

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting April 7, 2026

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Sean Thorson, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Pam Boorsma Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Brett Rassmusen, Tyler Fitzner

Invasive Species Fund \$73,250.57

General Fund \$63,377.38

Paid Memberships: 4

1. Call meeting to order: Dave R.

2. Secretary's March meeting report: approved to publish on the website.

3. Treasurer's report: Dan K. Total Income \$1732.61 – Interest from CD \$1052.61; Ads Spring Newsletter \$180.00; Membership \$150.00; \$200.00 AIS; \$150 DFD.

Total Expenses \$708.38 – Newsletter and Membership \$203.63; General Insurance \$398.75; PO Box Lease \$106.00. Accounts Total \$136,777.95

Committee Reports

A. Water Quality: Dave R. Summer 2026 estimated cost for five samples, by RMB labs \$450 for testing plus \$194.25 for shipping. Start sampling in late May.

B. Vegetation: Mark J. Will be contacting Dan at Limnopro to do a late June survey. Mark will ask them to look more closely at areas where the Committee has identified EWM growth.

C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K. Confirmed Lake Shield is the owner. Will put in the unit around May 1, Dan from Lake Shield plans to be there for the installation. Dave R. reported the costs for this year will be \$2404.69. Dave reported that Noah is going to use Ellsworth Landing as a test site for an updated/new system he is working on. Dave R. will be helping Noah with the new system installation and adjustments.

Do not have any information on the watercraft inspection plan or schedule by Meeker AIS or DNR.

D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W. attended a ZOOM meeting where they reviewed the plans and procedures for the coming year. They are asking more questions about the condition of the water and the lake bottoms at the sites. They modified the inspection plates (added locking nuts on the plates) Mike had already done this to our plates last year. Plates go out around Memorial Day and retrieved in mid-September.

E. Watershed: Mike W. has been in contact with Craig Lindberg about leveling out the dirt and seeding to finish the diverting piping project at site inlet #306. The holding pond.

Inlet Site #312 - Lindberg has rocks for the weirs in the ditch and will be completing this project soon. Mike informed them there is a gas line in this ditch that they need to be aware of.

Mike shared there is large hole in the ditch, that looks like it connects to inlet site #319, on the north side of the lake east of inlet site #312. There is a 4-inch pipe leading to the culvert, that appears to be the problem. Joe Norman (MCSW) noted this hole is a problem that Dassel Township should be aware of and responsible for repairing. Mike reported, to repair this hole it would need to go from a 12-inch pipe to 8-inch pipe to a T, then put in a screen with a filter. This would cost \$570.00 to make this repair. Mike will contact Dan Kelly from the Dassel Township Board about having this hole repaired.

Mike rented a weed whip from Ace and cleared out vegetation in the ditch on the east side of Ellsworth Landing, the same as last year.

Membership/Shoreline Captains: Sandy W., Sharon D., Laurie J.

Shoreline Captain's Meeting scheduled for 10 AM May 16 at Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club.

Laurie will order more door hangers and has sent out different options for Membership stickers that Shoreline Captains will hand out. She has sent some 2026 sticker mock-ups for the Board to vote on.

Education & Public Relations

A. Newsletter: Is at the printer and the plan is for it to be mailed out next week. Laurie did some research on other companies to do the Newsletter printing and came to the conclusion that Loffler remains our best choice. Loffler is charging the same price as last year.

There was a discussion about continuing with the summer newsletter. The Board will bring this up for a discussion at the Pork Chop Membership meeting, before making a final decision on whether to continue with a Summer Newsletter. This can be done at the May Board meeting.

B. Website: Laurie J. reported the website is working well.

C. Facebook: Pam B. reported she is waiting for official ice out date to send out a notice. She will send out several notices for the Pork Chop Members Meeting on May 2. Dave R. will get Pam a link to Mn. Lakes and Rivers to post.

D. Email Activity: Pat H. -Tabled

Social Committee: Pork Chop Dinner/Annual Members Meeting May 2 happy hour at 5, Dinner at 6, and meeting to follow. Sandy & Mike W. reported B & B Sports (Hutchinson) has agreed to pay for 175 pork chops again this year. Mike will order 175 pork chops from Benny's and 3 \$30.00 meat trays, that he will need to pay for when he picks them up on Saturday morning. Laurie will have a membership table. Dan and Pam will be selling the raffle tickets for the meat trays.

Mike starts the charcoal at 3 pm, cooks the chops at 4 pm. Sean, Steve, Sharon volunteered to help out. Others are welcome to come early and help with the prep.

Kristan Maccaroni DNR Area Supervisor has agreed to be our speaker.

Grants: Sharon D. reported we did get a nice letter from MAISRC informing us they were not able to fund our request for EWM treatments of \$5,000.00 for years 2007 and 2008.

MCAL: Pat H. & Sharon D. Next meeting is Thursday April 16. Reminder for Dan we need to pay our \$20.00 annual membership.

Open Discussion: All

Dave R. attended Avid Anglers Meeting March 17th at DNR with Kristan Maccaroni presenting.

Hiring new technician Michelle Sommers mitch.sommers765@gmail.com Intern Logan Zakrajshek will start soon. Kristan will look into stocking of fish by the lake association. DNR did stocking every other year so they could identify natural recruitment vs stocking. Fish will avoid water with less than 3ppm dissolved oxygen. We will bring up some questions we have, when Michelle speaks at our meeting.

Laurie brought up the question of ways for people to pay their lake membership dues. She explored Venmo, but there is no way of tracking who is paying using this method.

Sean, Laurie, and Dan will look at ways to use our website, that would allow us to take payments for membership and maybe other contributions. Goal would be, if feasible, to have it functional for next year.

Lake Minnie Belle has a u-tube video on their Facebook page sharing what they are doing as an association and to inform members of their plans for this year.

Sean T. brought up the request from Ryan Johnson (Dassel Rod and Gun Club Board) asking LWIA to make a contribution for a club sign on Hwy 12. The Board approved contributing to this sign many years ago when they were talking about it then. Steve will try and look up that information; it was at least 10 maybe 15 years ago. A Discussion by the Board was favorable to making a contribution with some caveats: (1) LWIA logo could be on the sign, (2) would advertise clean, drain, dry so it would count for grant money. We would like to know what the total cost would be.

Dave R will contact Kristie about paying for the garbage can at Ellsworth Landing (the can is still there from last year).

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