

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting February 2, 2021

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson, Cindy Hewitt, Ron Bubany, Steve Grotbo, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Brett Rasmussen

Board members please let someone know if you are unable to attend.

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$40,093.90 General Fund \$70,972.62

Paid Memberships: 206 for 2020

- 1) Call Meeting to Order 7 PM ZOOM meeting by Pres. Steve Grotbo
- 2) Secretary's September Board Meeting Report approved via email September 2020
- 3) Treasurer's September, October, November, December, and January Financial Reports
September: Income: Membership \$300 Invasive species \$25 Dassel fire \$25
Expense: Info systems \$112 Auto mileage \$216 West Bend insurance \$1,287 Signs \$188
October: Income: Membership \$150 Grant \$8,000
Expense: Newsletter \$689 Dassel fire \$1,952 Viking Signs \$880
November: Income: Membership \$100 Grant \$1,646
Expense: RMB \$345 Flowers \$115
December: Income: Grant \$3,432
Expense: none
January: Income: none
Expense: I-LIDS \$58

Total cash January 31 is \$111,067

4) Lake Restoration proposal ("Why choose Lake Restoration 2021.pdf)

Chad Hadler from Lake Restoration reached out on November 5th wanting to do a presentation to the board on their services. The flyer they sent outlines services for getting grant monies, providing educational presentations for AIS treatments, and treating AIS and permitting for services. Lake Restoration did treat 75.85 acres of EWM for LWIA in 2013. Follow up vegetation surveys showed a positive treatment. The Board favored having them do a presentation on their services. Steve G. noted the number 1 question from Lake property owners is dealing with "weeds." Some questions we have are what companies will treat shoreline vegetation for homeowners. How to get this information to owners, looking at putting links on our website. Steve U volunteered to write an article for the Spring Newsletter with information about the process for shoreline treatments and companies that are willing to provide this service.

5) U of M sessions – Steve G has attended (online) several sessions from MAISRC-UM over the past months. He found them very interesting and educational. Next session is February 17th at 1 PM talking about AIS being spread via minnows. Steve G will put a notice and links in the Newsletter for members.

6) New board members – Thinking is Skip is not going to continue on the Board, Steve G or Ron B will check with Skip about this. Steve G will put out a notice that we need a Board member to replace him. The following Board members terms end this May Lyle Walker, Steve Ullom, Mike & Sandy Wosmek and Brett Rasmussen. They all agreed to serve another 3-year term.

7) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

- A. Water Quality Testing – Dave has not heard from RMB yet regarding costs for 2021.
- B. Vegetation Survey – Because of late treatments, a follow up survey of 2020 treatment areas need to be completed this spring.
- C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection – Dave R reported Eric wants him to bring the unit in for upgrades, that Dave believes has to do with the 4G update.
- D. Cormorants & Pelicans – Steve U sent the latest ruling by the United States Fish and Wildlife Services with regards to depredation orders for comorants to Steve G. He then forwarded it to Scott Mackenthun with the note that from our reading we could reduce the flock by 4539 birds. Scott forwarded our request to the USFWS and was going to get back to us. We have not heard back from

him yet. There was a discussion about what this deprecation request might consist of. Mike W. suggested that any actions should occur in the Spring.

E. Zebra Mussels – Mike and Dave reported the hotels are ready to be put out on Memorial weekend. Steve G did make a request to MAISRC-UM for Lake Washington be the second lake they would include in their most recent zebra mussel research project. We have not heard back from them. Dave reported MAISRC-UM does not appear to have any projects they are continuing the genome research on zebra mussels at this time.

F. Watershed – Mike W is going to check with Skip and Joe Norman (Meeker Soil and Water) regarding the dredging of the pond on the southwest corner of the lake. Dave R. has planned to do water testing on six inlets during the 2021 season, allowing there is enough rainfall to make this possible. Dave suggested waiting until Cindy and Laurie can meet with him in-person to clean up the website: water testing and watershed data.

Membership / Shoreline Captains – Laurie has no updates at this time. She has some membership cards for 2020 that she needs to update.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Spring Newsletter – Ron B would like to have all articles turned in by March 9, 2021.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – Steve G reported not much activity on Facebook or email. Laurie will look at updating the information for future meeting and provide some highlights.

Social Committee – Board will make the decision on the May Pork Chop dinner in March. Most hoped we could be able to gather for the August Pot-Luck. Steve G will contact Sue Schwinghammer about organizing a 4th of July Parade on Lake Washington this year. We would like to be able to put this information in the Spring Newsletter and Ron B would send out a mass email in mid-June.

Laurie J. wondered if there was something else we could do to gather socially. Cindy H has heard of a boat drive through with something like a fish fry. Laurie will do some research for ideas that other lakes are doing to involve the lake membership socially. Is there something we can do to use the Shoreline Captains to better connect with lake shore property owners.

Financial / Grants – Sharon reported Meeker AIS Program has approved requests for 2021 grants in the following amounts: AIS Treatments \$8500.00 / I-LIDS funding \$1750.00 and Educational funding \$2250.00. She noted Educational Funding does not include reimbursement for any Newsletter expenses and has many stipulations that training needs to be with a company that is not a vendor. She sent out a form, to track any volunteer services we provide for the lake and any expenses we incur (she does need copies of the receipts and corresponding checks issued for these expenses.) Sharon needs this when she is invoicing the different programs for grant reimbursement.

MCAL 2021 grant was for Sediment checking and mapping for \$4000.00.

Sharon sent out an email on 12/9/20 with the latest grant requests and payments made for 2020.

Date Invoiced	Invoice Number	For	Amount Invoiced	Amount to be reimbursed	Amount Reimbursed
11/4/2020	11042020	MCAL Water Testing	\$ 926.62	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
11/4/2020	11042020	AIS Inspections/I-LIDS	\$ 1,729.53	\$1,729.53	\$1,729.53
11/5/2020	11052020	AIS Education	\$ 1,357.03	\$1,357.03	\$1,357.03
11/10/2020	11102020	MCAL / General	\$ 1,793.17	\$1,793.17	\$1,493.17
09/24/2020	09242020	AIS Milfoil Treatment	\$19,296.86	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
		TOTALS	\$23,207.24	\$13,379.73	13,079.13

Sharon and Lyle will work together to account for the grant payments, matching them to the different program and service for 2020. The grant checks we receive do not state which service they are paying for.

MCAL – Representatives next meeting date is April 15th.

8) Open Discussion

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for March 4th 7 PM via Zoom.

