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It was a good summer to be on the lakes. The weather was warm, we had good rainfall and it seems everyone enjoyed being in God's country. But on the morning of October 6th I was enjoying a peaceful morning on the front lawn when the phone rang. The caller ID showed a call from the DNR and the caller was Dan Swanson, the regional specialist on invasive species. He asked if I was sitting down and that he had bad news for me. My first thought was that something was wrong with the buoys which I am in charge of and we were starting to remove that week. But no he was informing me that Zebra Mussels (ZM) had been discovered by a local dock company while removing docks, and that the DNR had verified that ZM had been discovered on two lifts in two different locations. It turns out he was notifying our lake association that they had been discovered. Dan told me that the signs were being posted at all the public lands saying that the Gull Lake Chain was now an infested lake and that press reports were going out that day. As I write this letter it has been 10 days since we found out that our lake had ZM.

One of our board members, Charles McQuinn, is aggressively looking into a technology that was discovered about eight years ago but was never studied in a nature setting or developed commercially. In the preliminary testing of this technology it killed the ZM. Your board is looking into this technology now. To date there has been no way to control or destroy the ZM invasion that is sweeping the country. You can find the link to the DNR web site (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/zebramussel/index.html>) and USGS pages (<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/taxgroup/mollusks/zebramussel/>) that show the progression of the ZM from the Great Lakes all the way to the west coast.

The problem is that it will be expensive to do the field testing on the technology under controlled conditions. The estimates so far are in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. So the success of this project is in your hands. In the past I have asked for additional funds to do many things; buoys, I-LID camera's at the public landings, and other projects. But this is entirely different. Look at the progression of ZM at the web site I mentioned above, and you will understand how fast this has spread since 1989. But there is a way that maybe we can either destroy or at least control this plague. There are several articles in this newsletter that will inform you more on this subject. Bottom line is, do you want your board to try and stop this? Some of you have spent \$2,000+ on weed rollers that control just simple weeds. Now we have something that in the next few years will cover your docks and shore stations and plug up the intakes on your boats and other water toys, affect the fish

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Taylor

population, cover the shores with razor sharp dead ZM that will cut your feet and your children's feet, plus many other just plain bad things. So far I have put over 70+ hours studying this new technology and am excited about it. In upcoming newsletter and emails we will be keeping you up to date. But we need to start raising money in order to have the studies needed funded for next spring. Now it is up to you. If you have questions please email me at [john@tayloraccounting.biz](mailto:john@tayloraccounting.biz) and I will try to answer your questions.

On to a few other items. All the buoys have been removed with the exception of the large buoy on the rock pile on the east end where the rocks actually are a little above waterline. This buoy will have been removed by the first week in November. Also the Governor rejected the current proposal by the DNR on new dock rules. Refer to the article on this in the newsletter.

Now, on to some fun stuff!!! We will be having our first winter get together on January 7th at Grand View Lodge in their Banquet Room for wine tasting and cheese. There will be non alcoholic sparkling wines also available. The cost will be \$35 per person because we wanted the better wines for the tasting. Cost for non- alcoholic tastings will be in the \$10-\$15 range. The time will be announced later. We will have a short, five minute update on the Zebra Mussel work we are doing. This will be a RSVP event with invites going out in December. If you already know you'll be attending, send an email to Rosemary at [togo@nisswa.net](mailto:togo@nisswa.net).

If you have any questions or suggestions please email me at [john@tayloraccounting.biz](mailto:john@tayloraccounting.biz) or call 218-963-2229. Have a good fall and enjoy the winter, because it's the only winter you will get.

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## ZEBRA MUSSELS FOUND IN GULL LAKE

Minnesota DNR press release



ST. PAUL - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) biologists have confirmed a report that zebra mussels are now in Gull Lake near Brainerd.

It marks the second time in four months that zebra mussels have been discovered in a popular Minnesota lake. In July, the DNR found zebra mussels in Lake Minnetonka.

A Brainerd area dock removal service discovered the zebra mussels attached to a boat lift pulled from the lake and reported its findings to the DNR. The DNR surveyed additional docks and boat lifts recently

removed from the lake and found zebra mussels attached to several boat lifts and to some aquatic vegetation. In response to this new infestation, the DNR will:

- Designate Gull Lake as infested waters which prohibits the transport of water and requires draining of all water including bait containers and also prohibits harvest of bait.
- Place new signs at water accesses on Gull Lake to indicate the presence of zebra mussels.
- Increase enforcement and watercraft inspections efforts.
- Inform residents and business of what they can do to help prevent their spread.

