Lake Committee Report. Meeting held May 1, 2023

#### **GEESE**

We mistakenly addled eggs on private property and were given a written warning by the State Game
Commission. Our permit was reviewed with our Game Warden and steps are in place so that our volunteers
know not to venture onto any property other than that owned by WLLA.

#### HAZARDOUS ALGAE

Algae can be hazardous in certain quantities and conditions. It is important that if larger amounts of algae are observed that the committee be notified ASAP in order to test and treat the algae. All testing would be done under an understanding with PLEON.

# **BEACH TESTING**

Weekly testing is required by the PA Dept. of Health. We have engaged Sekula Labs once again to perform testing at Clubhouse Beach and West Shore Beach starting the week prior to Memorial Day. Should the test show positive for harmful bacteria, we will immediately be notified and that beach will be closed. Every effort to retest ASAP will be made so that beach may reopen. Harmful bacteria is usually the result of animal feces getting into the lake, so please clean up after your pets and do not feed or encourage the geese in any way.

# FISH STOCKING

We stocked the lake this past month with the following fish:

- 350 LMO Bass
- 100 Shiners for smallmouth bass populations and to increase sunfish angling.
- 100 Black Crappies to supplement food for yellow perch. Increased size in the yellow perch creates food for increasing the black bass population.

Bobby Jovanovic generously donated funds for 350 additional bass for the lake and our supplier was able to bring those as well.

Catch and Release is strongly recommended for any bass or pickerel caught in our lake.

# **CREEL SURVEY**

We are conducting the 2023 creel survey via a link on Facebook and the Walker Lake webpage. We will also be printing out small cards for the office and/or security to distribute to anyone unaware of the survey. The survey gives us additional information to help decide to stock the lake in the future.

#### **BEAVERS**

One beavers was trapped and removed, but there is additional evidence of a second beaver remaining at another location. Homeowners who suspect that a beaver is on their property should contact the office, who will contact the Lake Committee. While WLLA will have any beavers removed, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the beaver den. Dens can be re-occupied by other beavers.