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Hello Garfield Lake Association Members,

The GLA Board meeting was held Tuesday, April 18, 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.

Current Membership for 2022-23 remains at 55 with one Business Membership being Popple Bar.

We continue to work on ways to “spread the message” about the horrible impact of lead on wildlife, which has been historically used in fishing gear. Mark is working on getting a DNR official to speak to the local schools on this issue through their science classes as this topic fits well. This is one of the three efforts the GLA is working on with respect to the Get the Lead Out program. The Board has also agreed that we will distribute samples of non-lead tackle at our GLA Annual Meeting and give them to our members in exchange for “real lead” tackle. This “lead for non-lead swap” has been a great tactic that the DNR has been doing to promote the awareness of Get the Lead Out programs. We also will work with our local restaurants on ways they can help us promote this issue by exchanging “lead tackle” for a free beer or soft drink. This also has been a successful way to increase awareness of the harm lead does to wildlife. We need to recognize this is a long, “uphill” battle as non-lead gear costs a significant amount more and it is hard to change “old habits.”

To make sure that we do not “miss” the 2 Townships, Ice Racers and City’s meetings where they “vote” on continued additional financial support for the AIS boat landing inspection, Ron is outlining when those dates are: contact names and phone numbers. This additional funding is very important to increase AIS inspection at the Garfield boat landing.

Greg and Matt have agreed to contact the head of Hubbard County Fisheries and ask that individual what they think Garfield can do to reduce the significant number and increase in northern pike we are seeing. Ron has been contacted by one of our members and they too would like to attend that meeting as they recognize this problem. We also asked Greg about his “unofficial” drop off basket and how that could be used.

Mark reported that Bill Karsten would be the person who “puts out” the loon nests this year. Many thanks Bill !

Greg will also call Aaron Anderson, the head of AIS Inspection for Hubbard County and see what changes are being made at the capital for additional funding of AIS Inspection. As Inspectors wages increase the number of inspection hours decreases with “fixed funding”. We want to “influence St Paul” to index the funding to inflation somehow. We thank all of our members who used our GLA message and sent that to your Congresspeople.

We have finalized all the clothing and other GLA products that Bee Seen Gear has put together and is offering our members. Their website is: <https://garfieldlake23.itemorder.com/shop/home/> It is a great site to view and order fun and neat “Garfield products”. Traci and Kelly Weible, property owners on Garfield and owners of Bee Seen Gear are donating 10% of all sales to go toward Garfield AIS inspection. Your order can be shipped to you and or picked up at the GLA Annual meeting, May 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Laporte. Your order must be placed by May 7, so please go take a look at the website!

Greg and his grandson have built and installed a neat Garfield Boat Landing mono-filament fishing line waste container. We have seen them at various landings in the area and Greg thought Garfield could use one. They are a great way to

dispose of old fishing line when your done with it and keep the birds and small animals from getting tangled up in it.  
Thanks Greg and Henry !!

3 of our GLA BOD members terms are expiring this spring. For the benefit of attracting more people to take one of these positions we discussed changing the BOD term from 3 to 1, 2 or 3 years. The BOD will discuss how to do this and make specific recommendations which will need to be voted upon during the annual meeting. The full Board is in favor of this. We need to work out the details and are looking for individuals to participate in Keeping Garfield Healthy. We hope you appreciate these efforts by members of the BOD and would consider being part of it.

The next BOD meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:30pm Central. Please let us know if you would like to join in on the web based meeting.

Ron