



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**May 27, 2020**

Bill Karsten, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30, Wednesday, May 27, 2020. The meeting was held via the internet video conferencing software ZOOM. Along with Bill, present at the meeting were Tom Miller, Mark Warisch, Darryl Jarombek, Dan Fitch, Tom Miller, Mary Lou Hoffer and Ron Ray. Charlie Clark and Jeanne Mehlhop were not in attendance.

The May 6, 2020 board meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made to accept, it was seconded and was unanimously approved.

Bill gave the GLA financial report showing it was the same as reported at the Annual Meeting. A motion to accept these financials, seconded and were unanimously approved.

There was a discussion and vote on new GLA Officers for 2020 and a vote was taken to elect Ron Ray as President; Dan Fitch as President Elect (next year's President) ; Bill Karsten as Treasurer; and Mary Lou Hoffer as Secretary.

A banking resolution was presented with an update of the new officers. A motion was made to accept and seconded, and were unanimously approved.

The meeting minutes for the 2020 GLA Annual Meeting held May 23, 2020 were presented and reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made and was seconded, the minutes were accepted with a unanimous vote. It was agreed to share the minutes in the next update and to share the link to the meeting presentation. It is: <https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/GLA-2020-Annual-Meeting.pdf>

Bill asked for comments regarding the use of ZOOM for the 2020 Annual Meeting. All Board Members felt it was very successful and provided a way for our members to participate even if they could not be in the Laporte area when the meeting was held. It was agreed that in the future we would have both a "in person" meeting as well as provide a video conferencing option. It was also discussed to move the annual meeting date away from the Memorial Day weekend, possibly to the earlier weekend. This will be decided in a later meeting.

We reviewed and had discussion on 2020 GLA membership. Current membership is at 50 with 2 individuals saying they want to be members and will send in their dues. Mary Lou outlined possible ways we might improve our visibility to the Laporte public by using posters or flyers of information about the GLA. She will follow up with a detailed action plan.

Ron suggested that we remind those members who received and put in Zebra Mussel Tubes in 2019 to clean them and get them into the water. He will put together a message with “startup” instruction and send it to the 24 members who did so in 2019.

We spent some time discussing the Garfield Lake Association web site that Bill had put together. We encourage both our members and non-members to go take a look at it and use it to update information and issues on Garfield. Photos and written input is encouraged. The web site is:

<https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/>

Darryl gave an update on the first Water Quality Testing done in May. The next one will be June 21 and will test for both Water Quality and AIS. He will work with Bill to put the dates of the future 2020 testing into the GLA website. We will also figure out some way to post the results as soon as we get that information back from RMB Labs.

There was discussion on what, if anything, should the GLA do for the Laporte Days. It is currently scheduled for July 11, 2020 but due to the Corona Virus we do not know if it will still be held. We discussed the possibility of having a booth to promote the awareness of AIS using posters and banners that we have as well as the GLA itself. It was decided to leave the decision until the June board meeting.

Ron had submitted a written proposal that the GLA formally vote to support the DNR project to reduce the bag limit of Sunfish on 250 lakes in Minnesota between now and 2023. This issue was discussed at the 2020 Annual Meeting and we encouraged our membership to go read the DNR website on this issue and take the survey they have on that site. Ron asked for a vote of the GLA Board to show support of this program and actually contact the DNR on behalf of the GLA asking to be a part of that study. The vote passed unanimously. Ron will work with Mark and the DNR on how to proceed.

There was discussion also oh how small the Sunfish are in Garfield and why we have not had a DNR Conservation Officer assigned to use in over 5 years. The GLA was approached by the Garfield Ice Racers asking for help in getting a CO assigned. After server contacts with the DNR Commissioner we expect a CO to be assigned by fall of 2020. In the meantime the DNR has told us that they will assign other CO's to monitor Garfield this summer.

Mark and Dan reported that the 2 wooden loon nests are in place along with the 2 Caution Buoys but they have not seen nesting on those platforms yet. We will continue to monitor them. Mark also reported that the new aluminum loon nest is ready to be picked up at St Cloud Tech. It had been delayed due to suspension of school caused by the corona virus. He and Ron will go pick it up next week. Mary Lou suggested that we use pictures of these nest in our flyer.

Under “new business” Darryl suggested that in the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade, where Garfield Boats form a “Parade” line and take a full circle around the lake together, we put up the GLA Banner. He further suggested that since we can no longer go to the Pine Beach Resort due to its closing; we somehow form a pontoon “raft”, linking boats together. We agreed to work on this.

Darryl suggested that we look into designing a GLA Wind Sock and possibly selling them or making them available for our membership. All thought that was a good idea and he will look into it.

Tom suggested that we encourage fishermen to take out the northern pike in the lake as they are over populated and reduce the walleye catch. He then suggested that we provide recipes for our members on how to pickle them regardless of size and put them in the GLA web site. He will work with Bill on that.

Bill pointed out that the GLA cost to have meetings over 40 minutes costs \$16 per meeting or up to \$192 per year. All agreed that it was worth it and we will continue to use Zoom while the Corona Virus social distancing continues.

The next meeting will be held 6:30pm Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Ray, Secretary