

Lake Owasso Association Annual Meeting
(via Zoom) 67 registrants from about 55 households, 37 actual attendees
4/28/22 7:05 p.m. – call to order

Intro

-Joe Bester

Board Members

- Joe Bester, David Lutz, Steve Youngquist, Edward Roberts, Jill Roberts, Juan Quitevis, Chuck Nelson
- Edward Roberts now Treasurer. Long time board member and Treasurer Judy Wood stepped down. Thank Judith Wood for her previous treasure position
- Web site only a little over 2 years old and e-payment system only 1 year old. Attendees encouraged to submit ideas for additions/improvements
- Thanks to Andrew Walz for developing automatic payment system.
- Encouraged attendees to visit lakeowasso.org web site periodically. Idea to build expectations and habit from residents that they can find pertinent and relevant information posted there.

Motion to approve 2021 annual meeting minutes

- moved David Lutz
- second Steve Youngquist

Treasurers Report (Edward Roberts)

- Balance on 12/31/20 = \$17,381
- Balance on 12/31/21 - \$15,439
- One time \$1,300 expense for Zebra mussel search via Blue Water Science.
- Q. in chat, "what is the financial position ytd". Treasurer will follow up after the meeting

Report on Zebra Mussels

- 2 studies done. Plankton Tow testing using qPCR came back negative, suggesting no indication of reproduction.
- waiting on more rigorous eDNA test from U of MN Genomics Lab. Going through QA/QC
- Keegan Lund of the DNR is suggesting that Ramsey County conduct another zebra mussel search this spring
- Residents asked to look for zebra mussels on dock/lift posts

Boating Lights (Steve Youngquist)

- difference described for docking lights and navigation lights
- As a curtesy to neighbors - turn yard lights off when not in use / direct bulbs down

Water Level

- Current water level registers on the high side (as of April 16, 2022)
- 28" differential possible in Lake Owasso
- RWMWD still working to establish remote water level monitoring throughout watershed
- 6 bodies of water downstream of Lake Owasso before Mississippi
- thus far Wabasso and West Vadnais operational
- effort to secure information on elevation of all culverts (fixed height) throughout the system
 - Outlet from Lake Wabasso – adjustable
 - Outlet from Keller Lake – adjustable
 - Outlet from Lake Phalen – adjustable

2022 Treatment Program

- Non-natives continue to be the focus of program:
 - Eurasian Water Milfoil (21 – year anniversary),
 - Curly Leaf Pondweed (un-predictable where it sprouts from 1 year to the next)
- Slender Naiad is also problematic but as a native species is addressed selectively
- Allowed to treat up to 50% of shoreline
- Average width of lots is around 80 feet
- First inspection likely week of May 2. With likely first treatment early June
- Q. raised about treatment of water lilies. Protected species and only allowed to address in limited way, under permit.

MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC)

- pronounced “Maysirk”
- U of M lab / focuses on research
- some invasive treatment methods could become approved in the future
- encourage attendees to visit their website to familiarize with their programs
- Renowned aquatic U of MN researcher - Peter Sorenson – is affiliated with MAISRC

Carp – Update

- down below the 110lb per acre
- will be netting again this year (at outlet to Wabasso)
- better capture rate last year at inlet/outlet barriers
- less small carp captured than in previous years

Shoreline Restoration – 2022

- watershed involved in public beach shoreline restoration
- 10 additional private properties along E. Owasso Ln/Woodbridge/Horseshoe to be completed in 2022. Additional sections for shoreline restoration around the lake to be completed in 2023 and 2024.

New Business

- Garbage at park...need more garbage cans around the area. Solution maybe to contact Ramsey County parks.
- Question on why trees were removed from the south end of the lake. Response was power lines.
- Question on latest with Victoria Shores development. - Andy Walz knows about this but was not available during annual meeting.
- New trail on Victoria. To make comments go on the Ramsey County page.
- Encouraged to join adopt a drain program-keep our lakes clean

Adjourn

- 8:00pm