

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting October 1, 2024

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson,

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$64869.02 General Fund \$74,458.61

Paid Memberships: 186

1) **Call Meeting to Order** 7:00 PM – President Dave R.

2) **Secretary's September Board Meeting Report** - Steve U. Board approved for publication on the website.

3) **Treasurer's September Financial Report** - Lyle W. – Reported Total Income \$605.70 - \$50 Membership, \$50.00 Membership 2025, \$5.70 Interest, Donation \$500.00. DFD 79 donated \$2490.00 – Lyle will send this to them in Oct. Total Expenses - \$3825.90 - \$18.06 H2O water sample, \$10.52 Admin., \$754.92 Lafayette Excavate Holding Pond culvert/rock, \$1547.20 Limnopro, \$1458.00 West Bend Ins. (liability), Info System \$37.17.

ChkBk. \$17,357.95; CAP One \$69,606.49; Perennial CD \$52,364.09 Total Funds \$139,328.53. Board approved. As Lyle's back up person, Dan K is meeting with Lyle during the month of October to review operationally our financials functioning.

- Liability Insurance coverage: I-LIDS & Theft – Dave R looked at our insurance and limits of coverage. He suggested we look at increasing insurance for I-LIDS to \$15,000. Lyle will check this out and get back to us. Also, looking at theft insurance and if we have enough to cover the loss of monies in our various accounts. Understand FDIC covers bank and their insurance would likely cover any loss for us. The Board asked Lyle to look at this and let us know if we should increase our limits from the \$50,000.00 we now have and the cost for this.

4) **President's focus:** Due Diligence, Fiduciary, Better understanding of LWIA - Dave R. reported that during the winter months he was going to look more closely and better understand other aspects of our operation, i.e. website, grants, i.e.

5) **Committee Reports:**

A) **Water Quality Testing** - Dave R. and Brett R did the last sampling on September 16 – Secchi 3.5 feet, water temperature 74.8, culvert flow from Stella at 21,000 gallons per minute. This is significantly less than during the summer's high point. By the end of October Dave will share all the water testing information with the MPCA and post it on our website.

B) **Vegetation Survey** - Mark J. reported no surveys since last month. The committee is looking at using sonar to get a better idea of where vegetation is at the waypoints that they are testing during the course of the summer, in addition to doing the rake survey.

C) **Watercraft Inspection / I-LIDS:** Removal date & New SUP - Dan K./Dave R will get together in mid October to remove and store the unit. Dave noted we will need a new conditional use permit for next year. In the past Eric contacts the DNR to get this special use permit. We need it before fishing opener 2025.

- **Ellsworth Landing Signs** - Mark J. reported Laurie had 5 laminated signs made up and posted one at Ellsworth landing. Will post others at the Rod n Gun Club landing, inside the clubhouse, and at the north and east landing. These signs can be easily updated and replaced with new information.

- **Video Review findings** - Brett R. & Ray B. not at the meeting so tabled.

D) **Zebra Mussels:** Mike W & Dave R MAISRC Zebra Mussel Research Project- Daryl Gohl is in charge of the RNA sequencing project. Sue Rathe (from Lake Washington) has volunteered to help with this sequencing project. Sawyer Lorentz from MAISRC has been gathering zebra mussel data from 7 lakes. They are not taking our data, but are willing to if we follow their rules for placement, viewing, etc. They have quite a few rules but we are and have been easily following those so they will be willing to take our information moving forward.

E) **Watershed: Inlet 302** - Mike W. got the ok, from Joe Norman, to go ahead with this project. He has dug out the area around the culvert and noted a large hole had been washed out. The farmer had tied into the line, resulting in leaking and mostly failure of the culvert to slow the water flow. He showed the Board the replacement piping and explained how it will work to slow the flow and filter out sediment. This has 3 outlets, but if we get a 4 inch rainfall it likely would still overflow. He is about ½ done with this project. The farmer is going to bring in some more dirt to help finish this project.

Inlet 306 holding pond. Mike noted the pea rock used to filter out the water failed and needs to be replaced with something different that works. Joe Norman will be talking to Ahlgren farm about repairing the piping and removal of the pea rock that are not working, which leads to most of the sediment we have been seeing flowing into the lake.

Mike anticipates installing a similar (3 outlet) piping configuration at this site. Joe N will let us know what needs to be done and when it can happen.

6) Membership / Shoreline Captains - Laurie J. & Sandy W. – Laurie J, Pam Boorsma, and Dan Komarek are going to work on new tracking software over the winter. Setting up Smart Sheet Data or maybe Excel Google docks system for Shoreline Captains to use. Looks like we will need a few Shoreline Captains for next year.

- **Potential giveaways for 2005** – Laurie is looking at the design for vinyl placards, like stickers to give away for membership. Discussion was to include educational message on the stickers, thinking is we can get reimbursed by AIS or MCAL. It could be a phrase, saying, or like one being used by the DNR or county AIS committee. Estimated cost are about \$1.00 each when ordered in bulk. An advantage to something like this, people could put them wherever they wanted (dock, boat, car, mailbox, etc.) We would update these stickers every year with date and new message if we choose.

7) Education & Public Relations -

A) Newsletter / email notices - Ron B. – emailed the Newsletter is ready and should go out about Oct. 20th.

B) Facebook - Pam B. not able to attend the meeting. Comments Pam is doing a good job with Facebook posting.

C) Emails received and responses - Pat H. reported no new emails and she is forwarding any information she gets to the Board members.

D) Website - Laurie J. has been looking at this and decided over the winter she will work on updating the website, publishing information, along with redoing the navigation set up, adding content under/in documents. She will rework the site to be more user friendly and current.

E) Directory update for 2025 (continued from Sept discussion) – All have agreed we will not be doing a paper one. Mark J and Laurie J noted this will involve transferring, updating, writing different parts of the directory that will be included on the website. They have electronic copies of the 2018 Directory so can use that to transfer information to the website. Board decided not to publish any names or information about people. Because it is online probably do not need to get advertisers, these paid for the printing and publication of the paper directories. Over the winter Steve U will update the History(since 2018) and he has copies of all directories, so information from the past 32 years of directories can be scanned and downloaded to the website.

8) Social Committee - Sandy W. – nothing new to report.

9) Grants - Sharon D. reported from information she has received so far there have been 831 in-kind hours donated to LWIA. She is working on MCAL grant applications that are due October 10th. She shared that MCAL sends all of the data we share with them to the DNR at the state level. So far she is able to invoice 125 volunteer hours for MCAL grants. She is going to submit the I-LIDS and Limnopro expenses 2024 to the DNR to see if we can use some of our grant money to pay for these. She is also going to submit our Newsletters to them as educational tools to ask for reimbursement. Meeker AIS first application date is 10/10 and 2nd application date is 11/24.

10) MCAL - Pat H. & Sharon D. Next meeting is 10/10/24 at 7PM in basement of the courthouse (go in the front door)

11) Open Discussion – Over the winter Mark J volunteered to update, provide direction, and clarification of roles and duties for the various committees and work groups. His idea to get information about these various work groups in one document.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for March 4th, 2025 7:00 PM at Dave Rathe's house 69382 213th St.