

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting April 1, 2025

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

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$72,361.08                      General Fund \$68,572.32

**Paid Memberships: 3** (2 carried over from last year)

**1. Call meeting to order:** Dave R. at 7 PM

**2. Secretary's March meeting report:** Steve U. approved for publication on website.

**3. Treasurer's March report:** Lyle W. Reported **Income-** \$650.00 Ads for Newsletter (EZ Dock, Yamaha have paid for the ads in 3 newsletters for this year.) Backyard Reflections and Lake Restoration have been billed; \$5.91 Interest. **TOTAL INCOME \$655.91 Expenses:** \$320.00 Rod n Gun Club Yearly Rental, \$120.00 Info Systems. **TOTAL EXPENSES \$440.00 Total Funds \$140,939.91 Approved by Board.**

Lyle is choosing to step down as Treasurer, but remain on the Board. He reported May, June and July are the busiest months. The Board will be looking at who and how to best make this transition.

**4. Board Elections** in May: Steve U.

Ray Brueggemeier, Laurie Johnson, Sharon Daniels have agreed to continue on the Board for a new three year term. Ron Bubany's latest 3-year term is up and he has decided to not continue on the LWIA Board of Directors, but volunteered to publish the Newsletters for the rest of this year.

### **Committee Reports**

**A. Water Quality:** Dave R. Reports he is waiting for RMB for their notice for testing and kits.

Mike W reports we need to test sites #302 East of the landing and #304 and #306 West of the landing.

**B. Vegetation:** Mark J. – is talking to Limnopro about doing a lake survey at a cost of about \$5,000.00.

**C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection:** (Dan K) Dave R reported Dan is talking to Eric about special use permit from the DNR.

Ellsworth Trash Can: Dave R will contact Kristy Rice, DNR Parks and Rec. about getting can at Ellsworth Landing.

**D. Zebra Mussels:** Mike W. reported he has been in contact with Sawyer Lorentz, MAISRC about the study we are part of that she has been working on. She will be leaving the project in June. Mike talked to her about the settlement plates (sampler plates). She agreed putting 11 out again this year at the same sites is a good plan. He had a discussion with her about the material the plates are made of. Mike decided LWIA will have them send out 11 new plates, that Mike will have to assemble. They want the plates to stay in the lake until mid-September, because the second hatch occurs around the first part of September.

**E. Watershed:** Mike W. reported the settlement pond is already turning green. He will be testing the water and check on the flow into the pond from the two culverts/tiles flowing in. Some property owners along that part of the lake are continuing to talk about the sediment flowing into the lake, he is monitoring this and talking with Joe Norman.

**Membership/Shoreline Captains:** Sandy W., Sharon D., Laurie J. sent our email notice for the May 17, 10 AM, Shoreline Captains meeting at Rod n Gun. She is working on stickers, Shoreline Captains can pass out to those that have paid their membership for this year. She is working on putting together a Bullet Point sheet of what we have been doing and plans for the future that the Captains can use when meeting with the property owners.

### **Education & Public Relations**

**A. Spring Newsletter:** Ron B. sent notice it is in progress.

Laurie is working on getting updated VIP contact list to Ron.

**B. Website:** Laurie J. – is continuing to work on updating the website. Steve U shared some additional information that should be included on the website about EWM treatment history.

**C. Facebook:** Pam B. – tabled She is trying to contact Jenna O'Brien about ice out date.

**D. Email Activity:** Pat H. – She is passing on some request for ads in newsletter and other requests for putting information in the newsletter. There was a discussion confirming our policy of not putting public announcements in the newsletter.

**Social Committee:** Sandy & Mike W.

Pork Chop Membership meeting May 3. Sandy reported chops are ordered and everything else is taken care of. For those that can help, Mike said he will be starting the pork chops about 3 o'clock. There were some names shared that could possibly be a Speaker that night. Dave R was going to contact those talked about to see if one would be available that evening.

**Directory:** Laurie & Mark J. -Laurie reported she is working on updates but nothing new at this time

**Grants:** Sharon D. reports nothing has changed since last month. She did not do AIS March grant application because we do not have a need to treat EWM at this time.

Sharon reminded everyone that does any kind of volunteer work to turn in their hours, and other expenses. There was a discussion about how these volunteer hours are used and reported. Sharon shares these numbers with the County and they in turn share this information with the State. Who keep records of volunteer hours.

**MCAL:** Pat H. & Sharon D. – Pat reported the next meeting is April 17. They are not approving near as many grants as they use to.

**Committee Roles:** Mark J. is working on it.

**Open Discussion:** The Board approved, Mike W request for renting a hedge trimmer to clean out the ditch on the east side of Ellsworth Landing. It can not be sprayed or burned, so the alternative is to cut down the small trees and weeds.

Dave R wanted everyone to be aware of an online scam the uses board members emails to request money be sent.

Ray B asked if swimmers itch is getting worse on the lake. His grandkids were hit hard last year. Some shared that copper sulfate can be used to control the snail populations. One needs to get a permit from the DNR and Lake Restorations might be a place to purchase it. There are other farm supply dealers that carry this product.

**Next Board Meeting May 7 at 7 PM Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club**

