

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting July 7, 2022

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

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$49,543.23                      General Fund \$75,304.35

**Paid Memberships: 190**

**1) Call Meeting to Order 7 PM** – by President Steve Grotbo

**2) Secretary's June Board Meeting Report** – Submitted by Dave R approved for publishing on website.

**3) Treasurer's June Financial Report** – Lyle W reported Income: Memberships (27) \$1350.00, Invasive Species \$335, Interest \$4.23, DFD contributions \$295.00. Expenses: \$46.80 mileage for delivering water testing samples. Total contributions to DFD this year \$2180.00 Total funds as of 6/30/2022 \$124,847.58. Board Approved. Peihl, Hanson, Beckman completed yearly audit and filed Federal Forms and State report submitted with \$25 processing fee by Lyle W.

Board approved a resolution to accept the audit from Piehl, Hanson, Beckman, and filing of required reports.

**4) Committee assignments** – for July 2022-July 2023

**1. Aquatic Invasive Species Committee**

I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspections – Dave Rathe, Mike Wosmek, Ray Brueggenmeier, Brett Rasmussen

Water Quality Testing - Dave Rathe, Mike Wosmek, Brett Rasmussen

Vegetation Survey - Ron Bubany, Mark Johnson, Mike Wosmek

Watershed - Mike Wosmek, Brett Rasmussen Joe Norman – Meeker Co. Soil & Water

Cormorant - Steve Grotbo, Rick Fernstrom, Pat Hanson, Bonni Halverson

Zebra Mussels – Dave Rathe, Mike Wosmek

**2. Education / Public Relations / Communications Committee**

Ron Bubany (Newsletter and email), Steve Grotbo (Facebook), Laurie Johnson (Website), Bonni Halverson, Steve Ullom, Pat Hanson

**3. Finance Committee** Lyle Walker

**4. Grants Committee** – Sharon Daniels, Bonni Halverson, Steve Ullom

**5. Membership & Shoreline Captains Committee** –

Sandy & Mike Wosmek, Sharon Daniels, Pat Hanson

Membership Chair and Shoreline Captains – Laurie Johnson

**6. Social Committee** Sandy & Mike Wosmek, Pat Hanson, Bonni Halverson

MCAL Representative            1. Pat Hanson, 2. Sharon Daniels

**5) Culvert replacement** – No new information at this time, the County is waiting for DNR permits before hiring a contractor.

**6) Ellsworth landing parking lot** – The garbage can was delivered shortly after the June 7 Board meeting.

Bonnie H is checking with Darwin Township and DNR Parks regarding who has ownership responsibilities for the landing parking lot. The Board has inquired about having the lot seal coated before they restripe the lot. The Board is waiting for a response to clarify who is responsible for maintaining the parking lot.

**7) Lake Steward** – Steve G reported: Kayla Hanke (Minnesota Lakes and Rivers) agreed to do a presentation at the May meeting, she will give a short (15-20 minute) speech. Hopefully by having a speaker for May meeting we will get a larger turnout. Steve G will share with her there are places in Litchfield to stay over night.

Steve G. did the app for their property and it qualified for this program.. They will be getting the plaque to verify they qualified for the Lake Steward Program. Steve will start Facebook posts about others joining the Lake Steward Program after the newsletter comes out. He will work as a facilitator for this program. Steve G is going to work on getting the Ellsworth landing in this program, he believes it meets the criteria. Also, would be a way to advertise this

program. The plaque would be placed at the landing. There is a small fee (about \$23) the Board agreed to pay. Laurie J announced she is working on getting their property in this program.

**8) Dam height** – Dave R did get a response from Ethan Jenzen ( Area DNR Hydrologist, Spicer office). In April 2022, Ethan did visit the dam and conducted a survey and inspection of the structure, noting the crest elevation was unchanged since the 1989 DNR survey. He noted no indication of settling or significant degradation to the structure. He did go into details about the varying water levels over the years and low water levels for the past year are the reason for lower water levels on the lakes in the watershed. He did explain changing current outlet structures and controls for lakes is a very difficult and lengthy process, regulated by many MN Statutes. Ethan agreed to write an article on water levels and the integrity of the dam structure for our Fall Newsletter. He also would like to take a tour of the lake, which would give Dave R. a chance to show him all the inlets to the lake and get feed back about these structures.

