

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting August 13, 2024

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

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$64,798.33 General Fund \$77,339.89

Paid Memberships: 175

1) **Call Meeting to Order** 7 PM – Vice President Mike Wosmek

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

3) **Treasurer's July Financial Report** – Lyle W reported

Income- Membership \$1000.00; Invasive Species \$160.00; Perennial CD interest \$969.90 (paid twice a year); DFE receipts \$205.00; Ad Payments \$200.00; Total Income 2534.90.

Expenses: Newsletter \$2028.04; H2O testing \$18.08; I-LIDS annual payment \$2403.74; Peihl, Beckman, Hanson \$450.00 annual audit; Door Hangers \$143.73. Total Expense \$5043.59

Totals: Chkbk \$20,239.23, CAP ONE \$69,594.90, Perennial CD \$52,364.09, - Total Funds \$142,198.22

4) **Ellsworth Landing Signage** - Mark J has collected data on area lakes with AIS infestations, especially those with Starry Stonewort. After discussion the Board determined that a sign or map would need to be changed every year and not something that seemed make sense at this time.

6) **Committee Assignments** – Mike W had us review all the committees and designate a backup person for each lead. Other changes to committee members were approved during Board discussions. Steve Ullom will send updated copies to all Board Members.

7) **Committee Reports:**

Aquatic Invasive Species

A. **Water Quality Testing** – Dave R reported last sampling (last week) clarity was 4 feet (2 week prior was at 5 feet).

Thinking this could be due to high winds and lots of rain in past 2 weeks. Inlet flow at Stella was at 183,000 gallons per hour through the culvert.

B. **Vegetation Survey** – Limnopro completed their AIS Survey on July 29 and found virtually no EWM. The full report should be coming out by the end of August.

C. **I-LIDS/Watercraft Inspection**- Dave R. reported I-LIDS caught another potential violation at Ellsworth Landing of a boat launching weeds. DNR CO Nicholas Klher has been notified. We are not sure what the DNR does with these reports, will try to find out. Dave R will write up an information report about the two violations we have sent to the DNR and share this with Meeker AIS in our request for funding for next year. Also, including information about the Hawthorne effect (people's tendency to behave differently when they become aware they are being observed).

D. **Zebra Mussels** – Mike W, Dave R, Mark J will pull the hotels Labor Day weekend, Take photos, make observations, and clean up the units.

E. **Watershed** – Mike W reported the inlet #306 (holding pond) has 2 pipes coming into it from the farm fields across the road. The East pipe has little water flowing through it, the West pipe has high Phosphorus level water flowing through it, especially during heavy rains. Joe Norman (MCSWC) is working with the Ahlgren farms to try and address this problem. Mike W did get involved with a property owner in this area complaining about water issues, the owner is ok with having Joe Norman being in charge or seeing what needs to be fixed.

Culvert #302, Mike W observed during heavy rains there is black muck flowing into the lake from surrounding farm land and nothing has changed. The farmer was not sure where this is coming from. Joe N and Mike are looking at possibly removing trees from a ditch to allow water to collect there.

Membership / Shoreline Captains – Laurie J. is working on setting up a program, where Shoreline Captains would have access to their current roster and be able to update this information as it changes.

There was a request (again) about getting membership placards (similar to the ones from the 1990's). These could be displayed on mail boxes or docks. Cindy Hewitt was looking into these when she was on the Board. Dave R will contact Cindy about vendor information and get this to Laurie. All agreed this could help with increasing membership as similar things have worked in the past.

Education & Public Relations:

- A. Newsletters – The July Newsletter looked GREAT. Ron B reported it cost a bit more because of additional costs related to mailing. Ron will let us know at the next meeting the date for articles to be submitted to him for the October Newsletter. Laurie is the back up person for the Newsletter and is very comfortable with Word Press as the program used for drafting the newsletter.
- B. **Website** – Ron B reported he has switched back-up providers, they automatically run back up regularly.
Facebook – Pam Boorsma – tabled until next meeting.
Email Activity – Pat Hanson -tabled until next meeting.

Social Committee – Sandy W reported on about 25 people at the Pot-Luck dinner meeting. There was a discussion about whether to continue this meeting, maybe a different date or just drop it. The Board will continue this discussion and make a decision about what we plan to do before we need to reserve a space at the Rod n Gun Club for next year.

Financial – Grants – Sharon D shared

1. An email was sent to Meeker County, Ariana, stating that we would not be using the \$7,000 AIS funds granted to us in 2024 (due to no Milfoil detection at this time).
2. Sent an email to Angelique, DNR AIS, asking if we can transfer the Meeker County MPARS Permit #2024-1015 for AIS to be used as a permit with the DNR grant of \$10,000.00.
 - a. Angelique answer was: Yes, we can use the same permit 2024-2015 for the DNR grant funds.
 - b. I contacted Eric Katzenmeyer, Hutchinson DNR, to follow through with this.
3. Sent an email to Eric Katzenmeyer explaining that we will be using permit # 2024-1015, per Angelique, for the \$10,000.00 grant funds awarded to us.
 - a. We have until June 30, 2025 to use the DNR grant funds of \$10,000.
 - b. **When will we be doing the surveying with LIMNOPRO?**
 1. **When survey is completed, I need copies of invoice, copy of check paid for invoice, and details of outcome.**
4. Other info to keep in mind: Hours, Receipts, Expenses, Copies of checks...
 - a. MCAL 2025 Grant application will need to be completed and is due October 10.
 - b. AIS Grant App ... no notice yet from Ariana as to due date or any updates, but should be getting email in August sometime.
 - c. Please email me with your hours, and copies of receipts, expenses and checks prior to September 30, 2024.
 - d. Please give some thought to projects for 2025... talk about this or email me with projects that I could use on the grant app's for 2025.
 - e. THANK YOU to all that have been sending me their hours, and copies of receipts! Very much appreciated! I enter in this info as I get it... so I don't have so much to enter end of September!

MCAL Update:

1. MCAL met 7/18/2024. 12 people showed up including me.
2. Election of officers was completed: Pres – Randy Nass, VP – Rick Steinback, Secretary – Kim Hemple, Treasurer – Keith Radtke.
3. MCAL Treasure report shows \$2551.49. Dues were due for 2024. Lake Washington has pd. 18 lakes in MCAL.
4. MCAL Grant application was presented and reviewed by those attending.
 - a. Water Testing refund amount is \$600 this year.
 - b. Turn in completed MCAL Grant app's at the October meeting or email to Randy Nass prior to the meeting.
5. Talked about October meeting date:
 - a. Date is set for Oct 17... MEA weekend
 - b. M/S/C to move the meeting to Thursday, OCT 10 at 7:00 PM. Suggested place to meet: Either Ellsworth Hall or Shaggy's Bonfire Bar. Waiting for Kim to send outcome on this.
6. Speaker for October meeting:
 - a. Suggested to have a speaker. Names brought up were: Emily Wolf, a new Hydrologist; Joe Norman, Meeker County; Ariana, AIS Meeker County. Waiting for results on this.

b. Suggested Secretary Kim send out a notice that each lake create a list of questions to ask Ariana in regards to the AIS grant app. Waiting for the request from Kim on this.

7. No individual lake reports were given.

8. Next meeting Date: October 10 or 17 ??

8) Open Discussion – Laurie has signed up and purchased the ZOOM meeting program for our meetings. She will work on getting the laptop to work. This meeting she was able to do ZOOM on her phone and it worked for most people.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for September 5th at Dassel Rod and Gun Club.