

January 16, 2024

2023 QLIA Summary

We finished the second year of our two year surface water grants. This was for plant surveys on Lost Land, Teal and Ghost Lakes. It also reviewed our Aquatic Plant Plan for the next five years. This is a DNR requirement every 5 years to be eligible for future DNR grants.

We had our annual meeting and election in July and the annual picnic in August. The board has transitioned to working with Megan Mader of the NWRPC (Northwest Regional Planning Commission) on implementing our new APMP (Aquatic Plant Management Plan) and requesting grants for 2024 plant management. Formerly the board was working with Dave Blumer from LEAPS, LLC.

We have been discussing possible treatment plans with the DNR personnel and Megan Mader. Megan has worked extensively over the past few months getting the APMP completed with DNR involvement. The grant proposes a chemical approach vs. mechanical removal on Lost Land Lake and Teal Lake. We will not know the extent of the treatment until this spring after the DNR reviews our data. The cost of treatment includes the chemicals and all the surveys needed for the treatment. It will be quite involved with plant and water testing and surveying.

We had 128 hours of Harvester operation on Lost Land Lake and 32.9 on Teal Lake. (Teal Lake's plants were slow developing this year) There was 164.25 cubic yards of milfoil removed from Lost Land Lake and 28.5 from Teal Lake.

Toward our Surface Water grants, we had 34 man-hours and 22.5 boat hours for Lost Land Lake and 12 man hours and 9.5 boat hours on Teal Lake. This goes toward our 25% of grant funds.

Our Fundraising Committee has been working on obtaining the funds for our share of treatment costs. We are required to pay 25% of treatment costs. They had some events during our annual picnic and a larger fundraiser is planned for this summer called Summer Fest - to be held Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Lakewoods Resort from 12:00-4:00. The committee will be publishing information on this event. The board is very appreciative of all the efforts by the Fundraising Committee. In 2023 they helped raise thousands of dollars to support the long-term health of our lakes.

The Association Board thanks our membership for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Norm Bratteig

QLIA Board President