

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting February 1, 2022

Board Members Present: Mike Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson, Steve Grotbo, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Brett Rassmusen, Ray Brueggemeier

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$48,668.46 General Fund \$71,161.98

Paid Memberships: 208

1) **Call Meeting to Order 7 PM** – Zoom meeting by President Steve Grotbo

2) **Secretary's October Board Meeting Report**- approved by email vote 10/2021 put on the website.

3) **Treasurer's October, November, December, and January Financial Reports: Lyle W reported**

October INCOME \$4.37 Int EXPENSE Newsletter \$703.33, Info System \$79.00, \$1835 donated by 76 people to DFD.

November INCOME Grant \$3770 / EXPENSE \$0

December INCOME Grant \$2160.00, Membership \$50, Interest \$117.00 / EXPENSE \$0

January INCOME \$0 / EXPENSE Rod n Gun Club \$320 Total in accounts \$119,830.44

4) **Lake Restoration possible partnership** - Chad Hadler wants to meet with a subset of the board on what they can offer. Mike W suggested we schedule this meeting ASAP. Steve G will set up this meeting and let the Board know, so whoever wants to can attend. Some things we would be looking at would be costs for vegetation surveys, and milfoil treatments. Also, what type of treatments do they use for milfoil. Sharon D pointed out all grants require different companies to do 1. vegetation survey and 2. treatments.

We would also ask Chad about offering a residential weed treatment program for this season. By getting this information in the Spring Newsletter we would hope for more people to sign up, thereby meeting Lake Restoration's requirement for at least 20 properties requesting treatments.

5) Culvert replacement

Steve G received email from Phil Schmalz, P.E. (Public Works Director/County Engineer) on December 28th. He sent this out to board members and posted it on Lake Washington and Stella Facebook. There were mostly positive responses. Some residents on Lake Stella are concerned about increased number of boats. Steve G will write article about this for the Spring Newsletter, pointing out how much safer and quieter (people living near the culvert report how loud it is when trucks drive over it), a new culvert will be a bonus to property owners on both lakes.

6) **Ellsworth landing parking** lot – nothing new to report about the restriping of the parking lot. Will check with Bonni H at next meeting.

7) **LWIA Board elections in May:** Cindy H has resigned and Ray Brueggemeier has volunteered to finish out her term and join the Board election process in May along with Sharon Daniels, Ron Bubany, Laurie Johnson.

8) Board meeting dates

1. Feb 1 (Tuesday) - Zoom
2. Mar 3 (Thursday) - Zoom
3. Apr 5 (Tuesday)
4. May 5 (Thursday)
5. Jun 7 (Tuesday)
6. Jul 7 (Thursday)
7. Aug 9 (Tuesday) - Delay a week because of National Night Out
8. Sep 1 (Thursday)
9. Oct 4 (Tuesday)

9) MAISRC's 2021 Research Report (<https://umn.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1a0a2ec6d2f8d679a17c3eeb4&id=f420ddaf61&e=d15ce8cc8f>)

Steve G shared the following items he found interesting in this report -

- Working on a Paint additive that could prevent the settlement of zebra mussels on boats, docks, and other hard structures. Researching Anti-biofouling coatings for zebra mussel suppression.
- Refining and optimizing copper treatment methods for zebra mussel suppression
- Gene targeting in zebra mussels for control options
- Genetic control of common carp. Genetic engineering to create sterile males that could be released to the wild, resulting in a collapse of the common carp population.

There was a conversation about making a donation to MAISRC in 2022, the board will take this up at the next board meeting.

10) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. Water Quality Testing – Dave R reported he has not heard from RMB testing regarding costs for 2022. His plan is to do 5 lake water quality tests during the summer. He plans to test 6 inlets provided there is ample rainfall. He will check with Ron B about doing data collection for water temperature, water level, and precipitation to include with the information we record.

B. Vegetation Survey Steve G reported Curly leaf pond weed was a topic of November's U of M coffee break. Presenter was from Lake Ida (Douglas County) and showed how it has stayed in the same half dozen spots and has not really gotten any worse over the years. Issue is where is it most concentrated has the most vocal residents, so they are having to study and determine treatment options. As it is gone by July timeframe and not spreading, it really does not make any sense to treat was the consensus. Just monitor for now.

Curly Leaf Pond weed in Lake Washington was part of a study by the DNR about 15 years ago. It was found off the shore from Cedar point to the outlet bay. The most recent vegetation survey by Limnopro found it to be in the same spots. We have no concerns at this time.

Will have Mark J contact Limnopro to complete another AIS and vegetation survey this year

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection Dave R. reported the unit died about 2 weeks before it was pulled for the winter. Thinks it is a charging issue. Eric at Environmental Services has had the unit all winter. Dave will check on the status.

D. Cormorants & Pelicans Steve G had a discussion with Jim Gray of Spring Lake the end of last October on the cormorant situation. Apparently most of the cormorants are consistently visiting their lake instead of ours. He passed along all the information and actions that we have taken so he can pursue it. Hard for us to justify any action without seeing large consistent cormorant populations. Steve will connect with Jim G in the spring.

E. Zebra Mussels – Mike W will put out the Hotels, Memorial weekend. There was a discussion about why their numbers have been going down for the last 2 years. Consensus was that putting these out would provide more data on their numbers.

F. Watershed – Mike W reported there are no projects planned for this year at this time. He will talk to Joe Morgan "Meeker Co. Soil and Water" about looking for a problem and do some testing when we have a heavy rainfall.

Membership / Shoreline Captains – tabled Laurie not at the meeting.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Spring Newsletter – Needs to be out by mid-April. Have Ron B let us know when articles need to be in to him.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – Steve G noticed the Board members information needs to updated on the website. He will check with Ron B about doing the updates There were some emails that were intended for the Rod n Gun club, that Steve forwarded.

Social Committee – Lyle W reported we are on the Rod n Gun Club calendar for May 7 Pork Chop Members meeting and Aug. 6 for Pot Luck.

Steve G. will check with Sue Schwinghammer about organizing the 4th of July Boat Parade.

Financial – Grants- Sharon D reported we have been awarded the following grants for 2022:

MCAL - \$4000 for sediment and stabilization

Meeker Co AIS - \$9000 for Milfoil treatments; \$320 Education; \$1250 I-LIDS

DNR Invasive Species Program, coordinator Jake Walsh announced they have \$400,000 available for Traditional AIS control Grants for Lake Associations. The cutoff date for this application is February 21. The Board thought it would be a good idea to apply for this grant, as it sounds like it would pay for the AIS survey that is required before treatment. Sharon will contact Jake Walsh and make the determination about whether we should apply for this grant.

MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates ; Sharon D reported the minutes from July and October 2021 meetings were just posted this week. Pat H has not heard about when the meetings are for this year.

11) Open Discussion – Steve G will contact Waste Management to get the garbage can at Ellsworth Landing.

Next Board Meeting March 3rd via Zoom - **Steve U gone and Sharon / Dave R do the minutes for the meeting**