

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

Date December 3, 2024

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

TREASURER: Travis Wilson (excused)

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson (excused)

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: George Steward

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Rick Kasack

MEMBERSHIP: Glenn Visscher, Mary Wetherby,
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SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Darren Meyers

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Board Members

2025: Robert Harris, Bonnie Pierce, Glenn Visscher, George Steward, Scott Thompson

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

2027: Lenny Pierce, Alicia Sjoerdsma, Mark Ellis, Pam Stitz (excused), Debra Joneso

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began 7:00 pm.

MERES: no report

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack read letter on requirement to replace pipes. Needs more information. Not required done until 2040.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally David reported. DNR, EGLE and health department are still working to isolate the PFAS origination.

MUCC: no report

CAMPGROUND: no report

MEMBERSHIP: Lance reported 1 renewal.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: No report.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: no report

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report

Bylaw committee: George reported the changes have been organized and is ready to present it to the attorney for review.

SHORE COMMITTEE: Darren reported. MUCC fees went up to \$35 (we are charging \$30). Spent approximately \$10,000 for the seawall project. It was approved through emergency text pathway. Wants consideration for what slip fees may need to be to help with increased costs. No increase in slip fees since 2000. Decision needs to be made if we will require boat registration and liability insurance.

Matt noted that if the club is listed as "Additional Interest" on the insurance, the club will receive a card stating they are covered. A decision needs to be made of how members will access the gate next season. Darren recommends cards or phone app. Need to determine if there will be a deposit on the card and how much. Via text with the board on 11/24/24 Darren motioned \$10,000 for sheet and pyle to repair the seawall. Travis 2nd, 13 favored. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Wally received text from Carl. He is in Hawaii and unable to appeal his removal from membership. Alicia is finalizing the kitchen organization and plans to act as party chair. Requesting \$200 for labeling the towels.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Kitchka noted the possibility of a wall at the marina channel to help reduce future dredging and the addition of rocks to protect the point at the entrance. Discussion around voting with a decision to set up voting for the board members via Survey Monkey along with in person.

OTHER: Nominations: Kathy Wilkerson for Financial Secretary, Travis for Treasurer, Lance for President, Wally for Vice President, Heather for Recording Secretary, and Rick Kasack, Paul Kitchka, Bonnie Pierce, George Stewart, and Darren Myers for board. No break. Went directly into MCC Board Meeting.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Heather read meeting minutes. Dave Stitz motioned to accept with modifications, Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed. Pam is acting Financial Secretary.

New/Old Business: Darren nominated Wally to set up election electronic pieces and pass it off to the election committee for monitoring and counting of the votes, Matt 2nd, all favored, passed. Matt motioned to raise slip fees by \$100 per season, Steve Joneson 2nd, all favored, passed. Darren motioned to raise membership rates to \$40, Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed. Scott motioned the card replacement cost as a deposit to get card, Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed. Scott motioned all slip holders must have minimum liability insurance on their boats for the 2025 season and beyond, Matt 2nd, all favored, passed. Security cameras need lenses replaced. Wally will look into this and bring a quote to next meeting. George motioned \$2,500 for bylaw reviews with the lawyer, after the board is able to review the proposed changes by 12/9/24, Matt 2nd, all favored, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wally motioned to table, matt second, all favored, passed.

BILLS: Darren reported. \$11,920.50 Steve motioned to pay the bills, Wally 2nd, all favored passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Matt motioned to adjourn, Bob Harris 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Addendums through text messaging:

12/5/24 George motioned to increase the family membership to \$60. Matt 2nd, 14 members responded in favor, motion passed.

12/12/24 Wally motioned to pay the marine insurance, changing the policies from Hanover to Clearwater. 12 members responded in favor, motion passed.

On 12/18/2024 Darren motioned that the slip holder fee for dry storage of small boats (less than 19') be raised to \$100. Wally 2nd, 11 members responded in favor, motion passed.