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2019 Meetings

Westwood - 7 PM

January 15	July 16
February 19	August 27 - Annual
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to all persons interested in the improvement of Lake Washington. Members are invited to vote on gambling business.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, August 27
 Camp Patterson 6 PM

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LWIA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Washington Improvement Association will be held at Camp Patterson on Tuesday, August 27 at 6 p.m.

Association members are welcome to attend for dinner, business meeting, and brief presentations of interest. If your dues are not current you may pay at the door.

From President Folden

Are you willing?

As we are all preparing to enjoy our summer season, your Lake Association has also been ramping up; preparing for and carrying out our summer lake monitoring, making sure the curly leaf pondweed gets treated as best we can within the parameters set by the DNR, and having the tools at the boat launches ready. We are trying to figure out how to increase boat inspections at our launches, and generally doing our best to create the best lake environment we can.

A little history now, especially for those who are new to the lake. Back around 1975 our association (known then as the "Lake Washington Landowners Association") was founded by a number of individuals who had the foresight to realize that what we have should not be taken for granted, and should be cared for. In 1990, the name of the organization was changed to what it is today in recognition of the goal of improving the water quality of the lake as a major objective of this association.

This brings me to the purpose of this letter. Over the last 40 plus years a number of volunteers have sat on the board. I am sure most had no idea what they could or

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2019 Lake Washington Crappie Tournament and Take-a-Kid Fishing Day — Glenn Miller

The 33rd annual Lake Washington Crappie Tournament which included the "Take A Kid Fishing" event took place on Saturday, May 4th. Considering all the spring rain and cold temperatures, 50 boats participated in the five hour event that included a number of young anglers.

22 kids (ages 3 - 14) took part in the event and were paired up with the experienced anglers. Each youngster received a rod & reel with small tackle box that was donated by the 4 major sponsors - Hansen Sanitation, Weichert Realtors, Bruce and Mindy Annis/Monsanto Seeds and Lake Washington Improvement Association. These generous sponsors also allowed for other prizes to be provided to the kids as well as Kerfoot Canopy Tours of Henderson and a free crappie mount provided by Reinbold Taxidermy of



Madison Lake. In addition, Minn Kota, Corner Bait of Madison Lake, Westwood, Scheels and others donated prizes and facilities. It was a perfect day with temperatures in the 70's and light winds. Over 200 crappies were caught during the tournament with 15 of them over 1 pound, the biggest being 1.60 pounds which was caught by one of the kids. All fish were healthy and all were returned to the lake.





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would accomplish, but they all had the best interests of our lake foremost in their mind. Through these years, Board members have moved, retired, or simply left the board for other opportunities. This turnover continues today.

So I am asking you, are you willing?

I would like to keep a list of potential volunteers. The main requirement is enthusiasm for improving our lake; but a background in biological/chemical sciences, accounting/banking, marketing/writing, or web services/design would be nice as well.

There are several ways to volunteer, starting with our various committees, which you can find listed on our website. Some committees are more active than others, so feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Another opportunity is a spot on the Board of Directors. There are 7 areas around the lake, with 2 directors from each area, as well as one "at-large" position (in recognition of the fact that not all our lake users live on the lake). This would involve monthly meetings, and usually belonging on an additional committee as well. This opportunity is not always available as there are a limited number of directors; but again, I would like to have a list of interested people.

Our current directors are listed on our web page. Please contact them if you have questions, or feel free to contact me. Please attend our annual meeting on August 27th. And if you are interested in volunteering, please contact me with your name and your interests. Thank you very much for your time and your support.

New Lake Washington Improvement Association Web Site

We invite you to visit the new Lake Washington Web site. <https://www.lakewashingtonmn.com/>

The old web site was designed sixteen years ago and the new web site provides the newest coding technology. The new technology makes the web site more user friendly. We have also added more lake pictures for your enjoyment. For those residents interested in the lake ice freeze and thaw dates they can click on "The Lake" at the top of the home page, then "Lake Data", then "Ice History".

You will notice that the picture on the home page changes over time. If you want to look at one of the home page pictures, you can click on the small dots at the bottom of the picture. We feel that the picture of the small kids with fishing poles portrays the future generation who will enjoy the lake. We want to thank board member, Glen Miller, for his hard work coordinating the Take-a-Kid Fishing Event.

You can identify the board member from your district by clicking on Association at the top of the page and then select Board Members. You can also click on Committees to see what committees you may wish to join.

Photo Gallery on the home page has three main groups: Fishing, Lake Fun, and Winter Pics. Click on one of those categories to see more pictures.

If you click on Association, you can access information about the Sewer Board or other government organizations.

We hope the new web site will serve you well to stay in touch with information about the Lake Washington Improvement Association.

Storm Warning Siren - upgrade

In the past, our Storm Warning Siren has been activated by Blue Earth County. This year LeSueur County has agreed to take responsibility for maintaining and activating our siren. This change will save our lake association the expense of insurance, and all repairs. The siren has also been upgraded to use the federal mandated narrow band frequency.

Officially, sirens are not tornado sirens anymore, but outdoor emergency sirens, and they are intended to be heard by people outdoors, not necessarily indoors.

Historically, monthly sirens were not sounded in Minnesota until the 1960s, when the federal government constructed and implemented the outdoor warning system. The mandate was that Minnesota test the sirens on the first Wednesday of every month. The state complied to continue receiving federal stipends to fund the warning system.

