

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting June 11, 2024

Board Members Present: Mike Wosmek, Pat Hanson, Ron Bubany, Dan Komarek, Steve Grotbo, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Pam Boorsma Sharon Daniels,

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$65,916.47 General Fund \$77,648.62

Paid Memberships: 136

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

2) **Secretary's May Board Meeting Report** – approved can be put on the website

3) **Treasurer's May Financial Report**

Lyle sent out report on June 8th.

Income: \$12,05.89

Membership: \$6700

Invasives: \$2570

Dassel Fire: \$2145

Donations (5 different at pork chop): \$220 – individuals adds \$ to their membership payments.

Meat raffle and extra chops: \$414

Expenses: \$705.42

Newsletter: \$20

Water samples: \$36

Annual meeting: \$534 (so total cost = \$120 or with donations we made \$100)

I-LIDS: \$56

Info Systems: \$59

Total Funds \$143,565.09

Membership: 134 new / 136 total

The Board approved the treasurer report.

4) **Ellsworth Landing Signage** – Tabled until next meeting. Need input from Laurie and Mark Johnson.

5) **Dam** – Mike W talked with Joe Norman Meeker Co. SWCS about repairs to the dam. Joe has no authority over the dam repairs, but would like to be included in any conversations about the quality of the concrete used in the repairs. Mike will be in contact and meet with Jason Boyle about the repairs and looking at removal of cattail bogs and trees on the bank.

6) **Board member election results** – Dan Komarek (3 year term) and Pam Boorsma (2 years left on Steve G's term) are new members of the Board, they were elected along with Brett Rasmussen, Lyle Walker, and Steve Ullom

7) **Board executive elections** (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) – Did not have anyone volunteer to be President at this time. This was tabled until the next meeting. Mike W suggested we do job descriptions for all the committees and project assignments. This would give people a better idea and understanding of what the roles and responsibilities are for each group. A person on each committee agreed to write up a job description for the next meeting. This can be a narrative or bullet points. Steve U will get the listing of these people sent out shortly.

Mike Wosmek VP – Lyle Walker – Treasurer, Steve Ullom Secretary agreed to continue in these roles.

8) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. Water Quality Testing – Dave R reported no Phosphorus or ChlorA readings for May 23 test have been reported.

May 23 Water Temp. 67.6 degrees Seechi 5 ft. Water Flow at Stella culvert 82.5 kgals/hr

June 3 Water Temp 73 degrees Seechi 5.5 ft. Water Flow at Stella culvert 115.2 kgal/hr. this is the result of significant rain fall. The water is nearly 3 feet deep coming through the culvert.

| May 10 testing | Total Phosphorus | Total Suspended Solids |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Testing at site 301 | .217 mg/L | 1.4 mg/L |
| 302 | .227 mg/L | <1.0 mg/L |
| Pond Inlet 306 East | .083 mg/L | <1.0 mg/L |
| Pond Inlet 306 West | .329 mg/L | <1.0 mg/L |
| Stella 309 | .024 mg/L | 1.6 mg/L |
| 312 | .107 mg/L | <1.0 mg/L |

Special note: West Pond Inlet was significantly higher for phosphorus and suspended solids than the east inlet, there may be an open inlet in the tiles that maybe causing more run off into this pond inlet. Mike and Dave are verifying there is an open inlet by putting saw dust in to see if it goes to the pond. They will be reporting their observations and information to Joe Norman, because he is concerned about the possibility of an open tile allowing excess flow in the west inlet to the pond. These reading are much higher than the lake numbers. These higher numbers will have an impact on decisions, later this year, about what happens to the holding pond.

B. Vegetation Survey – Mike W and Mark J did a survey focusing on the 2 areas of EWM Limnopro identified in the survey completed last summer. They found no EWM in any areas surveyed. There was a conversation about Curly Leaf Pond Weed being abundant in some areas this spring. We do know these plants do sluff off in early to mid June.

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection – Dave R reported there a many false trips on the I-LIDS unit. Dave will check out the mag sensors and work with Eric to identify cause and adjusting the settings.

Meeker Co. is doing boat inspections Friday, Saturday, Sundays and Holidays 7am -5pm. The DNR are at Ellsworth Landing every other weekend.

D. Cormorants & Pelicans – Nothing new to report.

E. Zebra Mussels – Mike W reported the 11 Hotels are back in place for this year.

F. Watershed - Mike and Dave are also looking at the southside inlet site where we put a stand pipe in to slow the flow of water. A person has added a tile pipe that does not appear to be totally connected to the piping. Dave and Mike are looking at repairing this inlet pipe.

Membership / Shoreline Captains

Shoreline captains meeting held morning of (May 4th). Laurie sent out a summary of the meeting on 6/2/24. Also sent out more current information for each Shoreline Captain. Laurie is working on sending out email Thank You to all people that pay membership dues.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Summer Newsletters – Ron B reported the Board approved the newsletters will be in color. The due date for articles is Monday July 1, with plans to get the newsletter out by mid July.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity -

Emails for info@lwiaonline.com are still going to Steve G, Ron B will switch this to Pat H..

Brett's settings on Facebook do not allow him to be admin, Pam B volunteered to take on this role.

Need Fourth of July boat parade email (Ron B will do this) and Facebook event (Pam B will do this).

Social Committee

There were 92 people at the Annual Meeting Pork Chop Dinner. B&B Sports paid for the pork chops.

The food was really delicious thanks to Mike and Sandy W. Mark J shared that we have only had to treat EWM once in the past 10 years. Limnopro has completed multiple AIS surveys of Lake Washington over the past few years.

Dr. Dan McEwen, Limnopro, talked about vegetation/plants growing in the lake. He noted that once they overwhelm the water it becomes a problem and will need some form of management plan. Dr. Dan talked about Starry Stonewort, the latest AIS detected in MN, has a presence in Lake Koronis in Meeker Co.

Financial – Grants

Sharon D reported Meeker County AIS Grant approvals were awarded and Lake Washington was awarded \$7000 to chemically treat milfoil. Treatment must be completed by 8/2/24 with request reimbursement confirmation by 9/29/24, and final report 10/25/24. We also have a \$10,000 grant from the DNR. Sharon will check with Eric K (DNR) about transferring the Meeker County AIS/DNR permit to be used for the DNR grant permit instead. She will also check to see if some of the DNR grant monies can be used for the AIS survey being conducted by Limnopro and for I-LIDS expenses. Mike W asked about using some of the grant monies for controlling pond weeds? Sharon will check to see, but also stated that the awarded grant monies were for treatment of Eurasian Milfoil.

MCAL – Next meeting is July 17. Pat H has been forwarding to the Board emails from MCAL.

9) Open Discussion – Meeker AIS is sponsoring June 12th 4-5pm west Ripley (Lady Bird Park), will be hosting a volunteer workshop for anyone interested in learning more about AIS in the county, monitoring and reporting results. We will be teaching folks how to do a rake to identify our three most common AIS and how to use our online “suspected AIS” reporting form.

There was some discussion about the Lost and Found feature on the website not working. Steve G noted most of the lost and found things are reported on Facebook with very good results. This led to looking at our website and how much of the information on it needs to be updated. Ron was going to look at the information and let Laurie know what needs updating.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for July 11th at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.