

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting July 1, 2025

Board Members Present: Mike Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson,
Sean Thorson, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Pam Boorsma
Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Ray Brueggenmeier

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund 474,042.56 General Fund \$75,648.30

Paid Memberships: 154

1. Call meeting to order: Dave R.

2. Secretary's June meeting report: approved for publication on LWIA website.

3. Treasurer's June report: Lyle W. reported this is accurate on the day it was sent out and may not show all of June's transactions.

Income: Memberships \$2850; Invasive Species \$1495; DFD \$1065; Ad \$60.00 Total \$5470.00

Expenses: I-LIDS \$2425.00; H2O Sample \$54.24; Piehl, Hanson \$450.00; Shore Line Capt. \$31.46; State MN Filing \$25.00 Total \$2986.70 Total in all accounts \$149,690.86

4. Committee Assignments: Mark J./Steve U. / Dave R. All Committee and Project Group Assignments were reviewed and changes were made this is in a separate document that will be sent out with these minutes.

Treasurer duties were discussed noting needing someone in the area to pickup the mail. Will look at having it forwarded was a suggestion. Dan will work to continue the bookkeeping and bill pay part of the job. Mark will be back up and meet with Lyle to facilitate the changes necessary for this job.

Committee Reports

A. Water Quality: Dave R. reported on June 16th Clarity was 6.5 feet, Temperature 65.3 degrees, and 1.14 million gallons per hour were flowing from Stella into Washington. Dave will not be continuing the perchlorate testing due to funding cuts and not sure the real value of this information for future planning.

B. Vegetation: Mark J. reported Limnopro did AIS assessment in late June. He is awaiting their report.

The vegetation committee plans to be going out shortly to do surveys. Mark will collect any equipment Ron B may have that they can use for doing assessments and monitoring.

C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K. reported 1300 videos were collected in June by ESP. Dave R adjusted the sensor. A statement was issued "I-LIDS is a good reminder and is considered a very useful tool in the monitoring and control of AIS leaving a lake." Lake Sheild LLC (Noah Baumann) has purchased Enviromental Sentry Protections and LWIA is in the process of connecting with them. Dave R. noted AIS watercraft inspectors are parking in the handicapped stalls, Sharon D will contact Meeker AIS and alert them to this issue.

D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W. reported there is nothing new at this time.

E. Watershed: Mike W. reported with regards to site #306 (holding pond). He is setting up meeting with Joe Norman on Monday to discuss what can or needs to be done with the holding pond. There is current testing results of the inlet, outlet and the pond, this will determine what needs to be done with regards to the holding pond.

Membership/Shoreline Captains: Sandy W., Sharon D., Laurie J. reported 154 members. She noted we need 3-4 more Shoreline Captains, Laurie will continue being the lead but not able to be a Shore Line Captain.

Education & Public Relations

A. Summer Newsletter: Ron B./Board – Ron B sent out copy for review today. There was some conversation about doing some competitive bidding for the newsletter, that was tabled for a later discussion.

B. Website: Laurie J. – reported the website is done.

C. Facebook: Pam B. reported 618 followers at this time. She has posted information about boat parade,

Some lost items, and high water advisories from Meeker County. Arlan Stark inquired about being on The board.

D. Email Activity: Pat H. reported forwarding on to the Board emails from our state and national partners.

Someone asked to post on the newsletter, that Dave reported was not relevant to lake issues.

Social Committee: Sandy & Mike W. reported EZ Dock will pay for the meat and buns for the Pot Luck Dinner on Aug. 2. There will be some door prizes give out at the gathering.

Directory: Laurie reported it is done.

Grants: Sharon D. reported Meeker AIS now has funds available for our use for treatment is we need them. We have DNR grant money carried over from 2024-2025 season that we can use for any service provided before June 30, 2025 and have until July 30th to submit for reimbursement. She is sending I-LIDS expenses to them for possible payment.

MCAL: Pat H. & Sharon D. Next meeting July 17

Open Discussion: Jen Obrien did put and ad in the newsletter advertising Lake Washington clothing items. Dave shared Outdoor News did a profile on Lake Washington blaming the zebra mussels for the decline in the walleye population. The author Glen Schmitt did not make any mention of the over 10 years of thousands of cormorants taking bait fish from the lake as a possible reason for the decline in population. Dave was going to write a response to this article and send it to Outdoor News.

Next Board Meeting August 5 at 7 PM Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club