

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting March 3, 2022

Board Members Present (via Zoom): Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson, Ron Bubany, Steve Grotbo, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson

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

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$48,672.40                      General Fund \$71,077.98

### **Paid Memberships:**

1) Call Meeting to Order (March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 PM via Zoom) by President Steve Grotbo

2) Secretary's February Board Meeting Report – Report was approved.

3) Treasurer's February Financial Report – Lyle W. reported Income: Interest \$3.94; Expenses: PO Box rental \$84. Total funds \$119,750.38. Report was approved. Also approved was the continued use of Piehl, Hanson, and Beckman as LWIA's CPA firm.

The projection screen at the Dassel Rod and Gun club has been damaged beyond repair. The LWIA paid half the cost of the screen in the past. Tentative approval was given for the LWIA to pay half the cost of a new screen, but need confirmation of the total cost. Final approval by the board will be via email.

4) Lake Management Plan – Steve U reported some board members helped make updates and corrections. Dave R and Ron B helped proof-read and update the latest plan. Ron added landings on the lake map and has put the plan on our website. Final version of the Lake Management Plan was approved.

5) Lake Restoration possible partnership – Pat H., Sharon D., and Steve G. met with Chad Hadler on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeting covered we are using Linnopro for vegetation assessment. Chad mentioned the cost for 24d doubled due to increased agriculture usage vs diquat. Treatment for milfoil is still effective until early October. For residential treatment, Steve G. will modify the form to allow for electronic entry. We need at least 20 residents signed up by early May. Cost will be approximately \$600 per resident per summer for two treatments. The DNR permit takes about 4 weeks (Lake Restoration will get all permits). June will be the 1<sup>st</sup> treatment followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment about 5 weeks later. Goal is to get people to sign up at the pork chop dinner. Chad also recommended alternating chemicals each year to reduce the chance of vegetation becoming resistant to treatment.

6) Culvert replacement – Meeker County Public Works sent a letter to Property Owners around Lake Washington and Lake Stella as well as Members of the General Public announcing Public Meeting regarding the CSAH 14 Culvert replacement. Meeting is scheduled to take place on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Dassel Area Historical Society Building located at 901 1<sup>st</sup> St. Dassel, MN.

7) Ellsworth landing parking lot – Nothing new to report

8) New board member needed – Laurie J., Ron B., and Sharon D. confirmed they will run again for reelection. Ray Brueggemeier has agreed to run to fill the board member seat vacated by Cindy Hewitt.

9) Donating to MAISRC – This topic was tabled until this meeting. The board approved a \$5,000 donation to MAISRC for zebra mussel research. LWIA has previously donated to MAISRC since 2017.

### 10) Committee Reports:

#### Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. Water Quality Testing – Expect to receive price for water testing from RMB labs in the April time frame.

B. Vegetation Survey – James from [www.freshwatersci.com](http://www.freshwatersci.com) covered “meandering” vs “point intercept” survey during last U of M coffee break. Depending on the size of the gap in the point intercept you can easily miss milfoil. This is important for when looking at areas previously treated, thus a meandering

survey should be considered. As part of the meandering survey, look for areas and if something does not look right, rake samples should be taken.

Another interesting aspect of curly-leaf pondweed is the roots die off each year. It has tureons (seeds) that get planted, which can pop up years later, up to 5 years. So treating curly-leaf pondweed needs to be done before the seeds form, and even with treatment it can take multiple years to remove.

Milfoil treatment is different because the roots are killed and the plant does not come back after treatment. So the year treatment happens, it is possible the plant will still be visible, but the following year you are all good for that treated spot.

Last year Limnopro used both meandering and point intercept survey for Lake Washington.

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection – Request has been sent to Colin Wright, MN DNR Parks and Trails for approval of the I-LIDS Special Use Permit (SUP). Repairs and upgrades have been implemented on the I-LIDS system to correct the problems encountered late last summer. New lead acid batteries and clock button battery installed. Camera software was update for better power management and the storing of videos. Controller firmware was updated to the latest configuration.

D. Cormorants & Pelicans – Nothing to report

E. Zebra Mussels – Nothing to report

F. Watershed – Nothing to report

Membership / Shoreline Captains – LWIA needs additional Shoreline Captains. Steve G. and Ron B. will send an email requesting volunteers.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Spring Newsletter – Ron B. needs articles submitted to him by March 28<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Newsletter. Ads from EZ Dock, Backyard reflection, Midwest Garden, and Hewitt Dock are expected.

Steve U. has been getting information from Scott Mackenthun (DNR) to contribute to newsletter.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – Ron B. updated the board member list on the LWIA website.

Social Committee – Sue Schwinghammer has agreed to lead the 4th of July parade again this year. LWIA would like the association to be represented in the Twine Ball parade. Steve G. will ask for volunteers. Pork chop dinner will cover Elections of board members and thanking Cindy Hewitt for her service. No speakers are planned.

The Annual Meeting & Pork Chop Dinner will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Pot Luck Dinner will be held August 6<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be at Dassel Rod & Gun Club, times will be announced at a later date.

Financial: Grants – Sent grant application to DNR for AIS treatment. Found out LWIA can collect both DNR and Meeker Co. AIS grants per Jake Walsh DNR.

MCAL – Representatives/meeting dates for the rest of 2022 are April 21, July 21, October 21 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor old Middle School Library at Aaker Building all at 7 PM.

11) Open Discussion – Nothing to report

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.