

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

MEMBERSHIP: Lance Sjoerdsma

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Matt DeWeerd

TREASURER: Travis Wilson

Board Members

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson

2026: Dave Stitz, Matt DeWeerd, Steve Van Dyke, Steve Joneson, Mark Benjamin

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

2027: Lenny Pierce, Alicia Sjoerdsma, Mark Ellis, Pam Stitz, Debra Joneson

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: George Steward

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Rick Kasack

2028: Rick Kasack, Bonnie Pierce, Paul Kitchka, Christian Scott, Teresa Steward

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Dave with Elite Seawall reported the old wall is out with 1-2 weeks to complete the task. 20 foot sheet piles are replacing the 12 foot old ones. Dave is working on a quote to work on other areas.

Recommendation is to start at one spot and work the way around the club over time to complete it to prevent this from happening in the future. He recommends starting with the bad areas and go from there. There is an option to reduce material costs with welding the 12 foot sections on to support the 20 foot sections. Dave recommends trying it to prove it is a good option. Dave recommends 25 foot sheet piles. 20 ft is \$233/linear foot. 25 ft is approximately \$300 per foot. Dave is also able to do dredging. Franklin AEL is selling the 3 barges, the push boat and trailer for \$90,000. Consideration was recommended by member for policies for the campsites for more than one tent on a single campsite. Dale noted that the rules for the campground should be reviewed and this could be a consideration. Member also noted too much light throughout marina creating a lot of light pollution. Request to make some adjustments. Wally noted that in area 1 there will be new lights with the same amount of lumen but aimed better at the ground. This will be a test area to see if this solution works. Another member noted a request to adjust the temperature of the light to reduce bugs. Member will look into it to present to the board. There is a suggestion to use a coupler to point the lights down and not replace the light fixtures.

MERES: No report.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Ice machine is down. The board that makes the ice is bad. To replace the board you have to buy the compressor too. There is another option without the compressor (water cooled) and would make more ice (\$3,276 plus installation of \$300). Rick will get quotes for us for replacements. There is an option for around \$250 to do a repair. This would be the 4th or 5th repair this season. Request was made to look at the possibility of a vendor style ice machine. Concern for the lack of ventilation in the bathhouse was noted by members. There are some vents currently in the process of

being installed. Quote was given for \$2,000 for a new macerator that will grind up a leather glove to stop the plugs we are getting. Request was made for a procedure sheet to be created of how to clean the pump out and who to call when it does back up. Rick requested that all people who do work around the club, reach out to let him know so he can track the repairs. Shut down date needs determined (10/18 or 10/25) to reserve the pump.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: No report.

MUCC: Travis reported. Membership is due. It is \$600 through October and then the new pricing structure comes into play at a significant increase to cost.

CAMPGROUND: Mark reported \$850 came in through the campground. Need another \$224 for the holiday camping permit. Matt noted that a boat can be stored on a trailer for \$100/season in boat parking area but not on the beach. This applies for boat and campsite holders. They must register it with Matt. This may need to be included in the refresh of the campground rules.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: Lance reported Jake will step into the volunteer position to chair this year. He needs all the contact info.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: no report

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. All slips have been rented. Took in nearly \$4,000 in late fees and transient fees this month.

OLD BUSINESS: Wally noted the signage around the club have been updated, including liability signs. Wally recommends a few more signs including don't fish on the docks, slips are for boat holders, to mark the fishing areas, and signs for the slip numbers. Wally will present this at the board meeting to vote on. Pam brought up the concern to bring back the discussion around adding ladders with handles at the top of the seawall.

NEW BUSINESS: Lance noted a request to budget some young people to get some basic work done around the club throughout the season. A member noted it could be helpful to have a list on the whiteboard of what needs to be done. Suggestion was made that members have to do so many hours of service at the club and you pay out \$20/hr for every hour they don't volunteer to pay for paid services. Another ideas was a QR code for a google doc to keep a list of jobs needed done. Alecia noted appreciation for those who helped organize the barn and donated to the tree fund.

OTHER: Meeting adjourned for break at 8:36 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Heather read meeting minutes. Matt motioned to accept as corrected, Christian 2nd, all favored, passed.

New/Old Business: Paul motioned to move the cradles back to the old location near the

campground. Steve Vandyke 2nd. 7 yays, 9 nays, motion did not pass. Cradles stay where they are. Steve Vandyke motioned to replace the ice machine with the one Rick presented, Travis second, all favored, passed. Kathy completed the taxes. They are turned in and accepted. They will be presented in the September meeting. Boats need to be out by October 18th with a shut down of the club on October 25th. Wally found a band for Labor Day at the cost of \$700. Wally motion for \$1200 for the Labor Day party (including \$500 for the food cost), Christian 2nd, all favored, passed. The rum cup needs a new buoy at approximately \$300. Matt motioned \$500 for the buoy and prizes for the rum cup, Wally second, all favored, passed. Discussion for laundry machine update and hiring summer help tabled for next meeting. A green buoy needs a new bracket with light and a work crew has been established to get it fixed. Wally motioned \$1250 for the prizes for Sportsman for youth with discussion in text to finalize the prizes, Christian 2nd, all favored, passed. Mark Ellis motioned \$224 for temporary camping permit for Labor Day, Travis second, all favored, passed. Tabled cement pad and steps cost to get two more quotes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Travis reported. (See sheets)

BILLS: Matt motioned to pay the bills totaling \$8,810.56, Dave 2nd, all favored, passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve V motioned to adjourn, Wally 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Addendum (text communication)

8/8/25 Rick gave notice that he will be stepping down from building and property at the end of this season.

8/8/25 Matt reported the sheet piles we currently have were inadequate for the seawall repair and noted a recommendation for heavier gauge sheet pile at a cost of \$7,618.92. Mark Benjamin motioned for the \$7,618.92, Rick 2nd, 10 yay, 0 nay. Motion carried.

8/19/25 Matt reported an additional cost of \$2,000 to the seawall repair as the sheets where he stopped with the seawall repair are pushed out at the bottom. He recommended placing an I-beam near the waterline with additional screw anchors to pull the bottom of the wall back in. Rick motioned for the additional \$2,000 to add the I-beam, Teresa 2nd. 11 yay, 0 nay. Motion carried.