

Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting August 4, 2026

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

Treasurer Report: Invasive Species Fund \$76,235.57

General Fund \$65,845.13

Paid Memberships: 196

1. Call meeting to order: President Mark Johnson
2. Secretary's meeting report: Sharon's minutes were approved for publication on website.
3. Treasurer's Report Dan reported not much activity. **Income:** \$500 Memberships, \$100 Ads, Invasive Species \$140, DFD \$145 Total \$885.00 **Expenses:** Qtrly. Insurance \$398.75. Total \$398.75
Perennial Accounts: Checking \$25,036.95; 6 mo CD \$40,000.00; 12 Mo CD \$80,000.00
Total Accounts \$145,036.95

Committee Reports

A. Water Quality: Dave R. – Reported water temperature 85.2 degrees, Phosphorus 19.8 ug/L, Chlorophyll 6.3 ug/L, Flow from Stella 539,000 gallons per hour. Signed us up for study by UMD of chloride levels in the water after runoff. Dave will look at putting together some data showing water quality numbers before we do a project and then after completion of inlet repairs. We have some of that data and think it would be a good thing to share with lake property owners.

B. Vegetation: Mark J. shared LimnoPro reported three areas of EWM in their most recent survey, (30 acres out from Ellsworth Landing, 10 acres further north of this site, and 10 acres near Cedar Point). Eric Katzenmeyer, DNR AIS specialist, also confirms EWM in these areas. He is ready to issue a permit for these treatments. The recommendation is to do treatments of these areas this year. Mark estimated the costs to be in the \$25,000.00 range. Sharon D did contact Meeker AIS about doing treatments this year. They may have some money from unused grant funds that were not used for treatments this year. We could make the request to them for these funds later this fall.

Mark will contact other service providers to get cost estimates for these treatments (Meeker AIS requires at least two estimates) and get the necessary permits. There was some conversation about making payments for this treatment, because a bulk of our money is tied up in CDs. But general consensus was we could work out a payment schedule.

C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K. is working with Noah on getting in to the summary and video data. Dave R wondered if the update was completed and the cost of the equipment. Dan will check with Noah about this updated information.

D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W. Plan is to pull the inspection plates on September 16. Then let them dry out for 2 days and on September 18 complete dismantling and take photos to share with MAIRSC. Sean and Dave agreed to help with this.

E. Watershed: Mike W. reported as of July 27 the area around the holding pond (site #306) that we dug up last year has not been seeded. The dry weather has impacted this planting. Mike also noted there was water pooling around the drain-pipe from the pond, that did impact mowing. He dug out around the pipes, drilled holes in the side and bottom to allow drainage, he also put some pea rock down to aid with draining. He noted they are able to drive over and mow this area now.

Mike has been working with Joe Norman and property owners (Ray and Steve) at the site of inlet #320. The angle and amount of water that comes into the lake has created some large holes in the bank running into the lake. Because of heavy tree population, Mike is suggesting the lake inlet pipe be moved to flow down the bank on Rays property. With approval from Joe Norman, Meeker Soil and Water, Mike is proposing the replacement of the pipes with filters installed along the way to control water flow into the pipe and eventually into the lake. He would also create a rock bowl structure on the bank to reduce/prevent the water flow from eroding the bank near the shoreline and reduce/prevent the water flow from creating holes on the bottom of

the lake. Mike reports the plumbing materials (piping, filters would cost \$1580.00. One of the owners reported that it would cost about \$5350.00 to do the excavating for moving the pipe location. The Board acknowledges this is an inlet to the lake and is willing to share with the property owners in the expense for this repair. The Board approved spending up to \$2500.00 toward the cost of this project. Mike will share this information with the owners and Meeker Soil and Water to help with completion of the project yet this fall.

F. Walleye, Cormorants, Pelicans – Sean There has been some conversations about replacing the dam with more of a rock rapids type of structure. Kristan Maccaroni, Hutchinson DNR has working with Meeker County on ways to pay for this repair.

Membership/Shoreline Captains: Laurie J. Continuing to work on updating information.

Education & Public Relations

A. Newsletter: Laurie – Summer Newsletter provided a great deal of information and pictures to illustrate many projects. It was a FINE JOB!!! Laurie.

Fall Newsletter articles are due to Laurie by **Monday September 21**.

B. Website: Laurie J. – Continuing to do maintenance. She is working with Dan and others to get a pay option up and running for next year membership drive

C. Facebook: Pam B. reported we have 799 followers.

D. Email Activity: Pat H. We are getting more emails and she is passing them on.

Social Committee: Sandy & Mike W. Reported 60 people at the Pot Luck Dinner. There were many good food options shared, with many desserts taking the “cake”. Thanks to Pat H for the Root-Beer Floats. Meeker Water Patrol had a member speak to us primarily about boating safety and new boat operator license requirements. He answered questions about testing life jackets, boating safety and their role of primarily providing water safety education to people using the water.

Grants: Sharon D. Has sent the invoice for the I-LIDS Novel Grant of \$2692.19 to Meeker AIS. This included over \$200 for in-kind hours. The grant was for \$2666.00. Sharon noted LWIA may be eligible for unused funds at the end of the year that can be used for EWM.

MCAL grant requests are due by October 8. Sharon is asking everyone to please get her your in-kind hours by the end of September.

MCAL: Pat H. & Sharon D. Reported there was good attendance at the meeting and they elected/appointed new officers. Area lakes are reporting lots of algae this year. One lake had a harvester take 110,000 pounds of curly leaf pond weed out of their lake.

Open Discussion: September Board meeting will be as scheduled on Tuesday September 1st.

The Board noted that with meetings in the very beginning of the month it is not possible for the Treasurer to have current information to share at the meeting. In the past the Treasurer would send out the report later in the Month when the statements became available. Dan will continue to try and get us the most current information he can for our meeting.

Sandy asked Sean to get us on the Rod 'n Gun Club 2027 calendar for the first Saturday in May. The Board will make a decision next spring about what kind of or if we have a gathering in August.

Next Board Meeting September 1 at 7 PM Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club