It is not known how widespread zebra mussels are in the lake. The young age of the zebra mussels suggest a reproducing population has likely been in the lake for a least a year. The DNR will continue to survey docks and boat lifts being removed, as well as survey portions of the lake this week. Anyone who finds zebra mussels in the lake should contact the DNR. Prior to the discovery of zebra mussels in Gull Lake, the DNR worked with the Gull Lake Association and others in the Brainerd area to inspect boats and educate lake users in an effort to prevent the further spread of invasive species into Gull Lake and other Brainerd area lakes.

“It is very disappointing that zebra mussels found their way to Gull Lake,” said Dan Swanson, invasive species specialist in Brainerd. “Being such a popular recreational lake and near other zebra mussel infested waters likely increased the chances that this invasive species might show up.”

A nonnative invasive species, zebra mussels pose serious ecological and economic threats to Minnesota’s lakes and streams. Heavy infestations can kill native mussels, impact fish populations, interfere with recreation, and increase costs for industry, including power and water supply facilities. Native to Eastern Europe and Western Russia, zebra mussels were first discovered in Minnesota in 1989 in the Duluth harbor.

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Minnesota DNR press release

They subsequently have spread to 30 inland lakes including Gull, Lake Minnetonka, Mille Lacs, Prior, and Le Homme Dieu and to portions of the Mississippi, St. Croix and Zumbro rivers.

Boaters and anglers need to continue to take extra precautions when using this popular lake as zebra mussels could pose risks for other waters.

Boaters are required by law to:

- Remove aquatic plants and zebra mussels from boats and trailers.
- Drain all water, including pulling the drain plug, open water draining devices, and draining bilges and live wells. The drain plug has to be removed or open when transporting your boat on public roads.
- Drain bait buckets when exiting lakes that have been designated as infested with spiny water flea or zebra mussels. Anglers can keep unused bait when leaving infested waters if they replace the water with tap or spring water.

It is also recommended that people spray or rinse boats with high pressure and/or hot water, or let them dry thoroughly for five days before transporting to another body of water.

## ZEBRA MUSSELS IN GULL LAKE

Tim Brastrup, GCOLA Advisory Member

You have probably read or heard by now that zebra mussels have been found in Gull Lake and that the DNR has confirmed their presence. Alert employees from a dock and boat lift removal company first noticed the mussels and reported it to the DNR earlier this week. Having zebra mussels in Gull Lake is not a good thing but it is not the end. Though it is true that there is no treatment or remedy to get rid of these invaders, there are corporations and both government and university biologists searching for a suitable way to control zebra mussels.

There are some chemical treatments that can kill zebra mussels but there are none that will kill only zebra mussels. In other words, a treatment of any substance, known to kill zebra mussels, would also kill fish, clams, zooplankton and a host of other organisms, so that is really not an option. Of course, the best advice has been to prevent the infestation in the first place. There are some suggestions for property owners to consider now that Gull Lake is infested. They are as follows:

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### Thank You to Grand View Lodge

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## ZEBRA MUSSELS IN GULL LAKE

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Do not panic but continue to make efforts to prevent additional invasive species infestations in the lake.

Be mindful from now on to take precautions when taking your boat to other lakes.

Follow the laws required for boaters with regard to invasive species.

Gull Lake is not a “dead” lake now, in fact, the fishery is in excellent shape. It will take a long time before any changes will be noticeable as a result of this infestation, if ever.

There will likely be a few new things you will need to do to coexist with zebra mussels in Gull Lake, such as be aware of the potential for accumulations of zebra mussel shells in the future that could cut waders and swimmers on beaches, flush out and be careful to maintain outboard motor water intake cooling systems to prevent mussel encrusting.

Educate yourself and others about the life cycle and natural history of zebra mussels and remain updated on current conditions and the status of the infestation.

