

# Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting July 6, 2023

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

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$56,357.79      General Fund \$78,940.28

**Paid Memberships: 182**

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

**2) Secretary's June Board Meeting Report** – approved for publication on the website.

**3) Treasurer's June Financial Report** – Lyle W reported Income (\$1379.23): Memberships \$950, Invasive Species \$300, DFD \$125 ( 78 people have donated \$2607.00), Interest \$4.23. Expenses: H2O Testing \$18.08, Admin Expenses (Yearly audit and fees) \$425, I-Lids annual costs \$2610.74. Total Funds as of June 30<sup>th</sup> \$133,623.46  
Lyle has new email address. Steve G will contact EZ Dock regarding \$300 for Newsletter ads.

**4) Culvert replacement** – Anticipate project beginning around July 19. The paving project on the road has begun and the road is all tore-up.

**5) Lake Steward** – Steve G is working with several people certified and others to get signs shipped together to save on costs. Some people have chosen plants with very long roots to aid in stabilizing their shoreline.

**6) Garage sale** -Glenn Klaphake reached out asking for interest in a chain of lakes garage sale.

Lake Manuella just completed an all-lake garage sale held this past weekend of June 26, 2023. We were delightfully successful this 1st time around.

Perhaps the chain of lakes (watershed partners) . Manuella, Minnie Belle, Stella and Washington could host a coordinated and yearly garage, yard and/or craft sale weekend extravaganza.

Glen would be willing to facilitate the process if a relevant contact from Stella be sent his way? His intention would be to invite a rep from Washington and Minnie Belle as well, but I need contacts to begin.

The Board approved Steve G contacting Glen, saying we are willing to send out information once the dates are set. We will not be sharing our email or mailing lists.

**7) Committee Reports:** Reviewed Committee and Project Assignments for 2023-2024 and all agreed to staying on present Committees.

## **Aquatic Invasive Species:**

Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) just released annual report today on-line.

**A. Water Quality Testing** – Dave R reported committee went our June 12 – seechi 6.5 feet, water temp. 74.3 degrees. On June 27<sup>th</sup> clarity was 4.5 feet with temperature of 77.7 degrees. Dave noted clarity even in the middle of the lake was unusually low. Has not received any data from RMB.

**B. Vegetation Survey** – Steve G reported Residential treatment took place on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Nice report pictures came with it this time. Weeds are dying off in the treated area.

Noted there is a Blue-Green algae report in newsletter about how to test for algae.

Mark J reported Limnopro did their AIS survey on June 30, they shared information about what they were doing and some flags marking areas they surveyed. Vegetation Committee with be going out week of July 10<sup>th</sup> to do first survey this year.

**C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection** – Dave reports I-Lids working well and Ray is doing video reviews.

**D. Cormorants & Pelicans** – Steve G reported there was really nothing new. Scott M. (DNR) has put out an offer to meet with someone to discuss this and no one showed an interest in meeting.

## **E. Zebra Mussels**

Added piece in newsletter for activities that MAISRC is doing.

**F. Watershed** – Mike W reported the Lyn Schmidt project bids are complete and Lyn met with the contractor awarded the bid, Lindberg Construction from Litchfield. This project is scheduled for some-time this summer. On the southeast side of the lake there is black stuff coming out of a culvert and they are still hearing water running. With two culverts side by side it is difficult to know which one has water coming through. Joe Norman suggested stand-up culverts, similar to others Skip installed to help with the water flow problems. New stand-up pipes have a brush inside the helps slow the flow and collect solids. Joe Norman will check with Alhgren regarding any open tiles running into these pipes.

**Membership / Shoreline Captains** – Laurie J recently sent out updated lists to the Shore Line Captain's but is still looking for more volunteers Captains. We have 182 members with 5 new ones turned in at this meeting.

## **Education & Public Relations:**

A. Summer Newsletters - Ron B reported the newsletter will be going to the printer July 10<sup>th</sup>. All agreed this is a very awesome looking newsletter. Steve G will check with EZ Dock about payments for ads.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – Steve G reported many lost and found items have been returned using Face Book. Three items came in on one day.

**Social Committee** - Due to the windy conditions the Fourth of July parade was six boats and some jet skis. South side fireworks and concert was a big hit. Cindy Hewitt said she has next two years already booked.

EZ Dock agreed to sponsor the food for the Potluck dinner. Sandy W reported she has the menu covered and LWIA will pay for the food and then bill EZ Dock. Steve G cannot make the potluck meeting, so Mike W will run the meeting.

**Financial** – Grants Sharon D reported getting an email from Jake Walsch regarding grant funds for us with the DNR. We have a couple of weeks to turn in projects completed by 6/30/23. Lyle... if you can take a pic of the checks before mailing showing paid, then text to Sharon that would be great, or text actual copy of paid checks from the bank. Sharon has copies of invoices for ILIDS and survey but not sure if the projects were completed by 6/30/23. If there was any other work completed and with invoices and copy of paid check please email to me prior to July 24th.

**MCAL** - Representatives/meeting dates – Pat H reported next meeting is July 20.

**8) Open Discussion** – It was noted there have been several fishing tournaments on the lake lately. There was a High Schoolers event last week.

Mike W led a discussion about the Warren Nelson Farm project costs of about \$20,000.00. Meeker Soil and Water have money for about 70% of the project. Mike reported the property owners will pay some of the costs, and also felt this project benefited the lake in many ways. He suggested the Board make a contribution toward the total costs. The Board approved contributing up to \$3000.00 toward this project.

Next Board Meeting is Scheduled for **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at Dassel Rod and Gun. No August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.