

# **Garfield Lake Association Board Meeting**

**March 26, 2026**

Present:

Mike Frank

Greg Mehlhop

Sara Hanhan

Ron Ray

Traci Weible

The meeting was called to order at 5:37.

Minutes from the January 7, 2026 Board meeting were approved.

It was noted that our ZOOM contract needs renewal.

## **Update on Grants**

We have received a Hubbard County COLA grant for \$900 for delineation of curly leaf pond weed. This is a matching funds grant that requires GLA to match the \$900 from Association funds. We expect to do delineation soon after ice out. We have also received a grant from the DNR for \$15,000. This grant is good through June, 2027, but should be spent largely this summer. We will also need permits for any hand pulling or other remediation activities.

## **Apparel**

Traci reported that she was in the process of putting items in the online store. She has added pillow shams to the usual merchandise of sweatshirts, hats, etc. An announcement needs to be made soon that calls for orders, which will be brought to the annual meeting for pick up.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting has been set for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am in Trinity Lutheran Church. The Social Committee will provide a continental breakfast of pastries, fruit, and coffee and tea. We discussed prizes for a drawing. Traci recommended that if businesses are members, we provide gift certificates from those businesses as prizes. We agreed that two prizes should be obtained.

## **Annual Dues Discussion**

We discussed plans for annual dues and decided to keep it at \$35 for one more year. Last year, when we charged a minimum of \$35 for dues, and offered several options for contributions beyond that, we received \$2225 from 44 members or an average of about \$50.50 from each member.

## **Social Committee**

Sara noted that the Social Committee will meet soon to finalize plans for the annual meeting notification and breakfast. She also requested feedback on whether to continue with the end-of-season picnic. It was confirmed that we should have it, and initial planning will also take place at the next meeting.

## **Financial Report**

Greg reported that we currently have \$5904.68 in our account. This figure includes \$2000 we received from the ice racers. Lakeport Township made a contribution of \$1000 this year. (Last year their contribution was \$2000.) The Hart Lake Township is the same as last year at \$1250. Because the City Council was given ownership of the CD3 (Clean Drain Dry Dispose) and upkeep will be paid by them, no further donation will be made this year. The Lion's Club has pledged \$700, but the check has not yet been received. Ron asked about asking for contributions from other lake associations for help with mitigation costs of AIS as the presence of AIS threatens other nearby lakes as well. Ron recommended contacting other lake associations about possible contributions. Sara recommended that an informational notice about the problem and our activities related to it be presented first. There is a written plan, which Traci put on the web site. Mike will update that. There are also DNA guidelines about what needs to be done.

## **Miscellaneous**

We plan to put up a sign at the public landing that says "No Power Loading" and to paint another sign on the street surface. We will need permission from the city for these signs, and Greg said he would go to the city to ask about them. Since we will no longer have loon nests placed this year, using the 3 buoys around the lake with additional signs was proposed.

We discussed what to do with the loon nests. We could donate two of them, and maybe sell a third, possibly to other lake associations.

We discussed possible changes in by-laws to reflect a re-organization. We have a tax ID# and are an official non-profit organization, but have had some difficulty maintaining the by-law guidelines. Sara will talk to Luther Nervig, and Mike will check with Larry Kimball about minimal requirements as well as procedures for such changes.

## **The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.**

The next Board meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.