## **9) Committee Reports:**

### **Aquatic Invasive Species:**

**A. Water Quality Testing** – Dave R reported seechi disk reading on July 1 averaged 5.5 feet, this is significantly better than years ago. Water sampling will occur during the third week in July. RMB has not posted any results for samples at this time. Lake water temperature was 78 degrees. Dave has learned Standard Printing in Hutchinson is a daily pickup site for Speedee. He will be taking water samples there to be shipped to RMB.

**B. Vegetation Survey** – The Committee conducted a vegetation survey of 70 waypoints on the lake using a random sampling route. They found no EWM. Sharon D. reported Eric Katzenmier (DNR) did a vegetation survey of Washington last week and they did not find any EWM.

**C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection** – Eric reported getting some false positives, so Dave R cut down some weeds that might have been blocking the area around the unit. Brett R has been viewing some of the videos.

**D. Cormorants & Pelicans** – Steve G reported: Email exchange on controlling pelicans took place with Scott Mackenthun (DNR) and Michael Worland (DNR). In the end, they are protected as well. Pigeon Lake happens to be one of the 7 lakes with nesting pelicans in Minnesota.

The entire original “Pigeon Lake Cormorant and Pelican Impacts Committee” along with Jim Gray (Spring Lake) was included in this email exchange. Steve G was hoping for one of the other lakes to add commentary, but nothing so far.

**E. Zebra Mussels** – Mike W. did find one on the plates by his house.

**F. Watershed** - The culvert (on the south side of the lake east of Dave R’s) Mike W talked about at the last meeting needing some type of metal cover/screen to keep debris from plugging the screen or washing into the lake, actually needed an 18 inch diameter cover. He found one that was coned shaped and much sturdier than the previous one. It did cost \$221.42 (the Board approved) and he installed it. Mike was pleased with the design and sturdy structure of this cover that will last for years.

**Membership / Shoreline Captains** – Laurie J reported we have 190 members, last year at this time we had 184. She has sent out updated membership data to some of the Shore Line Captains. She is still looking for more Captains to fill in open Shoreline areas. She does have a few names to work into the mix, she is working on delegating these people to open spots. Steve G will put something on Facebook about needing volunteers to help with Shore Line Captains.

Membership data and information: Laurie has set up an Excel system to keep track of all the membership data that Ron B has been keeping on a system we purchase every year at a cost of \$490.00. LWIA has been purchasing this system on a yearly contract. We will no longer use this contract system and let it expire in April of 2023. Laurie has the data on her computer and will share this information with Ron B as she updates it. They will work together to make the data transfer easy and confidential, and up to date for Ron to send out emails and for newsletter addresses both email and postal.

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

**A. Summer Newsletter** – Ron is sending to the printer on Monday July 11. There are six ads in this addition. Lyle has either been paid for ads or will bill for them.

**B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity** – Steve G reported - Multiple inquiries on residential weed / swimmer's itch control. Generally agreed that many attempts were made by Steve G and online along with the news letter to let people know of this treatment option and will use similar strategy next year.

### **Social Committee:**

Pot Luck Dinner –

Saturday August 6 at Rod n Gun Club : Social Hour 5-6; Dinner at 6; Q & A session after that.

The Board decided to not do Door Prizes this year.

EZ Dock is paying for the meat and buns. It will be Sandy's Choice regarding what kind of meat she will serve. We have a \$200 limit for this expense.

**Financial – Grants** – Sharon reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours to her.

**MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates** – Pat Hanson reported next meeting is July 21

### **10) Open Discussion**

There were sixteen boats, pontoons, barge, and 2 jet skis in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. For as windy as it was seems like a good turn out.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.