

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting April 7, 2020

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

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$63,819.27 General Fund \$67,825.13

### **Paid Memberships:**

1) **Call Meeting to Order 7 PM** – Steve Grotbo virtual meeting via Zoom

2) **Secretary's March Board Meeting Report** – Laurie did a fine job with the minutes and they were approved for publication on the website with one correction.

3) **Treasurer's March Financial Reports** – Lyle W. reported the only two transactions were interest received \$40.56 and a postage purchase (\$22) for my use. Total funds at March 31 – \$131,644.40. This report does reflect the revision to February's report moving the grant request payment of \$4,322 from Invasive Species to General Fund. Treasurers report for March was approved. This does not reflect the April Newsletter costs. Lyle has been getting quite a few membership cards now that newsletter is out. Lyle has contacted Piehl, Beckman, Hanson for filing State and Federal reports. Board approved LWIA membership in Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates at a cost of \$200.00 per year for **an organization with our membership.**

4) **Garbage can at Ellsworth Landing** – Steve G contacted DNR about starting the garbage can service at Ellsworth Landing from May through September. The cost for weekly service for this time period is in the \$350 range. LWIA had a credit from last year and the garbage can was left there over the winter so there will not be a delivery charge of \$105 this year. Steve G. will get clarification on what the costs will be this year.

5) **Lake Washington Board Elections for June 2020-2021** – Pat Hanson, Steve Grotbo, Mark Johnson, Dave Rathe have all agreed to serve on the Board for another three-year term.

6) **Membership giveaways** – Cindy H has some ideas (maybe a large spatula) she will share with the Board once she has clarification on the dollar-amounts we are talking about. It was determined the Board was willing to split the cost 50/50 with a Sponsor, with each parties cost being about \$6.00. There would be Sponsor on one side and LWIA AIS message on the other. There were concerns about distribution, what with the social distancing. Shore Line Captains would wait until later in the year to pass them out. The Board can do email approval of this project once we have all the information. Cindy H shared the following information for costs of a large spatula:

Minimum Quantity 250 - \$60 set up charge - \$5.89 each – Imprint on both sides of the handle. She would need what to imprint on each side and the total number to order.

Many ideas were shared regarding how to proceed with this giveaway. Steve G. determined we should table this until the next Board meeting.

### **7) Committee Reports:**

#### **Aquatic Invasive Species:**

**A. Water Quality Testing-** Dave R. ordered water test kits for this summer from RMB. They will send an invoice to Lyle (\$260 requires prepayment.). Dave heard Stella is doing water quality testing this year, so we will not be testing at the culvert inlet, just site 101 every month. He will conduct 5-6 tests at inlet sites he has chosen. He did get secchi disk data sheets from MPCA.

**B. Vegetation Survey** – Mark J has talked to Dan at Limnopro about treating a larger area of Eurasian Milfoil that was identified in the 2018 vegetation survey. Limnopro would have to do a site visit (May) to confirm the area to treat and determine a treatment plan. The treatment would most likely happen in late June, before July 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee will survey other smaller areas of Milfoil, some-time in May, before deciding if additional treatments may be necessary.

**C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection** – Dave R reported Eric still has the controller and thinks he needs to come out to do set-up and installation.

**D. Cormorants & Pelicans** – Steve G reported getting a notice for a management link that will be coming out in the Spring of 2020. People will have 45 days to comment on the USFWS proposal regarding control measures being put in place for cormorants.

**E. Zebra Mussels** – Steve G contacted Cori Mattke at MAISRC-UM asking about current research on zebra mussels. Cori responded -- we just finished reviewing the proposals that were submitted for new research projects this year. I can't share a lot of detail on the new projects that we will be launching as they are still undergoing peer review and have not been formally announced yet, but we will be turning our attention to some deeper research into control methods for established zebra mussel populations. Specifically, refining methods for chemical control and exploring opportunities for control as it is linked to zebra mussel genetics. Much of that work will begin in late summer this year and continue through 2022. Steve G will get back to Cori and let them know we are willing to help with funding for treatment research and possibly use Lake Washington as a test site.

The zebra mussel hotels will go out to 11 sites again this year on Memorial weekend.

**F. Watershed** – Dave R was looking for the 11x17 lake map Skip shared with us last fall, the one Joe Morgan MSWC gave us. That map has 21 inlets and we only know of 20 on our mapping. The committee will work on reconciling these two maps. Skip S did get us a cost estimate for dredging the holding pond of about \$3500, this will be taken up at the next meeting. Dave R. reported the inlet pipe at site #302 plugged up this spring. Looks to him like the holes are too small and need to be larger at the top. For sure will need to check and clean out 2xs per year.

Dave R. asked where the Water Shed Data base they are collecting could be stored. Cindy, Dave, and Skip have compiled this as an Excel spreadsheet. Ron. B has a storage site where he could design it to store pictures, word documents, spread sheets.

**Membership / Shoreline Captains** – Lyle will drop off membership cards at Laurie's as he gets them. Laurie reported there will be no Captains meeting in May with the social distancing guidelines in place. She will email all Shore Line Captains most current lists and information she has regarding membership, by the end of May.

Education & Public Relations:

**A. Spring Newsletter** – All agreed Ron B has again done a super job on our newsletter. Ron did pick up the extra 25 copies at Crow River and will get them to Laurie.

**B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity** – Laurie J has been working on updating and improving the website. She posted some videos and got lots of attention. She is working on creating more of a blog format to link to newsletters and other links. There was some talk about when we should do another survey, looking at maybe next year.

**Social Committee** – The Board agrees the Pork Chop Dinner scheduled for May 2 is postponed. The Board has chosen to make a decision at later meetings (for sure at June meeting) regarding having our Pork Chop/Potluck meetings. Steve U did notify Tanner (DNR Fisheries) that the May 2 meeting has been postponed.

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**Social Committee** – Tabled for further discussion based on social distancing guidelines, when and if we would have the Pork Chop Dinner and the Potluck. Steve U did notify Tanner the May 2 meeting is canceled.

**Financial – Grants** – Sharon D received an AIS approval for Project 3 in the mail today for \$2,000.00. The AIS committee approved our grants with requirements necessary for reimbursement. To refresh your memory, I completed the AIS Grant Proposal in November 2019. The proposal was broken down into 3 projects. Simply stated: Project 1 = I-LIDS; Project 2 = Milfoil; Project 3 = Education. In December Ariana from Meeker County

for AIS requested an amendment to the Grant Proposal for project 3. Sharon completed and emailed to Ariana and to you as board members on January 6, 2020 an amendment to the original grant request. Sharon received an attachment this morning stating our AIS grant approval for Project 3 for 2020. It does not state project 3, but that is what it is referring too. It is a bit confusing, but looks like we have \$2,000 for education. Services by LIMNOPRO will be reimbursed (if we use them) under Project 2 (for Milfoil) and not under Project 3 funds. What is not clear is the amount of approval for projects 1 and 2. I have no approval or reports for those two projects, but it appears there is an \$8,000 approval for treatment (project 2). Also, in this attachment, Ariana states as a Lake Association we did not revise and rewrite the grant as requested by her... but I did write an amendment she requested as stated below! Not happy with her writing that we did not comply with her request. Sharon also, wanted to bring to our attention what the amendment states, but not sure if it applies being she did not recognize our written amendment. The notification states LWIA will purchase identification guides to give to qualified members for cost of \$1,200-\$1,600. This could be paid for from the grant approval under Project 3 of \$2,000.

**MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates** – Pat H reported April meeting was cancelled.

**8) Open Discussion** – Dave R and Mark J will be working on updating the water quality plan.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at TBD