The 1 p.m. test time was chosen because early afternoon is when the most people would be out and about and likely to hear an outdoor siren. In addition, sounding at 1 PM would not interfere with the common small-town practice of sounding a noon lunchtime siren.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, sirens will sound twice.

If you hear a siren, go indoors, or get off the lake and get to a TV or radio and find out the nature of the emergency before acting. The thought is that people indoors will hear the warning on TVs or radios. Ideally, a home will have an NOAA all-hazard radio. NOAA radios are available at retail stores for \$20 to \$30, the radios are silent until a warning is issued. Radios give an alarm followed by an announcement with instructions on what to do.

We hope that the siren will continue to be helpful to fishermen and lake residents during summer storms.

2018 Lake Washington Improvement Association Golf Tournament Recap

The annual Lake Washington Open was held at Shoreland Country Club on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Westwood Marina contributed the dinner that was held afterwards. Nine teams participated in the event with all proceeds going to the Lake Washington Improvement Association. Over \$5500 was raised through hole sponsors, green fees and raffle tickets. LWIA wants to thank all of the golfers who participated, the hole sponsors and the businesses who donated prizes. Please support the following businesses that sponsored holes and provided raffle items:

Raffle Prize Donators

Westwood Marina, Lucky Lure - Madison Lake, Minnkota, Kibble Equipment, Al Dorn, Judy Long, Corner Bait - Madison Lake, MSU Hockey, Shoreland Country Club, Mankato Brewery, Hansen Sanitation, Scheels, Patterson Jewelry, Kohler Co. - Andy Lundgren, Nicole & Kyle Momen, Walts Hook, Line & Sinker, Lost Sanity Brewery-Madalia, WYSIWIG Juice - Mankato, Tom Leiferman, North Links, Terrace View, LWIA, State Farm -Heidi Baker, Minnesota Twins.

Hole Sponsors

Annis Seeds & Monsanto, Bolton & Menk, Grover Grain & Seed, Nicollet County Bank, Mankato Ford, Volk Transfer, Weichert Realty, Kato Glass, Mankato Brewery, Luther Mankato Honda, Dale's Marine, Stormy's, Pontoon 1 - Mankato, Mapleton Marine, Hansen Sanitation, State Farm - Heidi Baker, Steve "Gump" Rohlfing, Pioneer Bank, Spice Partners, Chuck Wenner Farms, Dan Sachau.

A special thanks goes to the committee that organized the golf tournament - Bruce and Mindy Annis, Matt Tyree, Dan Sachau and Lisa and Glenn Miller.

MLR - What You Can Do to Protect the Lake You Love

Lake home and cabin owners have an unmatched passion for Minnesota's lakes. Collectively they volunteer 1.2 million hours towards lake protection. But there is one action that many have not yet taken and it is critically important. Become an advocate for lakes by joining **Minnesota Lakes and Rivers**, even if you belong to a lake association that is an MLR partner.

Said Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, "What happens in Saint Paul impacts each of us out on our docks, often to our detriment. There are hundreds of thousands of lake home and cabin owners in Minnesota. They have a commitment to the health of Minnesota's lakes, but their voices were not heard because they were not organized."

Since 1993, MLR has been lake home and cabin owner's voice at the MN Legislature. Beginning in 2012, Minnesota

Lakes and Rivers Advocates started working with lake associations' members' to advance aquatic invasive species prevention efforts, and other issues important to them. MLR has built the largest and most active grassroots conservation group in Minnesota, but there is more work to do, and the financial support of individual lake home and cabin owners has fallen as Lake Association support has increased.

A grassroots strategy requires individual members to step up. Lake Associations are key civic organizations at the Township, City and County levels, and do incredibly important work. But for Statewide advocacy, individual voters must engage. In order to be most effective, lake home and cabin owners must be active in their lake associations while also participating in a statewide effort through Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, MLR.

MLR is building both a grassroots base, and organizing local civic engagement through lake association members to impact water related policy in Minnesota. MLR pushes both local and statewide media stories about lake issues, lobbies for legislative changes at the Capitol while supporting local groups as they engage zoning boards, city councils and county boards.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates provides:

- Full time lobbying at the State Capitol to change laws, push pro-water initiatives, and direct funds towards local lake and river projects, including \$10 million annually in County AIS Prevention Aid to our counties,
- A strategic and coordinated series of pro-water news stories in press, television and radio to educate citizens and politicians on water issues,
- Support for local partnerships that build lake association capacity and give local water advocates a seat at the table,
- Support funding for world class science (MLR was the only organization to advocate for creation of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, to identify issues and discover on-the-ground solutions to our water problems.
- This effort is generating benefits for lakes and support for the people that work to protect them. But to leverage this process, MLR needs the support of individual lake home and cabins owners.

Thousands of lake home and cabin owners across the state are building a grassroots constituency to protect lakes from runoff pollution, aquatic invasive species, poor fisheries management, loss of lake habitat. Membership contributions for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers are set by the members. People contribute what they can, with the average being about \$8 a month. This small investment in their lake is having a huge impact.

To learn more, and to join, go to www.mnlakesandrivers.org. Consider being a sustaining member to maximise your contribution. Or call 952-854-1317 for more information.