Dan Swanson, Invasive Species Specialist in Brainerd, Luke Skinner, Invasive Species Program Supervisor and Gary Montz, Aquatic Invertebrate Biologist, Ecological Resources-Waters Division in St. Paul, will be the primary contacts in the DNR, for questions or requests for information regarding this infestation. Dan Swanson’s phone number is 218/833-8645 and the number for Gary Montz is 651/259-5121. There will be several public notifications as new information is collected. Your GCOLA Board will be receiving updates and will be another source of information.

In closing, this zebra mussel infestation is something we all wanted to prevent, however, now that zebra mussels are here, it would be helpful to keep in mind that there are other invasive species, of worse reputations in other lakes, that every effort should be made to prevent their entry to the Gull Chain of Lakes or any lake for that matter. Nobody knows exactly what will be impacted and nobody can predict what the fate of the lake will be, however, zebra mussels have been in this country for at least 25 years and still there is no clear impact yet.

Please refer to the DNR news release reprinted in this newsletter for information on what the DNR will be doing very soon.

## PROPOSED NISSWA LAKE PARK RECEIVES DNR GRANT

The proposed Nisswa Lake Park to be located on Nisswa Lake received a \$500,000 grant from the DNR to help with the purchase of the land. This will be added to the \$300,000 donated by Arnie Johnson and \$61,692 raised by the Friends of Nisswa Lake Park. If an additional \$28,000 is raised by October 31, the land purchase would close by the end of the year.

The lakeside park would be next to a new public boat access to be built by the MN DNR. The development is located immediately west of Highway 371 near the Nisswa stoplight on Hazelwood Drive.

## GOVERNOR NIXES REVISED DOCK AND SHORELAND RULES

The much anticipated revisions to dock and shoreland rules were rejected by Governor Pawlenty and sent back to the DNR for additional fine tuning. In his letter to the DNR Commissioner, Pawlenty said, "The rules you forwarded to me regarding these issues do not strike a proper balance between protection of our lakes and waterways and the equally important right of our citizens to enjoy them and their property."

Current shoreland rules were last revised 21 years ago and are considered to be out of date. The process for revising the rules has been going on for several years with public hearings and input from property owners, developers, industry and local governments. Proposed updates would have placed size limits on many types of large docks, increased minimum setbacks for new homes, developments and redevelopments near lakeshores and bluffs, restricted the amount of impervious surface, tightened sewage system requirements and required new builders to provide a shoreline buffer of natural vegetation. Supporters of the revisions argue that the current rules were put in place during a time when lakes had fewer and smaller cabins. With the construction of much larger homes they feel revisions are needed to protect water quality and maintain healthy fisheries for future generations.

The future of the rules will depend on the next Governor and legislature. Local governments do have authority to adopt stricter standards than current rules and some have already adopted some of the proposed changes to shore land zoning.



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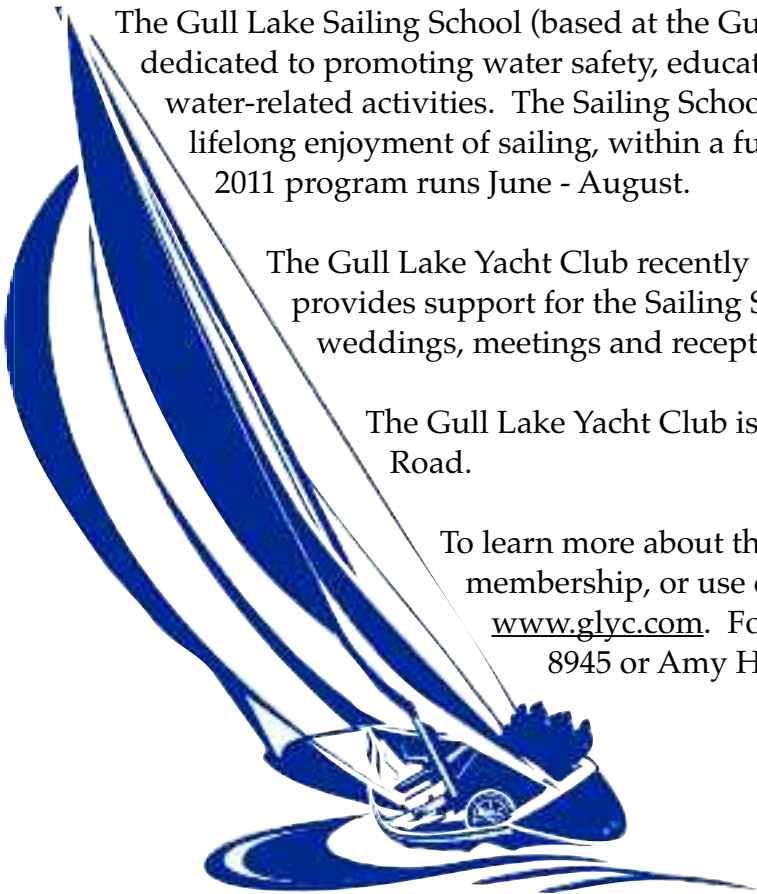
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The Gull Lake Yacht Club recently opened brand new facilities and grounds, that provides support for the Sailing School, and offers a venue that can accommodate weddings, meetings and receptions in the beautiful setting of East Gull Lake.

