

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting August 5, 2025

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Lyle Walker, Pat Hanson, Sean Thorson, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Brett Rassmusen, Ray Brueggenmeier, Ron Bubany guest

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$74,048.28 General Fund \$75,648.30

**Paid Memberships: 174**

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

**2. Secretary's July meeting report:** approved for publication on website.

**3. Treasurer's July report: Lyle W.** Income: \$1000.00 membership; \$275.00 Invasive Species; \$5.92 Interest; \$295.00 DFD (Lyle noted there is over \$3000.00 in this account so far and this is much higher than in the past years; \$500.00 Hansen Donation in Honor of Dan Faust; Total Income \$2075.95 Expenses: Newsletter (Loeffler) \$1687.44; H2O samples \$18.08; Limnopro (AIS vegetation survey) \$1554.78; RMB (water testing) \$263.34; Total Expenses \$3523.64 Total Funds \$149,696.58. Board approved this report.

Sharon requested a copy of all bills paid sent to her, so she can account for this money in any grant payment requests she is submitting.

Dan K is meeting with Lyle to transfer ownership of Treasures job. Mark J is going to be involved with this transfer as part of treasurer's responsibility of collecting the mail.

Board approved Mark J being the second signer on the accounts at Perennial Bank.

Board approved a **Policy to pay reoccurring charges i.e. internet, website storage, Zoom, and other costs that are billed monthly or throughout the year for committee task, with a limit of \$300.** These expenses are reflected in the monthly Treasurer's report that the Board reviews and votes on every month.

### **Committee Reports**

**A. Water Quality: Dave R.** July 21; Clarity 4.0 to 5.0 ft, Temp 76.8 F, Stella flow volume 882,161 gallons/hour. June 16th; TP 26.6 micrograms/L, ChlA 12.2 micrograms/L, Clarity 6.5 ft.

August 4<sup>th</sup> – clarity was 4.0 feet, temperature was 77.1 degrees. Stella flow over 1 million gallons/hr, at this time. Next test August 18th to pull water samples.

**B. Vegetation: Mark J.** – Did some vegetation surveys using his Helix depth finder and found some patches of EWM on the southside of the lake. He will go back later to better identify these areas and determine the size, so we can go back and monitor the changes.

**C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K.** Reported videos recorded: 2800 in June and 1600 in July, with 600 viewed over these two months. No reported violations. Dan noted there were multiple times when inspectors from DNR and Meeker Sheriffs Dept. were seen at the landing. There were no inspectors at the landing over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W.** Reported he will be pulling the inspection plates on September 14. He has received no information from the U regarding the procedures for doing this. He will need volunteers to help taking the plates photographing, taking apart and cleaning the plates. Mark J and Dave R volunteered to help with this on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Dave R's house.

**E. Watershed: Mike W.** Reported meeting twice with Joe Norman to review the water samples coming into the pond from the fields and the water coming out of the pond. Mike noted the water samples from the field pipes was cleaner than the average lake sampling. As a result of this Mike and Joe agreed the pond was no longer needed to interrupt the flow into the lake. Mike proposed, and Joe M approved creating a piping system to connect directly to the field pipes and go around the pond on both sides and then joining together to flow into the lake culvert, #306. Lindberg Excavating was part of this planning process and would be doing this work. (They originally did the pond work for this project). Mikes plans include three stand up pipes to slow down and filter the water before going into the lake. There will be some work going through the berm created for the pond, but it will be restored to its original shape. The pond will remain with only surface water flowing into it. The Board approved spending up to \$7500.00 for this project. There is no funding available from Meeker MSWC District.

Mike shared, Lynn Schmidt reported black dirt still flowing in the lake from a project we did a few years ago, Inlet #312, Mike, Joe Norman, and Lindberg Excavating looked at this reported black dirt issue. They noted the dirt was coming from the ditch across the road when there is heavy rainfall. The plan would involve reworking a driveway culvert some ditch work and then adding 3-4 rock falls/beds in the ditch to slow and filter the water flow. This is on a Dassel Township road so we would need approval from the Township Board. Mike has contacted a Dassel Town Board member but they have not been able to get back to him for approval.

**Membership/Shoreline Captains: Sandy W., Sharon D., Laurie J.** Reported several calls about people that were not on the Membership List sent out with the summer Newsletter. Some of the people missed the cutoff date. She proposed sending out an end of the year membership listing with the Oct. Newsletter, this would better reflect our numbers. Presently, 50% of the properties on the lake are LWIA members. Shoreline Captains continue to update the information.

### **Education & Public Relations**

**A. Summer Newsletter: Ron B./Laurie** - There was a discussion about some people not getting the newsletter. Laurie suggested maybe there is a way/process for people to go online and make a specific request to be on the Newsletter mailing list.

**Fall Newsletter** - The cutoff date for articles due to Ron is September 22

**B. Website: Laurie J.** – reported no updates at this time.

**C. Facebook: Pam B.** – no report at this time.

**D. Email Activity: Pat H.** reported there was not a lot to report on.

Going forward Laurie will take over Ron's duty of sending out blast emails for LWIA.

**Social Committee: Sandy & Mike W.** reported only 24 people attended the Pot Luck. There was a very nice assortment of foods and Family Fair, and Nagle Landscape & Construction donated some very nice door prizes. EZ Dock paid for the meat and buns. The Board will need to look at the feasibility of continuing with this event. This will be part of the 2026 calendar discussion by the Board.

**Grants: Sharon D.** reported she has all the paper work in to the DNR. They approved this and will reimburse us \$1554.78 for Limnopro survey. There was no EWM treatment this year.

Sharon needs all volunteer hours sent to her by September 28, remember she needs this for grants, and it is shared with the County and State, which may impact our ability to get some funds.

**MCAL July 17 meeting: Pat H. & Sharon D.** reported all grant requests are due by or before October 9. There is still \$600 available for water quality testing this year that we will apply for. It looks like there will be a funding cut for 2026 (maybe 50%). The Meeker AIS director spoke about these cuts for next year. So we are being encouraged to get 2025 and 2026 projects completed this year.

I-LIDS is on the MCAL agenda for the 10/9 meeting, 7 PM Litchfield Community Center. Because of LWIA long history with using the I-LIDS, they are asking LWIA to speak about its use and answer questions.

Dave R and Dan K volunteered to do this. Dave will look to see if an I-LIDS representative can attend this meeting.

Pat reported there were 12 lake representatives at the July 17 meeting. Many lakes reported high water levels. It was reported EWM does not seem to be as much of a problem as earlier reported on Lake Ripley.

**Open Discussion:** Dave R reported DNR had nets out on July 21. He is not sure what they were looking for. Know it takes several months to get preliminary results .

MAISRC – put out a survey, if one can it would be good to fill it out.

Minnie Belle is doing a raffle to raise money, not sure of the reason for this fund raiser.

MAISRC Show case is at the UM, October 9, 2025 (7:45-5:00), online information and registration is happening right now. This is a very interesting and valuable event to attend, with lots of information. LWIA will reimburse the \$50 registration fee.

Dave R shared letter he sent to Outdoor News in response to an article they wrote about Lake Washington fishing where they accounted for the decline in walleyes due to zebra mussels, but they made no mention of the years long cormorant problems.

**Next Board Meeting September 2 at 7 PM Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club**