting the number of sunfish that can be take on a daily basis, the size of the pan fish can increase significantly over time. To become a part of this DNR program, it requires local support in addition to other criteria. It was agreed to present these studies to our membership at our annual meeting and get their input for direction. Mark and Ron will put together this data for Bill's presentation.

Mark told the Board that St Cloud Tech was delayed in the construction of our aluminum loon nest they had contracted to do for this year, due to the coronavirus. As an alternative, Mark and Ron built/rehabbed two wooden nests to use this season. With the help of GLA members, Terry Inman, we were able to launch and "put into position" two loon nests along with the required "Caution" buoys that are required for these nests on April 30. Many thanks Terry! The effort to improve the "loon chick" mortality rate has been very successful on Man Trap Lake and we are hopeful that given some, Garfield will also be successful.

Bill reminded us that our local DNR Enforcement captain has indicated a Conservation Officer (CO) will be in place in December 2020. We will keep our membership apprised of this as it plays out.

We hope members can join us for our annual meeting “test run” on May 21 in addition to the annual meeting on May 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Ray, Secretary