

Lake Owasso Association

Annual Meeting (Zoom) 59 signed up, 38 attended.

4/22/21

7:04 p.m. – call to order

Intro

Board member contact information displayed. No changes announced to current board members.

New Electronic Signup and payment program initiated.

- Andy Walz – shout-out for all his skill set and expertise (Thanks Andy)
- perhaps two years to refine and iron out kinks
- Complex undertaking given multiple players, including residents, LOA, treatment contractor, DNR, PayPal, banks, & Credit Card companies. Program driven by resident request for more efficient payment method, also designed to streamline efforts for LOA volunteers.
- Reminder of info@lakeowasso.org as a means to reach out to LOA board members
- Reminder of existence of web site: <http://www.lakeowasso.org>
- Residents can use the web site for many things including another means to signup and pay for treatment electronically.

Treasurers Report

- Balance on 1/1/20 - \$23,745.70
 - Key variable in balance fluctuations is if there was a 2nd treatment, and how large of a second treatment.
- Brief display of a chart used as a tool by the LOA board to arrive at the annual per foot charge for treatment.

2021 Treatment Program

- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) 20 – year anniversary. Treatment contractor characterizes EWM as effectively managed.
- Curly Leaf Pondweed (un-predictable where it sprouts from one year to the next)
- Slender Naiad (native) seems to have increased as EWM has been suppressed
- review of allowable treatment formula
- Treatment contractor completed 1st inspection on 4/22/2021. Water temp 49 degrees 3' down. Will inspect 2 or 3 more times before a likely treatment the first week of June.

Carp Harvesting

- program scaled back in 2020 per construction on NOB. Still 600 carp were harvest in 2020 near outlet to Wabasso.
- effort to capture carp at inlet to Owasso from Bennett Lake/Central Park was problematic per equipment that was vandalized.
- program expected to be expanded this year with new electronic sensor and net raising capability.
- RWMWD is developing an education program regarding carp capture with a youth aspect.
- 1:40 second Carp video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXp-rRkb6k8>

RWMWD

- working to deal with water levels on Lake Owasso, Lake Wabasso, Grass Lake, West Vadnais, Gervais, Keller Lake, Lake Phalen. 6 major bodies of water downstream of Owasso before Mississippi.
- works on flood control. RWMWD looking out for everyone's interest in watershed to achieve optimal water level throughout.
- RWMWD spends about 2.7 million annual or 20% of their 13 million annual budget on flood control mechanisms.

Wier addition / improvements in the watershed / Keller and Phalen

- New Weir on the South end of Lake Phalen
- Platform in Lake Owasso / electronic water level monitoring
- Rice Creek watershed district is to the Northwest of RWMWD. VLAWMO watershed organization is to the Northeast.
- East Vadnais (drinking water) completely separate from West Vadnais / do not intermix
- Coordination between adjoining watershed districts is important. Example: West Vadnais Lake resides in the VLAWMO watershed, yet water downstream of Owasso (part of RWMWD) flows through West Vadnais.

Courage Center

- planning on being there the month of July on Wednesdays

New Business

Mention of and questions about proposed development on Reiling parcel on west end of lake at Victoria. Concern was expressed about the development given the delicate nature of that wetland area. Referrals to RWMWD and the Roseville City Council for those concerned:

Two avenues for approach with the RWMWD. One is at the board level. The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm with the next meeting set for Wednesday May 5th. Meetings are open to the public where residents are allowed 4 minutes to express concern.

Contacts at the board level include Cliff and Larry.

<https://www.rwmwd.org/about/board-of-managers/>

At the staff level Tina and Nicole. Nicole is working on issues associated with the Reiling proposal.

<https://www.rwmwd.org/about/our-team/>

Roseville City Council contacts: <https://www.cityofroseville.com/56/Members>

Adjourn

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