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Hello 2022 Garfield Lake Association Members,

The monthly GLA Board meeting was held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, as we continue to discuss and work on ways to Keep Garfield Healthy, the GLA Mission.

Ron reported that our GLA membership for 2022 is at 55 members / families. That is the most members we have had and are pleased with interest of our members.

We again discussed and celebrated the final zebra mussel and spiny water flea testing done in August where all samples were negative. That is great news, and we wish to congratulate and thank all of those that follow the boating and boat launching protocols to keep Garfield clean. Clean Drain Dry Dispose!! You may also, see that written as CDDD or CD3 but those efforts are part of how we can keep the Aquatic Invasive Species out of our lake. Thanks, Darryl, for doing these tests, both the 5 AIS tests and water clarity.

Mark is working with the DNR and the Laporte School to show the impact of lead fishing tackle on the waterfowl of lakes. Lead, as it does with humans, can kill the waterfowl that consumes from the bottom of lakes. This program is called "Get The Lead Out" and we see the role of the GLA to keep our membership aware of this issue. We recognize that there is a significant cost difference between lead tackle and alternatives. We see our role as a way to "spread the awareness" to our members.

We also will continue to encourage our members to keep as many Northerns as they can, up to the limit of 10 as this will help reduce the norther population which should increase the size and population of walleye.

We discussed that it was again, nearing the end of the "open water season" and boats, lifts and docks will all soon be out of the water. This is a great time for boat, dock, and lift owners to take a look at their equipment, looking for the presence of zebra mussels. We have attached to this message a photo of Zebra Mussels attached to a rock to give our members some idea of what to look at. If you have any questions, please contact one of the board members and we can help. Our phone numbers are on the GLA website: <https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/>

We reviewed the importance of at least one representative from the GLA to attend the annual budget meeting of the City of Laporte, Lakeport Township and Hart Lake Township. Greg agreed to attend the Hart Lake meeting. We will find someone to attend the Lakeport and the City of Laporte. Just a reminder that these local governments help increase the boat launch AIS monitoring by 3 times! Thank You Townships and City!!

We had some discussion on the clarity of the water as it was felt that this year's clarity seemed to be better than last. All agreed but yearly observations and samplings can be misleading. The DNR website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind> shows the clarity readings for the last 30+ years and while this year does seem clearer there has been little change over those 30 years. This is good.

We discussed the cost vs value of the GLA website, recognizing we have a paid subscription thru 2024 at a cost of \$357. Bill shows that we had 50 visitors in August. For those that don't know the GLA also has a Facebook page. That address is: [Garfield Lake Association - Home | Facebook](#)

For the purpose of expanding the knowledge of the Garfield Lake Association and our Mission, Darryl is looking into the thought of having decorative GLA placements at the local restaurants. It could be a great way to promote the issues of AIS and Clean Drain Dry Dispose. He will get back with us next meeting.

Charlie reminded us that now is the time to get the Zebra Mussel tubes out of the water and cleaned up for next year.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2022. If any of our members would like to join us for these Board meetings, please contact us and we will send you the ZOOM link and schedule. We would appreciate hearing from you.

Ron Ray