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## New Area Fisheries Supervisor

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Section of Fisheries recently hired their new Area Fisheries Supervisor. Marc Bacigalupi was promoted and began his work at the Brainerd DNR Office Building on Monday, September 27, 2010, who replaced the now retired Tim Brastrup.

Marc is 36 years old and has nine years of experience. He began his career as a Fisheries Specialist and the West Metro Area Fisheries Office where he worked for seven years before being promoted to Assistant Area Fisheries Supervisor at the Waterville Area Fisheries Station in 2008. Marc held that position for two years until his promotion to Area Fisheries Supervisor in Brainerd.

Marc earned a Master of Science degree in Fisheries Management from the University of Minnesota, graduating in 2002. Mark and his wife Jacquelyn have one 18 month old Son and they are expecting their second child in January. Jacquelyn also has a Master of Science degree in Fisheries Management from the University of Minnesota and is currently the Assistant Regional Fisheries Manager in New Ulm, MN. Marc's work address is Marc Bacigalupi, DNR Area Fisheries, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN, 56401 and his telephone number is 218-833-8636. His email address is [marc.bacigalupi@state.mn.us](mailto:marc.bacigalupi@state.mn.us).

## Reorganization of four DNR Divisions

Reorganizations in the DNR recently have created two new divisions and eliminated four divisions. The Ecological Resources Division has combined with the Division of Waters. Job responsibilities remain unchanged. Waters staff will continue to manage the public waters permit program, and the water appropriations program as well as coordination of highway project review and coordinate the shoreland ordinance and communicate with local units of government. The name of this new division is still under consideration but is being called the Eco-Waters Division in the interim.

Similarly, the Divisions of Parks and Recreation and Trails and Waterways have been combined to form the Parks and Trails Division. Trails programs will continue to include Public Water Access Site acquisition, development and maintenance, state and grant in aid trail system management and scenic river route management. Parks staff will continue to manage state parks and state recreation areas as well as forest campground sites. The public's means of contact with these divisions is unchanged.

Submitted by Tim Brastrup  
Retired Area Fisheries Supervisor, Brainerd

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# TAKE STEPS NOW TO PROTECT YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM FROM FREEZING

Written by Valerie Prax, University of Minnesota Extension

Common reasons septic systems freeze are a lack of snow cover and cold temperatures, combined with construction or “use” issues. These can include a waterlogged system, cold air entering the system, compacted soil or lack of plant cover. Others include irregular use of the system, leaking plumbing fixtures or a pipe that does not have the proper change of elevation.

If the soil over a pipe is compacted, the elevation of the pipe may shift, causing a loss of gravity flow. This results in water left standing in pipes, which can freeze easily. If your system has frozen, you should contact a professional pumper or installer.

Here are some precautions:

- Stop mowing the grass over the drainfield in early fall. Let it grow stronger to trap more snow.
- Add a layer of mulch (8-12) inches over the pipes, tank, and soil treatment area to provide insulation. A mulch of loose hay or straw works well, as do leaves. The key is to keep it loose to form air pockets, which act as the insulators. This is particularly important if your system is new, and vegetation has not been well established.
- Don't leave water running all the time to prevent freezing. A slow trickle could freeze, while a steady stream could overload the system.
- Use normal amounts of water, the warmer the better. Spread out your laundry schedule to one warm/hot load per day, year around.
- Don't add antifreeze to system.
- If you plan to be gone for more than a day or two, plan accordingly. Have someone visit and use water regularly. If you are to be gone for an extended period (weeks or months), pumping the tank before you leave might be the best option.
- Reroute the drip from your furnace. This slow drip can freeze in the pipes. Reroute this clean water into the sump or a bucket.
- Fix any leaky plumbing. The small trickles of water going into the system can freeze as thin ice layers within pipes and eventually close them.
- Keep all vehicles (including ATV's and snowmobiles) and high-traffic people activities off the system, all year.
- Make sure all risers, inspection pipes and manholes have tight covers. Adding insulation is a good idea. Check for any cracks in the covers in the fall.
- Keep an eye on your system. If any seeping or ponding occurs contact an onsite professional.



