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Hello Garfield Lake Association Members,

The GLA Board meeting was held Wednesday, February 8, 2023, as we continue to discuss and work on ways to Keep Garfield Healthy, the GLA Mission. Shown below are the items we discussed at that meeting.

We reviewed how our GLA wants to promote the states efforts in getting lead out of fishing tackle due to its impact on waterfowl and other environmental species. The state calls this program Get The Lead Out as it's focus is to replace lead tackle and shot with other "non-toxic" materials. We asked Mark to help us put together a short presentation on this for our annual meeting. We may be able to find ways for our members to bring in lead tackle and exchange it for non-toxin tackle. Tom pointed out that the non-toxic tackle does not come in the size nor colors nor shapes of his favorite tackle. It will take time for manufactures of safer tackle to provide that wide range of product. But we need to start somewhere and exposure of this issue to our membership on ways to Keep Garfield Healthy is what we are all about.

We are also hoping to work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on ways to show how lead impacts the lakes environment to science classes in the Laporte schools. One class is called Birds and Wildlife so this Get The Lead Out exposure would fit well into those lessons.

As previously announced, and thanks to the contributions of many members and the Garfield Lake Ice Racers we have been able to raise the funds to assure that the 2023 Garfield boat landing AIS inspection hours will be at least the same as 2022. Thanks to all of those who were able to help. AIS boat launch inspection is the best way to prevent the spread of AIS across the state. We are working on lobbying state officials to getting state funding for future years as well and ask our members to help us with that using the messages we have provided you earlier this month.

Mark and Greg agreed to continue to work with both our local townships, Hart Lake, and Lakeport as well as the City of Laporte on AIS boat landing inspection funding for 2024.

We have received our first GLA membership from a local business! The Popple Bar is now a member of the Garfield Lake Association. Good to have you with us, Pamala, and Jim!! Maybe we can have some fun with joining together with them and have a Get The Lead Out "free drink chips" when people exchange old lead tackle for the chips!!

Tom reviewed his discussions and plans in working with Traci and Kelly Weible, GLA members and owners of Bee Seen Gear, Fargo, on ways to provide "logo accented" clothing and other outerwear to our members and non-members around the Laporte area. They are working on a business plan to hopefully allow members and non-members to order products this spring and have delivery at the annual meeting. Tom will send us those products that he and Bee Seen Gear are suggesting.

We continue to discuss the ways we can "deal with" the record number of small northernns that are now in Garfield. The 2020 DNR Garfield fish survey shows the northern population has increased 355% since 2000. This significant increase has a very real negative impact on other fish species in the lake. We need to work with both local and state officials on this problem. Tom will talk with the MN DNR at the Minneapolis Sports Show on this and see if there are ways to correct this condition. We will also speak on this issue during our 2023 Annual meeting, encouraging our members to take as many northernns out of the lake as the limits allow.

We had discussion on the results of our bi-annual water sampling for Zebra Mussel Villagers and when Garfield may be "delisted" on this by the DNR. Our records show no vilegers have been found in our "twice a summer sampling" since

the “2nd sample pull” in July 2020. We will confirm this and how many years it takes to be “delisted”. If you would like to view the 6 years of ZMV testing, starting in 2017, it can be viewed on the Garfield Lake Association web site:

<https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/>

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 Central time. If any member would like to join us for this meeting please contact any of us. Our phone number is shown on the website. You are very welcome to participate.

Ron Ray