

# Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting May 7, 2020

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson  
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 \$65,125.25      General Fund \$74,844.80

**Paid Memberships: 157**

**1) Call Meeting to Order 7 PM** by Pres. Steve Grotbo via tele-conferencing.

**2) Secretary's April Board Meeting Report** – approved to be posted on the website

**3) Treasurer's April Financial Reports-** Lyle will be preparing a year-end summary and the necessary information for Piehl, Hanson, Beckman to complete State and Federal reporting requirements. Income: \$11,608.27 - \$7000 memberships, \$39.27 interest, \$200 newsletter ads, \$100 donation, donations to Invasive Species \$2685 and Dassel Fire Dept. \$1580 by 53 people. Expenses: \$3276.62 - Newsletter \$1019, Membership cards and envelopes \$150.73, Hosting Pro \$490, I-lids mileage \$58.65, I-lids (Envt, Sentry) \$1359.64, Mn L&R dues \$200. April 30 is end of our fiscal year and Lyle will send out summary to all Board members.

**4) Garbage can at Ellsworth Landing** – The cost for this year (\$264.50) with a carryover from last year of \$57.12 leaves a balance due of \$207.38. Lyle will send payment to Barb Berg at the DNR.

**5) Lake Washington Executive Elections in June** – Elections for officers will be at our June meeting. Steve U will send committee and project groups for 2020-2021 out with the minutes. Board members will have a chance to choose the committee they wish to work on at the June/July board meetings.

**6) AIS Webinar is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Hybrid Happenings: The Latest on Hybrid Watermilfoil in Minnesota** – This is a free event but one needs to register. Mark J is already registered for this webinar. Ron B shared the vegetation committee has found some plants, during their surveys, that might be hybrid watermilfoil. Others expressed an interest in signing up for this webinar.

**7) Ice out** – Jenna O'Brien reported it was April 7.

**8) Committee Reports:**

**Aquatic Invasive Species:**

**A. Water Quality Testing** – Dave R has kit to do the testing for site 1. He will be getting an additional 6 tests kits for the inlets he has designated for testing this year.

**B. Vegetation Survey** – Mark J reported Limnopro will be doing a vegetation survey after Memorial Day, looking for areas of milfoil to treat. Previous estimates were found approximately 200 acres. Mark is proposing treatment of about 150 acres this year, based on Limnopro's survey. Ron and Mark will survey other sites they have found with milfoil to look at other areas that could benefit from treatments. The May 22 webinar may provide more information, impacting treatment options.

**C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection** – Dave R put up the unit on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>. He reports the video and audio were working. Based on the best information Dave has at this time it looks like there will be watercraft inspectors at the Ellsworth landing most weekends this summer sponsored by Meeker AIS. The DNR are not doing inspections this year.

**D. Cormorants & Pelicans** – Steve G reported there were 1431 comments received on the USFWS site regarding the control of cormorants. There were 2 new items on the site in April neither accepting comments.

1. The US Army Corps of Engineers has posted several large documents with lots of stuff from 2018-19.

2. A 208 page document suggesting there would be an estimated take of 160,000 birds, that would not make a significant impact on the populations. Five states including Minnesota stated there are currently no real problems with DCCOs. Steve will keep us updated when they open again for comments.

**E. Zebra Mussels** – Hotels will be put out on Memorial Weekend.

**F. Watershed** – Dave R reported Data Base information collected and submitted to Ron B. and it has been posted on our mapping website. We have a price for the cost of dredging the holding pond, that the board will consider looking at next year.

**Membership / Shoreline Captains** – There will not be an organizational meeting in May, due to the limitations on gathering sizes and social distancing requirements. Laurie J is loading the membership information data into the system. We are not asking Shore Line Captains to make in person contacts this year, the Board determined to leave it up to each person how they would contact the people on their shoreline list. Laurie will draft a letter the Captains can

share with their membership lists. She will get emails for those on the Captains membership list. Laurie will update memberships sometime in August. She suggested we include a Benefits of Being a LWIA member.

### **Education & Public Relations:**

**A. Summer Newsletter** – Ron B will let us know at the next Board meeting the cut-off date for articles. Pat H volunteered to contact the Dassel Fire Chief and ask him to write an article for our newsletter regarding the contributions LWIA members have made over the years.

**B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity** – Laurie is making updates and doing testing on the responsiveness and how well it works on multiple devices.

**Social Committee** – The Board is waiting to see about any social meetings this year. The topic of having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat parade was brought up. LWIA sponsored parades during the 1990's, but due to lack of participants was discontinued. Dennis Westendorp started a tradition in the early 2000's of decorating his pontoon and piping patriotic music as he drove around the lake. Others have also, drove around the lake playing music. Some thought the idea of organizing a parade was a good idea, Steve G will contact Cindy H about taking the lead on this.

**Financial / Grants** – Sharon D thanked Ron and Lyle for submitting hours and expense information that she uses when writing grants. She would like to remind all of us to keep track of our time and expenses to submit to her, this is very helpful when writing grants. Sharon reported there was some confusion with the AIS grant about our submission of an update. From what she understands our grant for AIS reimbursement was ok'd. This did include the purchase of ID tags that are actually laminated booklets costing \$40 each. After a discussion the Board tabled this purchase at this time.

**MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates** – No meeting are being scheduled at this time.

**9) Membership giveaways** – This is a continuation of our discussion about giving away some form of a gift for those that sign up to be members this year. The Board discussed 2 options: 1. Spatula with 50% sponsorship of the costs. 2. AIS ID Tags (laminated booklet costing \$40 each). Several different options were discussed. As a group the Board decided this was not a good year to do this based on economic factors and our ability to connect with property owners directly this year.

**10) Open Discussion** – Lyle W reported R Johnson called and reported dozens of dead frogs on his beach this spring. Other Board members have noted similar happenings, also have seen dead turtles appear in the spring. Any time there are dead fish, or wildlife on beaches or in the water, one should call the DNR so they can investigate these occurrences.

Dave R was asked by a member if we would consider electronic payments for dues. After a short discussion, Lyly pointed out there are many things that would need to be done and is not a good idea, the Board concurred.

**Next Board Meeting Scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at TBD**