



3/18/2023

Hello Garfield Lake Association Members,

The GLA Board meeting was held Tuesday, March 14, 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 opened the GLA BOD meeting with Mark and Greg absent as they both were at the Hart Lake Township meeting asking for funding for 2024 Garfield Lake AIS boat landing funding. They were also going to the City of Laporte, on Wednesday for the same purpose. Thanks, Guys for that effort as both were approved and it is important and required for us to be there.

Because of that we postponed our discussion on the status of Get the Lead out and how we can influence our members and others to exchange their existing lead fishing tackle with non-toxic tackle. We are planning to have this information presented at our annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Laporte.

Darryl was able to speak on how the GLA could approach our local restaurants with the idea of displaying on some paper placemats.

We discussed ways we might approach our local Hubbard County Fisheries Manager in ways Garfield can reduce the huge population of northern pike. As we have shown in the past, this northern population has increased 355% over the last 20 years, per the DNR Fish Survey. We believe this significant growth is principally responsible for the decrease in walleye and sunfish. Our Board wants to get specific on how this can be reversed. Perhaps we can encourage our members to Keep 10, the maximum number of northern pikes each fisherperson can keep and or perhaps we can somehow have a local contest to do so. We hope to talk to local authorities on this.

Tom is working with Traci and Kelly Weilbe, owners of Bee Seen Clothing in Fargo and GLA member, on specific clothing items with GLA, fishing or Laporte logos embroidered or printed on the clothing. We are trying to get these offers out to our members in time for delivery at our annual meeting.

Ron reviewed the letter he sent to Representative Krista Kundsén regarding specific action we and other Lake Associations can do to get the funding for 2024 AIS Boat Inspection back to the inspection hours of 2022. All lake associations will see a decrease of approximately 14% in state funded inspection hours as the result of a wage cost increase. We are asking that the funding be increased to recover that loss and index that funding to inflation changes.

We had great discussion on the concept of changing the term of a GLA BOD member from the current 3 years to a variable on of 1 to 3 years. We think this might increase the willingness of our members to

run for a term and help participate in GLA activities. We are going to outline this in a formal proposal for our next BOD meeting and bring this thought to our members at the annual meeting.

Ron, Tom, Mark, and Darryl terms are all done at the end of this annual period. All have express support of the idea of a 1 to 3 year term and would be willing to run again if such a change were made in our By Laws.

Our next BOD meeting will be held, Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 central. If any of our members would like to join us in these ZOOM meetings, please contact any of us. We would welcome your attendance and input.

Respectively Submitted,

Ron Ray