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## A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BEING PLANNED FOR SUMMER, 2011

Elaine Leach, Lake Shore Environmental Committee

The City of Lake Shore, in cooperation with the MN Pollution Control Agency, authorized an analysis of Lake Margaret by Wenck Associates when the lake was identified as "impaired." The resulting TMDL Report (Total Maximum Daily Load of nutrients) described watershed sources that contribute undesirable nutrients to the water. The report also proposed practices for reducing nutrients in the water. Among the watershed nutrient sources are animal agriculture and development in the watershed. Nutrients and runoff associated with lake shore development around the lake is a second source. A third potential source of nutrients are septic systems in the watershed. Wetlands and forested areas are the remaining potential sources of nutrients. The City of Lake Shore City Council established a Stakeholders Committee for implementation of the Wenck TMDL Report. A major task for the Stakeholders is education and advocacy for improving water quality in Lake Margaret.

As a part of the education endeavor, plans are being made for a cooperative effort in summer 2011 for observing and understanding the relationship of land and water. The effort is a result of several members of Lake Shore City committees attending the Annual Summer Tours of the Crow Wing Basin Forage Advisory Council. The City Stakeholders Committee and the Forage Advisory Council plan to sponsor a Saturday workshop and Land and Water Tour in July in the Gull Chain of Lakes watershed. Members and friends of GCOLA are invited to watch for further details and to participate.

The Crow Wing Basin Forage Advisory Council is a voluntary partnership group formed in 2001 by beef producers in Cass County. The Advisory Council, initiated by Mel Wiens and Walter Sowers, was designed to improve income of farmers faced with challenges that included drought, feed and fuel costs, and animal disease. After surveying farmers for their needs, Wiens and Sowers brought in experts who spoke on improving the management of farm fields. Proceeding with cooperating farmers and agencies, meetings brought people and good practices together. Soil analysis; fertilizer and seed choices; irrigation; runoff; rotation; and demonstration plots became the tools for improvement. The Annual Summer Tour in July was organized by the Forage Advisory Council with the cooperation of more than ten organizations and agencies. The Annual Tour is open to anyone interested in learning about good management practices. Proper management of pastures has been found to improve beef production per acre and may help keep the water in lakes and streams healthy. The Leader Lions is the fiscal agency for the Crow Wing Basin Forage Advisory Council, which meets regularly finding ways of researching and practicing crop improvement.

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# SHORELINE RESTORATION...THE NEXT BIG THING

Ron Faust, GCOLA Board Member

Minnesota's beautiful lakes are in transition. In the Boundary Waters, they are still wild and pristine; people and non-motorized watercraft have left only footprints and taken only pictures (and a few fish). The area around the Gull Chain of Lakes was logged in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but the forests were healing well in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> when the lake area got popular. Development consisted of only scattered small seasonal cabins and resorts. Now of course, we enjoy modern homes that are more efficient but significantly larger. The lakes have been completely circled and almost all property developed that can be developed. Because we have better machines we can maintain bigger lawns and driveways. Many property owners choose to make shoreline property look pretty much like yards in the cities most of them came from.

Further south, however, beautiful lakes that meander through cities are in trouble. Lake Minnetonka is most frequently mentioned because it is infested with eurasian water milfoil and other invasive species, making boating, swimming and fishing a lot less fun than they used to be. Although invasive species seem to be coming at the Gull Chain from every direction, habitat loss and declining water quality are other problems.

