



12/20/2023

Hello and Happy Holidays to All of Our Garfield Lake Association Members,

The Garfield Lake Association Board met on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 via Zoom and discussed the following items during that meeting. As always if you have any questions on any of the items and or thoughts about the GLA please contact any one of us. Our phone numbers and emails are listed in the Garfield Lake Association's website:

<https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/>

1. Mike Frank and Bill Karsten went to the Garfield Lake Ice Racers and asked for their financial help in funding the Garfield Lake AIS Boat Landing inspection. These great guys and gals of the Ice Racers, donated \$1500 to that cause and wrote the check that night. We hope all of you will somehow give a big Thanks to them for this and the several years they have helped fund this AIS inspection effort.
2. Mike reported on HC COLA's several efforts in training lake residents on various lake and shoreland ecology methods. A couple of these programs are called "Eye's On The Water" and "Restore the Shore". We believe the Restore the Shore programs provides "free sapling trees" to be planted by the property owner to prevent shoreline erosion. Both involve training in ways to keep or improve the "health of the Lake". Training is done by COLA and or DNR members. Ron and Mike will look into the details of some of these programs and send that outline to our members.
3. We had a good discussion regarding our membership levels and while ours is constant, some lakes memberships are decreasing. We are curious as to why many property owners do not join. Is it possible that some believe the GLA is some "legal" or "official" policing group to keep an eye on "rule breakers"? We hope our members know this is NOT who we are nor what we do.
4. Another thought was the name "Association" might offend some. We would like to get the input of our members with regard to their thoughts as to how we might attract more members and are we clear enough on our Mission which is: "To Protect and Enhance the Quality of the Lake". Please give us your comments.
5. We hope to have more social events in 2024 and give many thanks to our GLA Social Committee for setting those up. It's a great way to meet other people around the lake.
6. One way we might get additional funding for the AIS Boat Landing Inspection is to get sponsors for our GLA Web Site. This is also a great place to thank our current sponsors like the Ice Racers. We will investigate this.
7. The thought of better understanding Garfield's boat landing use was brought up as was the presence of the AIS Inspector who is there during a limited time through the season. We would like to get the summary of what that inspector finds in AIS issues and the frequency that some are seen or found. Kabakona Lake has used a video camera with voice to help monitor lake access and guide AIS compliance.
8. Tom reminded us that we need to start thinking about organizing our GLA effort in getting Garfield Lake logo clothing for 2024 if we are to have it by our Annual Meeting held late May.
9. Our next meeting will be January 17, 2023, at 6:30 central time. Please let us know if you would like to join us and we will send you the Zoom Link

Wishing you and your families the BEST for 2024!! And thanks for KEEPING GARFIELD HEALTHY!!

Ron

ON behalf of the Board of the Garfield Lake Association we want to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful and safe Holiday Season !!