

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting February 6, 2024

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 \$63,298.48 General Fund \$70,537.42

Paid Memberships: 206 for 2023

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

2) **Secretary's October Board Meeting Report** – Approved for publication on website via email on 10/27/23

3) **Treasurer's October, November, December, and January Financial Reports** - Lyle W reported:

October – Income: Membership \$50, Interest \$4.38, Ad payment \$100, Grant payment \$6116.93,

Contributions - \$10 AIS, \$10 DFD, \$400 In Memory of Dean Shaner. Total \$6676.03

Expenses: \$824.52 Newsletter, \$2792.00 Dassel Fire Dept. Total \$3616.52. Total Funds \$133,278.89

November – Income: \$4.24 Interest, \$ 1547.20 Grant. Expenses - \$0.00 Total Funds \$133,278.89.

December – Income: \$942.32 Interest. Expenses: \$410.00 RMB H20 Testing. Transferred \$18,000.00 to Cap One

Year End: Chkbnk - \$12868.70; CAP One \$69554.43; Perrenial CD \$51,400.08 Total Funds\$133.823.21

January 2024 Income – \$410.00 Grant Payment, \$5.89 Interest. Total \$415.89 Expenses - \$403.20 RMB H20 Testing
Total \$403.20 Total Funds - \$133.835.90 These were approved by the Board

4) **New board members**- The Board talked about ways to recruit people to join the Board. There were some names talked about of people who have expressed some interest. This year Mike and Sandy Wosmek, Brett Rasmussen, Bonni Halverson, Lyle Walker, Steve Ullom three terms are expiring. Bonni is not able to continue and Steve G is moving so will be leaving the Board early this summer (there are 2 years left on his position). So LWIA would need at least 2 new people to join the Board.

There was some discussion about approaching Stella about having someone from their Board join or possibly combining the two Boards. This would involve a rewrite of By-Laws and was not adopted at this time.

The Board decided to send out notices on email, Facebook, and the website about the need for volunteers to join LWIA Board of Directors. Laurie volunteered to write up the letter/notice.

5) **Culvert replacement** – The culvert landscaping and road way are completed. It was noted the drive thru between the lakes was paved an additional 20-30 feet beyond what it was in the past.

6) **Lake Steward** – Jeff Forester reached out to Steve Grotbo about this program, with many ideas about how to maybe get people interested. The general discussion by the Board suggested people interested in shoreline improvements will take it upon themselves to do this and not really sold on the idea of publishing what they choose to do.

7) **Potential Ellsworth Landing Improvement** – Dave R sent out information earlier, but due to technical difficulties with his microphone this was tabled. Dave will resend this flyer out to talk about later.

8) **Board meeting dates for 2024** – Steve G sent out the dates

It switches every month between Tuesday and Thursday.

1. Feb 6 (Tuesday)
2. Mar 7 (Thursday)
3. Apr 2 (Tuesday)
4. May 2 (Thursday)
5. Jun 4 (Tuesday)
6. Jul 11 (Thursday) - Delay a week because of Independence Day
7. Aug 13 (Tuesday) - Delay a week because of National Night Out
8. Sep 5 (Thursday)
9. Oct 1 (Tuesday)

9) **Committee Reports:**

Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. **Water Quality Testing** – Lyle reported the 2023 billing has been paid.

B. Vegetation Survey – There is a Limnopro Report from 6/30/2023 AIS survey. They noted 2/24 survey sites with EWM (8%). Near the Ellsworth landing and Rod n Gun Club. Zebra Mussels were present in 14/24 = 54% of the sites they surveyed. Steve U has a copy and will send it out.

Steve G reported Lake Restoration is doing residential treatments for 2024. Steve G will check with them for pricing and send out a blast on Facebook, email, and on the website.

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection – Dave R sent out the yearly results of their observations at the landing. Meeker AIS sent out a report on the inspections at many of the landings in the County. Steve G will explore Funding for inspectors at Ellsworth landing on off days.

D. Cormorants & Pelicans – Steve G will check with Scott regarding projects around the state.

E. Zebra Mussels – Mike W reported they did put an aluminum plate on all the hotels and will be putting them out around Memorial weekend.

F. Watershed – Mike W reported the plan is to check the flow and water quality of the water flowing out of “Skip’s” pond on the SW corner of the lake. There are two years left on this lease. Dave R and Mike W will be looking at testing the water in the pond on Cindy Hewitt’s property. No major projects planned at this time.

Membership / Shoreline Captains – Laurie reported there should be a full roster of Shore Line Captains. The Spring Meeting at the Dassel Rod n Gun Club is planned for Saturday May 5 at 10 AM. There was a conversation about having a Membership chair and a Shore Line Captains chair. This was forwarded to a later meeting.

Laurie brought up looking at our Directory, that was last updated in 2018. Sandy W pointed out many Associations just update the membership listing every few years. Also, much of the information in the Directory could be put on the website. Tabled this for a later discussion.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Spring Newsletters – Ron would like to have articles by the end of March. He will provide a date.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – Steve shared Facebook changed our page to the “New Pages Experience”. With that, only approved people can create new posts. I put out post to add anyone who wanted access – a total of 23 people can now create posts. The Admins are Steve G., Laurie, and Bonni can give individuals permission to post.

Andrea Salzer posted video of two friends going for a dip on 01Jan 2024.

Social Committee – Discussion about having a speaker at the May Pork Chop dinner. This led to a discussion about a video about Starry Stonewort that is on the Minnebelle website. Steve G will share this with the board. The possibility of showing this at the members meeting and finding someone to talk about Starry Stonewort will be explored.

Steve has confirmed Sue and George are willing to lead the Fourth of July Boat Parade.

There is new owner of Red Rooster Foods, the manager is Todd.

Financial – Grants – Sharon reported the following grants have been applied for: DNR we have unofficial notice of \$10,000.00 grant. MCAL grant of \$4000.00; AIS preliminary application for \$7000.00, with the time period to submit final grant application is from 2/28-4/15. Sharon can use EWM sites from Limnopro Survey as sites for treatments.

MCAL - Representatives/meeting dates – Dave R reported they have a new Treasurer. They talked about “Clean Ice Posters” for ice fishing, a watercraft inspection report was published, Meeker Co. Beacon system is on the website (the allows doing a search of any property), also there is a new Hydrologist for this area. The annual dues continue to be \$20.00. Some lakes have been doing thermal imaging, looking for inlets into the lake. They are using drones for this imaging. Dave will check this out. Next meeting is April 18.

10) Open Discussion – Steve U has been in contact with Jason Boyle, DNR dams inspection. He reported there was a dam inspection on July 23, 2023. Jason will be forwarding this to Steve once it is published.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for March 7th @ Dassel Ron n Gun Club weather permitting.