

Garfield Lake Association Board Meeting  
May 13, 2026

Present: Mike Frank  
Greg Mehlhop  
Ron Ray  
Sara Hanhan  
Charlie Clark (by phone)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35.

Minutes from the April 16, 2026 Board meeting were approved.

Old Business

- HCCOLA Grant: We received \$900 to combat Curly Leaf Pond Weed. We will get the money in June. Steve Henry will do this delineation at the same time he does it for Starry /Stone Wort. This is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will bill us separately for the two delineations. We will have to pay Steve up front and then be reimbursed through the grant(s).
- DNR/State IAPM Grant: This grant, which targets Starry Stone Wort, is in progress. The application for the permit has been submitted to the DNR. It is for up to \$15,000. We will be employing Rainy White, from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, to pull the Starry Stone Wort with equipment that is supposed to be more efficient than simple hand pulling.
- Signs for dock and buoys: There will be one sign “No Power Loading” posted at the end of the dock. Another sign “Don’t Spread Starry Stonewort. Trim motor. Go slow.” will be posted with the other signs. The sheriff has rejected the plan to use the buoys (originally placed to identify loon nests) for additional signs.
- The stenciled street signs saying “Clean Your Boat” are done.
- Mike noted that eventually we would be able to see how many times the CD3 machine has been used, which will help us evaluate its success as well as the usefulness of its present location. Mike and Greg are listed as the contacts on the CD3 permit.
- Ron has been working on the spreadsheet. He asked for a few more days to make it usable. He and Mike will work on it together.
- Ron will take photos of the loon nests and send them to Sharon to see if other lake associations could use them. He also suggested that we could place the buoys near naturally occurring loon nests when we find them.

Financial Report

We presently have \$6740.50 in our checking account. Dues have been coming in, and we should see more at the annual meeting.

New Business

Ron asked about the cost of our web site. It costs \$120 per year. We currently can’t tell how many people are using it and agreed it would be nice to see if we could do that.

Mike plans to look into whether using TEAMS would be a cheaper (but still good) alternative to ZOOM for participating in meetings remotely. He believes that 2 hour free meetings may be available.

Mike plans to make several regular pleas to members for assistance over social media and our web site in the next few weeks.

The Social Committee will be providing coffee, tea, water, breakfast pastries and fruit at the annual meeting. They will be there at 8:30 for set up.

The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed. The meeting will start with Mike updating members about the activities around AIS projects. Then Sharon will speak for about 15-20 minutes. Sara will then speak about the activities that we need help with and make a case for members to become board members and/or to volunteer for specific tasks. This may require some reorganization. The August 30<sup>th</sup> annual picnic will also be announced

There was an extended discussion about the need for new member involvement and how to get it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.