



Garfield Lake Association Board Meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2022

## Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm using the virtual meeting app Zoom. Dan's term is up so Ron agreed to take over as President. Many thanks to Dan for his leadership and 3 years on the Board. Dan has agreed to continue to work with us on the many programs and projects we get involved with. Thank You Dan!! That left us with 2 open positions for Board members, so Matt Summer's has agreed to take on one of those positions. Welcome Matt! Darryl's term is also up but he has agreed to remain on the Board for another year. Great!! Darryl is the lead in our AIS water testing. Thank you, Darryl!! That will leave one open position so if any of our members would like to become a Board member, please let any of us know.

## Items discussed included:

1. Greg will put together our cash flow for 2022 showing our current cash position vs our expenses. We will share that with the membership.
2. We have great news from RMB labs in that in the June water sampling, all samples tested negative for the 2 AIS species we test for: spiny water flea and zebra mussels. Great news!! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> AIS sampling will be done in mid- July.
3. We thank our GLA members and the 3 local governments who contribute to our funding of our AIS prevention programs.
4. It is time to publish our "lake reminders" dealing with being "STEWARDS OF THE LAKE". This includes reminders on the effects of fertilizer on the lake and septic tank pumping frequency recommendations by the U of M.
5. Mark brought up the point that after the ice had melted this spring, the lake was up 13 inches. This may have some positive results in diluting the green algae and "green slime" we see in the fall. Greg knows a GLA member who may be able to help us understand this better and will set up a meeting with him. This could include phytoplankton and zooplankton levels which may have some effect on lake clarity.
6. Mark reported that we have 3 sets of loons on the lake. 2 pairs with 1 chick and 1 pair with 2 chicks. He reported that there has been no activity on our "nests" which may take some time for the loons to adjust to, especially the dominant male. Just FYI, there is no cost to the GLA for putting these nests out. All costs were done by private donations.

7. Ron needs to get the “exact dates” that both Townships and the City meet and go over the 2023 or 2024 budgets. We need to have our GLA Boat Landing AIS Inspection request into them as well as attend those local meetings.

8. Mark and Bill Karsten will work on getting the historical data together regarding Garfield with respect to water quality and levels. We will share it with our members and put it on the web site. Thank you, guys, for that effort.

9. We discussed a statewide program called: GET THE LEAD OUT. This effort is working its way around the state showing the horrible effect of lead fishing tackle on loons and other waterfowl. These birds find “lost or tossed” lead fishing gear and eat it which results in their death. There is an effort by the MN DNR to eliminate lead fishing gear. Mark will talk to our local DNR CO and he and Ron will talk to someone from Reeds to see how they might be helping to GET THE LEAD OUT. Perhaps one or more of our members would like to join as well. Please contact us if you do.

10. In discussing the possibility of reducing the walleye catch on Garfield with Wade Measures, the new head of FISHERIES for Hubbard County, we have found out that Garfield has the greatest number of northern pike in Hubbard County. And, per the data from the MN DNR Fish Survey the majority of these northerns are small. We believe that this is responsible for the significant reduction in the size and number of walleyes in our lake which is shown via the DNR Fish Survey. We would like to arrange a meeting with Wade and find out what his plans are to both reduce the number of small northern pike in Garfield and to increase the number and size of walleye pike.

11. We agreed to meet monthly. Lots of homework to do between now and August 10. If any of our members would like to join in any of these activities, please let us know. We are always looking for volunteers.

If you have any questions on these minutes, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the Board members. Also, if you are interested, there is one open Board position also please contact us.

Enjoy your summer and Keep Garfield Healthy!!

Ron Ray

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