

# Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting February 7, 2023

Board Members Present: Mike Wosmek, Lyle Walker,  
Ron Bubany, Bonni Halverson, Steve Grotbo, David Rathe,  
Sharon Daniels, Brett Rassmusen, Ray Brueggenmeier

**Treasurer Report:** As of 1/31/23 Invasive Species Fund \$53,130.91 General Fund \$70,601.68

**Paid Memberships:** In January 0.

1) Call Meeting to Order 7 PM

2) Secretary's October Board Meeting Report

Steve U. sent minutes on October 14<sup>th</sup> with corrections on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Approved on October 20<sup>th</sup> via email.

3) Treasurer's October, November, December, and January Financial Reports

Lyle sent October report on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, November report on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, December report on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, and January report on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. All reports were approved.

Received \$4.37 in interest income for January and there were no expenses.

4) Residential funding for restoration

Received request to help fund lakeshore restoration from a resident. Steve G. thanked them for their interest in lakeshore improvement, but the LWIA cannot fund individual property improvements. However, it was recommended to the resident that this project could be a great candidate for the Lake Steward program as has been announced in the recent newsletters.

5) Culvert replacement

Received following from Phil Schmalz (Meeker county) last week.

~~No news... still at an impasse with the property owner with regards to Right of Way.~~ This was corrected on February 10<sup>th</sup>. See below.

Steve G. will see if he can find out more information.

Steve G. learned from Phil Schmalz February 10<sup>th</sup>, there is no Right-of-Way (ROW) issue for the Stella/Washington culvert replacement. The reported ROW issue was for another lake. Culvert replacement is targeted for July or August 2023. Concrete culvert availability is the long-lead material.

6) Lake Steward

Nothing new. Will reach out to confirm speaker (Jeff Forester from MN Lakes & Rivers) is still available for May 6<sup>th</sup> pork chop meeting.

7) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. Water Quality Testing

Plan to conduct 5 water quality tests this summer, one per month starting in May. Will also conduct water clarity tests, Lake Stella inlet flow rate, and surface water temperature approximately twice per month. Have not received a cost estimate from RMB Labs to conduct the phosphorus and chlorophyll-A tests.

B. Vegetation Survey

Steve G received following from Paul Kretsch of Lake Restoration and passed it to Mark Johnson.

Are you in charge of the Invasives treatment Program on Lake Washington as well? I wanted to reach out and make myself available to discuss Lake Washington's lake-wide invasive plant management objectives for 2023. Let me know if this is you, or someone else. I emailed Brenda as well.

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection

I-LIDS installation will be done after 1 April 2023 weather permitting. Just need the install completed prior to fish opener on 13 May 2023. Removal this year will be done prior to 30 November 2023. We haven't received an invoice from Environmental Sentry Protection yet for the cost of video capture and review.

Last fall there was a potential violation observed in the captured video and this was reported to the Meeker County Sheriff.

#### D. Cormorants & Pelicans

Nothing new.

#### E. Zebra Mussels

Settlement plates will be installed on Memorial Day this summer and picked up on Labor Day. Plan is to install all 11 plates at the same locations as previous years.

Last summer the plates had hundreds of zebra mussels, but all were immature except one mature zebra mussel.

#### F. Watershed

Plan to do inlet water testing on up to 6 inlets following a heavy rain. Work still needs to be completed on loading historical data into the LWIA web site.

The Meeker County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) completed the survey to correct where a culvert has caused a large washout. The washout and culvert are near 69669 233<sup>rd</sup> St. SWCD has not yet completed the layout and cost estimate. Joe Norman of SWCD stated these should be completed the week of 2/13/23. Mike W. will follow up.

#### Membership / Shoreline Captains

Final membership for 2022 was 216. The old membership database system from The Hosting Pros, LLC has been discontinued saving \$490 per annum.

Steve G. reported several new Shoreline Captains have been recruited.

#### Education & Public Relations:

##### A. Spring Newsletters

Steve G. asked if ad prices, should be adjusted for inflation. Current pricing is \$40 for ¼ page, \$60 for ½ page, and \$80 for full page. We also do special inside cover for all three for EZ Dock for \$300. The board approved rising prices to \$60 for ¼ page, \$80 for ½ page, \$100 for full page and the EZ Dock special for \$350.

Steve G. reported, residential weed treatment seems to be happening as DNR permit has already been applied for. Suggested adding article for last minute people to get signed up. Note that Chad is no longer with Lake Restoration. Steve G. will do a news article to see if others are still interested. Need to sign up by 3/31/23 to avoid price increase.

##### B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity

Ron B. reported the website was updated. Old obsolete and redundant information was removed. This should improve viewing on smart phones

#### Social Committee

Pork chop dinner is scheduled for 5/6/23 and the Pot luck dinner is scheduled for 8/5/23.

#### Financial – Grants

Steve G did attend the “No child left inside” informational meeting from DNR. The grants seem easy enough to get, but the caveat is the lake association would need to get special insurance. So in the end, this is not cost effective for a \$500 grant.

#### 2022 Grants

Oct 31<sup>st</sup>: End of year reports completed, MCAL & AIS grants for 2023 completed, invoices sent to Meeker County for \$2,021.33 and was paid. AIS paid \$1,622.28.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: DNR grant application completed and sent. However, no grant was awarded.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>: MCAL grant approved for \$4,000

Dec 29<sup>th</sup>: Invoiced Meeker County for 2022 water testing and was paid \$382.00

Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: Total in-kind hours for 2022 were 1,025.

As of Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2023: No response yet on AIS grant application for 2023.

#### MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates

Pat H. attended the 1/19/23 MCAL meeting. No meeting minutes have been issued yet.

Pat H. forwarded the “Keep it Clean” promotion information to all board members. The board decided not to pursue implementation at this time.

#### 8) Open Discussion

2023 board meeting dates:

1. Feb 7 (Tuesday)
2. Mar 2 (Thursday)
3. Apr 4 (Tuesday)
4. May 4 (Thursday)
5. Jun 6 (Tuesday)
6. Jul 6 (Thursday)
7. Aug 8 (Tuesday) - Delay a week because of National Night Out
8. Sep 7 (Thursday)
9. Oct 3 (Tuesday)

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> via Microsoft Teams. May also have an in person meeting, location TBD.