

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting July 11, 2024

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Ron Bubany, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Pam Boorsma, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Brett Rasmussen, Ray Brueggenmeier

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$66,072.17

General Fund \$78,364.74

Paid Memberships: 155

1) Call Meeting to Order 7 PM – Vice President Mike Wosmek – Sharon Daniels set up an introductory ZOOM meeting site for this meeting that lasted for 30 minutes, more later about this.

2) Secretary's July Board Meeting Report- approved for publication on website

3) Treasurer's July Financial Report- Lyle W. reported INCOME: \$950 Memberships, \$150 Inv. Species contributions, Interest \$5.70, \$95 DFD contributions, Total for month \$1200.70

EXPENSES: \$18.08 H2O sampling, \$48.80 postage, Total for the month \$58.88 Total funds \$144,706.91

4) Ellsworth Landing Signage – Tabled for next meeting

5) Dam – Mike W reported all oversite of the dam is conducted by the DNR. It is a class 3 dam and is inspected every 8 years. At this time the DNR does not see the dam having any major issues. He has talked with Joe Norman who would like to be kept in the loop about dam repairs, although the County has no say in repairs or maintenance of the dam. Mike passed on to the DNR names of some concrete companies in our area that could take on repairs as needed.

The DNR has removed most of the bogs and branches overhanging the water.

6) Board executive elections (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) : Mike Wosmek (Vice President), Lyle Walker (Treasurer) and Steve Ullom (Secretary) have agreed to continue in these positions for the next year. The President position was discussed with Mark Johnson and Sharon Daniels. They expressed some interest, Mark maybe later or even next year. Sharon not sure how it would work with her being in Arizona for the first few months of the year.

As noted earlier, Sharon D set up a ZOOM meeting for this meeting. The introductory deal lasted 30 minutes, so did not have all Board members listed as present able to maintain their attendance. The Board agreed this is a very real way to include as many Board members as possible for each meeting. All agreed we should pay the expenses for this service and explore with Laurie using LWIA's laptop for this.

7) Committee Assignments – Reviewed the assignments and asked everyone to look at the Job Descriptions sent out by the Committee Lead person and choose committees they would like to be part of. This does not mean one needs to participate in all committee activities, but could be part of a support system for LWIA Board. We did go through and confirm the lead person for each committee. Mike W suggested we look at these assignments at our next meeting.

The Board looked at the President's duties that Steve G shared with us. Many of the things on his list were determined to fall under others roles with the Board. Such as End of Dock – Ron B wrote this for latest Newsletter – the next President could continue writing this, Pam B as FaceBook Admin is set to do the Ice Out, Fourth of July Parade and receive Meeker Zoning mailed notices. Pat H as email representative could do the spring garbage can at Ellsworth landing contact with Kristy Rice, DNR. The Board also determined the Cormorant Committee and Lake Steward Programs lack interest at this time, but can be brought back if these become of interest to the lake. We will need to contact Lake Restoration about taking the lead on offering weed treatments for individual residents. Maybe with link on the website and sending out Facebook and email blasts in April about this service.

8) Committee Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species:

A. Water Quality Testing – Dave R reported on 7/8 Seechi reading of 5 feet and temperature of 79.5 degrees.

B. Vegetation Survey – No new information at this time. Mike W reported lots of floating vegetation, that may be the result of high water and flow from Stella.

C. I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection – Dave R reported a potential violation was caught and pictures along with video was sent to the local DNR enforcement, Nicholas Khler.

D. Zebra Mussels – Hotels are out, Mike W reports he doesn't see any at his place, but seeing more on floating vegetation.

E. Watershed – Mike and Dave met with Joe Norman on July 3 to look at sediment pond FY1309 on southwest corner of the lake. They are looking at the 2 inlet pipes, the west pipe when 1/3 full, after a heavy rain results in black dirt flowing into the pond. This is a result of an open inlet tile on the farm. Joe N is meeting with Ahlgren about this problem. Also, black dirt is coming into the lake at inlet #302. Joe, Mike and

Dave are looking at some way to divert water with black dirt from flowing after a heavy rain. They are looking at slowing the flow of water through the ditch before the culvert at this site. Dave reported about 100,000 gallons of water are coming through the culvert from Stella.

Membership / Shoreline Captains – Suggested it would be a good idea to remind people to do a follow contact.

Education & Public Relations:

A. Summer Newsletters – Ron B reported they are going out soon.

B. Website, Facebook, and Email Activity – Sandy W will contact Pam B to let her know LWIA does not Sponsor any fireworks that happen on the lake. Dave R will check with Cindy H to be sure there is no association with LWIA regarding concerts and fireworks.

Some people have concerns about opening links on the Facebook page.

Social Committee – Sandy W reported EZ Dock is paying for the meat and buns. She will decide what meat we will have for the sandwiches. She is ordering all supplies from Red Rooster Foods. If you want to help show up about 4.

Financial – Grants – Shron D that she will be contacting Meeker AIS to let them know we will not be using the \$7,000 grant they gave us for this year. We are not able to identify a need to treat EWM by August 2 of this year. Sharon is going to check with the DNR about the \$10,000.00 treatment grant we got that is good through June of 2025. She will see if we can transfer the permit from Meeker Co. for this project. Also, any expenses since June 30th can be submitted. We have until July 22 to submit these expenses.

MCAL - Representatives/meeting date – next meeting is Thursday July 18. Sharon recently sent out minutes from April meeting.

9) Open Discussion

Zoom meetings: Sharon will check out costs and will put on LWIA laptop. She will check with Laurie about doing this.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for August 13th at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.