

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting June 7, 2022

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

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

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$49,250.80 General Fund \$73,659.35

Paid Memberships:

1) Call Meeting to Order 7 PM

2) Secretary's May Board Meeting Report: Approved

3) Treasurer's May Financial Report: Approved. Delivered to Hanson, Beckman, Piehl the information for year end audit.

4) Culvert replacement:

From Phil Schmalz yesterday (June 6th):

We have our plans complete and approved. We are ready to advertise the project for contractors, but we are still waiting on the DNR permit that they likely will not give us until they finish their analysis. The DNR's initial timeline had their analysis complete in April so at this point in time I really don't know what the timeline is.

Once the DNR approves the permit (assuming they require no changes) we would have to advertise the project for about 1 month and then award the job to the successful contractor. My primary concern right now is the availability of the concrete box culvert sections. I'm told manufactures are dealing with a significant backlog which could also have an impact on the construction once a contractor gets the work. Of course, if the DNR comes back with something other than concurrence with our hydraulic study and culvert sizing that will delay things further.

Phil

5) Ellsworth landing parking lot:

From Kristy yesterday (June 6th)

Hi Steve,

I called Waste Management this morning and they will get one out there tomorrow. Not sure why it wasn't delivered.

Thanks for letting me know

Kristy

Still no garbage can as of June 7th at Ellsworth landing.

6) Executive board elections:

Steve Grotbo was reelected as President, Mike Wosmek was reelected as Vice President, Lyle Walker was reelected as Treasurer, Steve Ullom was reelected as Secretary

7) Lake Steward Program:

Steve G had one-on-one training on May 16th with Kayla Hanke of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Primary purpose was to teach how to use their app for recording properties and determining if the property owners qualify to be a "Lake Steward".

A web based survey is available for people to take and copy of results are emailed to Steve.

Property owners can request a formal survey, which at this time only Steve G can hand out. If someone is deemed a lake Steward, they can do cost share on getting a sign. The Lake Washington logo is also on the sign. Last year's cost was \$46 per sign; \$23 cost to the property owner.

Suggested Facebook posts have been provided. Ron did add link to this in our Spring newsletter.

The primary goal is education,

Are we interested in pursuing this?

Sharon's comment – Hours of training to be turned in for reimbursement.

Steve is trained to interview people to be approved as Lake Stewards. Ellsworth landing is approved due to the work done last year. A sign will be put up there. Suggested to have a booth at the pot luck dinner for education on the Lake Stewards program.

8) Volunteer Water Monitor:

Tom Gayner sent the information on four weather stations around the lake already. His can be reached at <https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KMNDASSE16> which also allows you to click on the other three. His device cost about \$150 and he has to just replace the batteries every couple years as the only maintenance. Tom did offer to write up a summer newsletter article.

This is not the same as what the MN Climatology Office was looking for from Rainfall Volunteers, however, the question is, will this meet our needs even though it wouldn't be official rainfall data.

Pat decided not to do the rain monitoring.

9) Dam height:

Dave R. had no new information on this and hasn't heard from Ethan Jansen (DNR) yet.

10) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

- A. Water Quality Testing: Dave R. did secchi testing June 7th. Average depth was 8 feet and water temperature 69.6°F. Plan to pull water samples June 13th.
- B. Vegetation Survey: Mark J. has contract for \$1481 with LIMNOPRO to do survey in July – August timeframe. Ron, Mike, & Mark will continue to do their normal monthly testing as well.
- C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection: Dave R. changed a magnet sensor parameter per directions from Eric Lindberg. I-LIDS captures approximately 3,500 videos per year. We don't have anyone looking at videos besides Environmental Sentry. Ray & Brett agreed to check videos that Environmental Sentry does not review.

D. Cormorants & Pelicans:

It seems that pelicans are still around this year. They come and go, but not at the 60+ count as before. Jim Gray reported on May 25th:

“This morning on Spring Lake, we had a couple dozen pelicans, and over 2000 cormorants. They were not here for a couple weeks, must have been nesting on Pigeon. How is Washington?”

Here is Steve G's unscientific tracking:

11 May = 13 at 12:45 PM

13 May = 3 at 9:00 AM

19 May = 38 at 6:30 AM

20 May = 34 at 8:30 AM

21 May = 31 at 9:30 AM

24 May = Mike indicated a couple hundred cormorant along with some pelicans

27 May = 7 at 7:30 AM

01 Jun = 14 at 3:45 PM

Steve G. will write to Scott Mackenthun and let him know the number of Pelicans seen. DNR may be able to help as well as LWIA.

- E. Zebra Mussels: Mike W. put out the hotels on Memorial Day in the same locations as last year.
- F. Watershed: Mike W. provided a photo of the intake on the South side of the lake, showing debris plugging the top of the pipe. Recommended installing a cone type grate to correct the problem. Board approved up to \$125 for new grate.

Next fish survey is planned in 2023 by DNR.

Membership / Shoreline Captains: Per Laurie J. commented that membership was now at 163. Shoreline captains meeting was May 21 with 11 people attending. Ruth Lotsof commented to Laurie she would join as a shoreline captain, as did Boni Halverson. With these two new ones, we still have 4 open spots.

Education & Public Relations:

- A. Summer Newsletter: Per Ron B. Midwest Garden and Kaping Landscaping may advertise. Ron will give them a call. Newsletter articles are due to Ron B. June 27th
- B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity: Received request for Lake Washington clothing. Forwarded info to Renae Mckimm. Online web site www.Etsy.com has clothing and anyone can order their own. This site allows adding a lake name on items as a sweatshirt.

Social Committee:

There was a free hotdog meal Saturday, June 4th at Lake Stella landing sponsored by their association. They served about 70 people.

LWIA had a smaller turnout than prior years for the pork chop dinner, about 90 people. Question: Would we get more people if we had a speaker? Suggestion was that we would need an interesting topic. Ethan Jansen (DNR Parks and Rec.) was suggested to maybe speak on water levels next May 2023.

Boat parade will be July 4th. Anyone interested in being in the parade meet at Sportsman Park at 1:00pm on the 4th.

Financial – Grants: No Changes or new grants at this time. Sharon D reminded all to turn in their In-Kind hours on a monthly basis so she can record them. Also, turn in any receipts for reimbursement to her.

MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates: Next MCAL meeting July 21st at 7 PM. Need a new President as George Kramer is no longer doing for MCAL.

11) Open Discussion:

There has been a wonderful display of fireworks on Lake Washington every year, and everyone enjoys them! Thanks to those that do them for all to enjoy! Comment from the board is that LWIA does not donate toward items as this, nor can they advertise this on Facebook.

Cindy Hewitt. received the mug for her service on the board. She said she liked it and thanked the board.

Dave R. had to drive to RMB labs to deliver the May water sample as Spee-Dee delivery failed to pick up the sample to get it to the lab in time. Dave will drive to Spee-Dee facility in St. Cloud for future samples to ensure they are received at RMB timely.

DNR has issued permits to lake owners that signed up with Lake Restoration for spraying their shoreline.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for July 7th at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.

Meeting adjourned!

Minutes submitted by Dave Rathe