

Garfield Lake Association Board Meeting

April 16, 2026

Present: Mike Frank
Greg Mehlothop
Ron Ray
Sara Hanhan

The meeting was called to order at 5:40.

Minutes from the March 28, 2026 Board meeting were approved.

Old Business

Mike reported that he had spoken with Gina, the district AIS manager, to ask if we could combine the IAPM grant delineation for starry stone wart with the HCCOLA grant delineation for curly leaf pond weed. She said that we could do the two together on the same day, but that we must bill them separately to the respective grants. We will bill COLA after the fact. The delineation must be done before doing anything else. It was recommended that we do not chemically treat for starry stone wort until we see the results of last year's treatment, which was done in October, 2025. Treatment is best done when the water is about 60 degrees. Steve Henry will do the initial delineations in May and post treatment delineations in August. For treatment of Curly Leaf Pond Weed, we can use whatever chemicals we want as long as it is approved by the DNR. We can't treat curly leaf pond weed or Starry Stone Wort ourselves. The PLM, Property and Lake Management, is the entity that sprays for this. Curly leaf pond weed is easy to kill with chemicals, but starry stonewort requires annual intervention. The sequence should be: 1) the delineation in May; 2) the pulling/suctioning of starry stone wart; 3) the management survey which looks at results of what we've done. Ron will check with the Kabekona Lake Association to see if they would be willing to make a donation to help with costs, since their lake may also be susceptible to infestations.

We discussed signs for the dock and possible signs for our buoys. The City Council meeting had been postponed, but Greg will go to the next meeting to ask permission for signs at the landing. Mike has stencils that say "Clean, Drain, Dry" which we would like to paint on the pavement. Greg planned to call the sheriff about putting signs on the buoys, but anticipated the possibility of a negative response. If the city does not have room to store the cover for the CD3 machine over the summer, Ron volunteered to store it at his place.

Traci has been loading new apparel items into the on-line store and will be selling them for pick up at the annual meeting.

Ron will take pictures of the loon nests and will join Mike at the COLA meeting where they could be either sold or given to associations to use.

Financial Report

Greg reported that we have \$6347.25 in the bank. Mike said that he would like to have an alternative spread sheet for accounting purposes, and Ron said that he would look into possible changes.

New Business

Annual Meeting

We discussed topics to cover at the annual board meeting on May 23rd. We talked about possible speakers who could give members an understanding of AIS and the consequences of not addressing the problems. Mike will call Gina and ask her about possible speakers. We also discussed the need for pushing membership (which has been pretty steady over the past few years) and for recruiting more help. Mike and Diane will be moving, and we feel we need to revitalize the organization or our efforts will come to naught. Sara agreed to make a presentation of possible ways of reorganizing that could involve more members in a number of standing committees.

Social Committee

Sara (and Diane who joined us) said that cards would be sent out to remind all Lake Residents of the annual meeting. Membership forms would also be sent to the same group. The Social Committee will provide a continental breakfast of coffee, tea, water, breakfast bread and pastries, and fruit for the meeting. They will be there at 8:30 to help with room set up, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.