Multiple sources point to ways to prevent this progression from the Boundary Waters to Lake Minnetonka, primarily through water quality improvement. The City of Lake Shore has been very involved in taking steps to overcome water quality problems in Lake Margaret. One solution that is frequently recommended is shoreline restoration. Although the filtering effects of a buffer zone between the land and a lake are easy to understand, many other benefits come from a natural shoreline. The beauty of the lake is enhanced by summer wildflowers and fall colors; animal habitat is also created.



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The GCOLA Board has recognized shoreline restoration as an important area for our future efforts to protect the Gull Chain. We have applied to the DNR for grant money that, if secured, will be passed on to shoreline landowners to reimburse them for restoration expenses.

This will require more help! I am confident that there are others in GCOLA who are interested in shoreline restoration (and even gardening) and would like to learn more, share their knowledge, and help lake residents restore their shores, one at a time. If you might be able to help or just want to learn more, please email or call me ([ronfaust@mac.com](mailto:ronfaust@mac.com) or 218 961-1617).

This will not be easy, as many people have set ideas about how the shores of their homes and cabins should look and have looked for decades. Yet when people see shoreline restoration projects they become enthusiastic over the beauty at the water line. In effect, flowering gardens of native species are being created along the lakes 50 or 100 feet at a time. We are confident that old attitudes can be changed.

# GULL LAKE RESORT

This is an ongoing column focusing on local businesses and community leaders in the Gull Chain of Lakes area.



Gull Lake Resort has been in the Gmeinder family since 1948 and was originally run for 40 years by George and Eleanore Gmeinder. Mike and Ruth Gmeinder, the next generation, have owned the resort

for the past 22 years. During that time they have expanded the resort from 13 cabins to 23 units. Most of the units are new or remodeled and are situated on almost 3,000 feet of lakeshore and 53 acres of perfect elevation in East Gull Lake.

Ruth had vacationed at Gull Lake Resort as a child with her family from Fargo, and had cleaned cabins at the resort when she was 17. Mike had helped George remodel many of the cabins in his younger days.

Mike was previously a builder and Ruth was a Public Health Administrator with Crow Wing County. They have been able to utilize the building and management skills from these jobs to expand the resort. The resort has gone through many changes over the years from a more rustic look to nicer condos. With the addition of all of the beautiful championship golf courses, the clientele has changed from more fishermen to golfers. The resort has also had to keep up with technology, from not even having televisions to free WiFi throughout the resort.

The resort is seasonal and is open from May to October and has housekeeping units that are completely furnished. Gull Lake Resort has been very lucky with the current economy and has had good occupancy rates. Some of the guests have been for over 60 years and now take almost the entire resort for reunions with their extended families. Mike and Ruth feel fortunate to have the resort on Gull Lake and feel this is truly God's country!



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## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS - CHARLES MCQUINN



Charles McQuinn has been enjoying Gull Lake since 1974. He grew up on the water sailing, waterskiing, and enjoying a life long social network of friends in the lake area. Charles graduated from the Blake School in 1988 and the University of St. Thomas College of Business in 1993. He subsequently worked for Ag-Chem Equipment Company in sales and product development for eight years.

In 1999 he moved to the Brainerd Lakes area as a full time resident. Since that time he has started four different companies, one of which is Lake Region Storage, a regional storage company with a location in Baxter. He has served as treasurer of Ski Gull and is on the board of the Gull Lake Yacht Club. He was Commodore during the construction of the new Yacht Club facility. He also served as a founder of a new local charter school called Discovery Woods. His dedication to these organizations is part of his desire to contribute positively to the community.

Charles joined the Gull Chain of Lakes Assn. Board in 2005 and serves on its Environmental Committee. He has "always had a true passion and pride for the lake and the life it affords all of us". He believes his problem solving abilities will be put to good use in managing the difficulties facing the lake with invasive species.

Charles has three daughters and a friend, Misty, who also has three children. His spare time is spent enjoying his extended family



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The **Gull Chain of Lakes Association** is an alliance of watershed property interests within the Gull Chain of Lakes in Cass and Crow Wing Counties. The Association is devoted to the restoration and continued preservation of the highest water quality and environmental standards achievable, promotion of the responsible use of land and water resources and recreational safety on the Gull Chain of Lakes.

The **Gull Chain of Lakes Association** is dedicated to representing the interests of lake property owners without bias toward either seasonal or full time residents. The Association's primary responsibilities include educating members about best management practices to conserve water quality, water safety, and controversial lake issues.

## ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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