

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting August 11, 2020

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

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

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund General Fund

Paid Memberships: 189

1) **Call Meeting to Order** 7 PM -by President Steve Grotbo, with Zoom session open.

2) **Secretary's July Board Meeting Report** – approved to publish on our website.

3) **Treasurer's July Financial Reports** - Lyle reported Income: Ten memberships were processed for \$500. Two add payments were received for \$140. Affordable Pumping was sold on June 1 so we won't receive payment for that add. Talked to the new owner and hopefully they will continue to advertise with us. Expense side, the \$38,301 is the payment to Limnopro for the lake treatment contract. Summer newsletter printing and postage is the \$786 and the \$192 is expense incurred to install Laurie's new version on the website. Dues were paid to MCAL (\$20) and Conservation MN (\$200). RMB water analysis tests \$171. Total funds at July 31 were \$102,919. \$30,000 was transferred from the Capitol One account to cover the Limnopro check. Board approved the Treasurer's report.

4) **MAISRC Research and Management Showcase on September 22-24** afternoons will be virtual meetings, but they have not opened registration at this time.

5) **U of M Low-dose Copper for Zebra Mussel Suppression on August 26th** at 1 PM is a webinar, that has not been opened for free registration at this time. Steve G. did put this on our Facebook page.

6) **DNR buoys in the lake on July 21st**, what are they for? These buoys were part of the DNR Fish/Walleye 3 year study project and were part of their annual fish survey.

7) **New "Welcome to Lake Washington" signs** designed by Laurie J and approved by the board are 18x30 inches. Sharon D and Mike W report that we will need 11 signs to replace those we currently have around the lake, at a cost of \$970.00. She shared a map of the current signage around the lake. Mike stated we will need 5 new, heavier gauge steel posts at a total cost of \$163.00. The Board approved spending up to \$1500.00 for this project, that will also include 2 new stickers of our logo at a cost of about \$15.00

8) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. Water Quality Testing – Dave R reported the seechi disk readings at 3-4.5 feet. They will be pulling a water sample from site #10, for testing, sometime this week. Dave and Laurie will get together to develop a better way to record and view the water testing data on our website. They will add data columns for including water flow rates. Ron B noted some of the text on the website is very-light and hard to read. Laurie will look at the text on the website to make it easier to read. It was noted Newsletter from Fall 2019 was not posted.

B. Vegetation Survey – Limnopro treated 77 acres of milfoil on the past Thursday and Friday, with them possibly needing the following Monday to finish. The DNR did meet the crew treating the milfoil and tested the approved the treatment mixture. Sharon asked if we get a discount for being an MCAL member, but it seems that does not apply to treatments.

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection – Dave R reported it seems to be working very well, just need the lens cleaned. There is a video of someone getting too close to the tower, but all is ok.

D. Cormorants & Pelicans – Steve G reported there were 1431 comments in the first round and another 1052 for the second round on the USFW site that closed on July 20th. Steve thought about half the comments were in favor of some control and the other half that proclaimed save the birds. Because they are not taking comments any longer one is unable to look at the previous comments. The Office of Budget and Management is required to make a decision, regarding the rule change of allowing more local control of cormorants, in 30-60 days.

E. Zebra Mussels – Ron B reported very few if any zebra mussels on the hotel off his dock. Mike W commented there were mostly very small ones on his hotel.

F. Watershed – Dave R reported he made the holes on the stack pipe at site #301 larger from 5/16 to 3/8 inch diameter.

Membership / Shoreline Captains – Laurie J reports 195 new members and she has sent out an email to all Captains that she has more vegetation cards that they can pick up at her house.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Fall Newsletter – Ron B would like to get the Fall Newsletter out by early October because there are advertisers that have time sensitive services. Due date for articles will be September 14

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – The July 4th Boat Parade got many reviews, with pictures from the local media. Sue Schwinghammer the organizer was interviewed for at least one article. There was some chatter on our social media about Personal Water Craft legal hours of operation.

The hours are 9:30 AM and 1 hour before sunset. Also reports (emails and Facebook) of very loud music last Saturday, coming from the south side of the lake.

Social Committee – Waiting for next year.

Financial – Grants – Sharon B shared that MCAL grant applications are due October 18. She asks for any and all in-kind hours any one has put in this year. Presently she has us at a total of 510 volunteer hours.

MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates – Pat H reported there was a July meeting that consisted of primarily the election of officers. George Cramer continues to be the President. Sharon D reported maximum grant from MCAL is \$5000.00 for 2021. Meeker County will pay up to \$500 for water quality testing. MCAL next meeting Oct. 15.

8) Open Discussion

Next Board Meeting **Scheduled for 7 PM September 3rd at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.**