

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting October 7, 2025

Board Members Present: Pat Hanson, Sean Thorson, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Brett Rasmussen, Ray Brueggenmeier

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$73,000.57                      General Fund \$74,832.63

**Paid Memberships: 196**

**1. Call meeting to order: President Dave R.**

**2. Secretary's September meeting report: Steve U.** Email Board Meeting minutes September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board approved these for publication on the website.

October meeting minutes will be approved by the Board for publication on the website via email.

**3. Treasurer's September report: Dan K**

**Email approval by the Board of Dan's proposal to transfer money to Perennial Bank was approved on September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2025. Key items to note:

- The Certificate of Deposit at Perennial Bank was acquired on September 15, by transfer of \$60,000 from the checking account.
  - Note that the term of the new CD is 6 months, not 9. I misunderstood whether Perennial Bank offered a 9 month CD. The annual interest rate remains the 3.5% I noted earlier.
  - The purchase and receipt of the CD show as an expense and receipt in the Treasurer's report, offsetting one another.
- Deposits were only \$150, reflecting three membership receipts.
  - Last year, only 1 membership was received in September.
- Materials costs for in process improvements to Inlets 306 and 312 were paid (\$2581.00)
  - Additional material and labor costs will be incurred prior to completion.
- Annual Membership mgmt., web hosting, and telecommunications costs were also paid in September.

**Income** for September: \$150.00 Membership, \$60,000.00 transfer through to CD at Perennial Bank. Total \$60,150.00

**Expenses** for September: \$108.41 Pot-Luck costs; \$2,580.87 Watershed drainage sites #306 & #312; Constant Contact \$520.35; Website Hosting \$447.21; Zoom subscription \$159.90; Water Sample mileage \$36.16; Data Base Software Update \$120.61; Moving funds from checking to CD \$60,000.00 Total Expenses \$63,973.51.

Total funds \$147,114.69 This includes \$3,105.00 Dassel Fire Dept. that we will be getting to them in October, 12 Mo CD at Perennial \$54613.21 and 6 Mo CD at Perennial Bank \$60,00.00

Board approved the September Treasurer's Report

### Committee Reports

**A. Water Quality: Dave R.** September 22nd, clarity 5.0 feet, water temperature 72.5F. August 18th test data, Total Phosphorus 36.7 micrograms/liter, Chlorophyll-a 22.7 micrograms/liter. Both phosphorus and chlorophyll are near historical averages for this time of the year. I still haven't received the September test data for phosphorus and chlorophyll-a.

**B. Vegetation: Mark J.** Nothing new at this time, with plans to get out early next spring to check on EWM sites on the south side, east of the Ellsworth Landing.

**C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K.** Reported 900 videos in September with 400 reviewed, there were inspectors at the lake on most weekends in September. I-LIDS unit will be taken out 10/10or11. Noah Baumann of Lake Shield I-LIDS is coming to the MCAL meeting on Thursday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about this unit with Dave and Dan.

**D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W.** All zebra mussel plates have been photographed (Sean and Mike W have these), cleaned, repaired and stored for next year. All photos and other collected data has been sent to MAISRC for analysis. Hotels were pulled from the lake on September 14<sup>th</sup>. There were hundreds of juvenile mussels on the plates this year, all about ¼" long. MAISRC researchers did have a survey for property owners where the inspection plates are placed. This did seem to focus on vegetation growth and control by these owners.

**E. Watershed: Mike W.** Work is scheduled to be completed, yet this fall for Site #312 and Site #306

**Membership/Shoreline Captains: Sandy W., Sharon D., Laurie J.** reported 196 memberships this year and we had 186 last year. A list of paid memberships is going out with the Fall Newsletter. There was a discussion about give-aways for next year with the idea of another sticker (it would be different than 2025).

### **Education & Public Relations**

**A. Fall Newsletter: Ron B./Laurie** – The Newsletter has been sent to the printer. Laurie will be taking on the responsibilities of writing the Newsletters starting in 2026.

**B. Website: Laurie J.** The website was down for a while, where some were not able to post information on it, Ron was able to figure it out and get it working.

**C. Facebook: Pam B.** not able to attend Tabled.

**D. Email Activity: Pat H.** reported there was not much email traffic lately. She did note there are some Connector sessions coming up.

**Social Committee: Sandy & Mike W.** – Sean T. reported **May 2, 2026** is on Rod ‘n Gun Club calendar for our annual Membership meeting and Pork Chop Dinner.

**Grants: Sharon D.** Sent MCAL invoice # 2005003 for Lake Washington water testing by RMB for 2025. The amount of the invoice is \$723.34.

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MCAL invoice # 2025002 for \$5,968.83 that included 9 other pages of expenses for 2025: personal water craft use, mileage, shipping costs for water samples, hosting and mapping waypoints, WIFI service providers emails, Zoom meetings, water quality data for testing, software for members newsletters, members stickers, Shoreline Captains meeting, clearing out ditch at Ellsworth Landing (Mike W), Materials for inlets 306 and 312 repairs.

The information Sharon shared with MCAL included In-Kind Hours for Watershed & Culvert Diversions, Water Quality testing and projects, Vegetation & Education, Data Base Software, Shoreline Captains, Web Site, Newsletters, and Grants:

Total of 1052 volunteer hours for 2025.

Submitted 2026 MCAL Grant application for \$4,000.00 to include water testing, watershed (piping at pond site #306 and rock weirs at #312), vegetation surveys, and water quality testing.

Sharon reported working on AIS grant applications that are now due in November.

**MCAL: Pat H. & Sharon D.** Dave R and Dan K along with someone from Lake Sheild (I-LIDS company) are going to be at the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to share experiences we have had with the I-LIDS and answer questions.

Here is a MCAL meeting summary from Thursday, Oct 9, 2025 reported by Sharon D.

The MCAL meeting was well attended by approx. 25 people... That’s the most I have seen at this meeting.

Ariana spoke first at the beginning of meeting. I asked what the dates for AIS grant were and she said they have not been decided yet, but *probably* due Nov 17. I asked when the EOY report was due and she said Nov 5 or 10<sup>th</sup>, no clear dates. She stayed for Dave and Dan to speak. They and Dan Bauman, the owner of I-LIDS, spoke and explained how it works and its benefits. Many had questions. When they were done, I asked Ariana her thoughts for AIS to reimburse for I-LIDS. I asked “for the group what are your thoughts on AIS reimbursing for I-LIDS?”. Then she did some half-way explaining and that there is no real person at the site and therefore it’s hard to violate someone from a video that may not be very clear, basically what she tried to say was reimbursement wasn’t going to happen. But there is a part of the AIS grant app that is called “Novel app” that I will look to apply for and see if that makes a difference to get I-LIDS reimbursement.

All in all the meeting was very good. All officers stay the same for MCAL as in 2025 for 2026. Dan and I questioned if LWIA had paid the dues of \$20 for 2025 and the treasurer could not find that we had done, so Dan paid \$20 cash out of his pocket for LWIA for 2025. Meeting was over at 9:00 pm. Dave, Dan, Pat and I attended from LWIA.

I will work on AIS grant app beginning of November or when it is available on the Meeker County website.

**Open Discussion:** Sean T. asked if LWIA was still interested in providing some financial support for a Rod and Gun Club sign on Highway 12 (10-15 years ago LWIA Board was willing to help out with the Costs) As a group this Board is willing to help with this project, but would need a little more information about the costs and details.

**Next Board Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of March 2026. Location to be determined.**