

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Matt DeWeerd

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

Board Members

TREASURER: Travis Wilson

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

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson

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

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: George Steward

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Rick Kasack

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

MEMBERSHIP: Lance Sjoerdsma

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7:02 pm. Minutes were read.

MERES: Norm Hoag reported. Waiting for the ice to clear to do the replacement Riverwalk.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Paul is working on a process sheet with all the information around the building a maintenance. Lance is looking for support with lowering the docks. Talk to Rick if willing to volunteer.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally reported. There are some permits that need done.

MUCC: Lance reported. Youth camp is coming up and nominations can be made for kids up to 12 years old. Nominations can go to Lance by May 15, 2025. Annual trip to the meeting is coming up to give our voice toward lobbying.

CAMPGROUND: Lance reported. All four seasonal campsites are sold for this year. That uses all sites that can be booked. There is a permit that can be used for short periods. There are a few things that need to be done to get a campground permit for the full season. This could be up to 25 sites.

MEMBERSHIP: Lance reported. Memberships are coming in with no numbers to report this month.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: Norm reported. The banquet is next week. Asking the club to consider a donation. Last year's donation was \$5,000. This goes toward the Sportsman for Youth Day September 9th as a sponsorship.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. Need volunteers for the seawall repair. The travel lift needs repair for a leak. Travis and Matt will be working on to the membership list. Letter or email will go out this month to all members explaining the insurance and the need to have a seaworthy vessel. Travis shared that Dan Weatherby stepped in to get the slip applications finished and sent out.

BYLAW COMMITTEE: George Steward reported that all recommended changes have been made and the new bylaws would be presented at coming meetings before voting in accordance with the rules for making changes.

VOTING COMMITTEE: Final results of voting are Lance for President, Wally for Vice President, Travis for Treasurer, Kathy for Financial Secretary, Heather for Recording Secretary, and Rick Kasack, Bonnie Pierce, Paul Kitchka, Christian Scott, Teresa Steward for Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS: Updating the cameras will have to wait for the weather to improve. George noted the file cabinets are cleaned out and there is a box of swag that anyone can take what they want.

NEW BUSINESS: As of March 1st the code for the gate will be changed and cards will be in the mail for new members before then. Lance wants to create a committee chair for IT. Lance noted it would be helpful for process sheets for all roles. Due to the cost of eggs Paul Kitchka requested additional \$100 for Piker's Picnic. Heather requested committee support to help with the grant writing process. Lance presented an 80 year-old member who cannot get out to his ice shanty. He would like to store his quad on the property. Norm noted that the bags for recycling the shrink wrap has gone up to \$12 so he will no longer be doing that service.

OTHER: General membership meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Meeting began at 8:10 pm. Wally motioned to accept the minutes, Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed.

New/Old Business: Lance noted the gate code will be converted on 3/1/25; cards will be needed to access. Lance proposed we open an IT chair person. Wally was nominated and he accepted. Travis noted we should have a conversation with our insurance to make sure allowing members to store their quads for ice fishing. Dave motioned to increase Piker's Picnic funding to \$600 total, Glenn 2nd, all favored, passed. Lance requested that all paperwork, bills and club assets be given over to Executive Board for cataloguing. George is going to clean out the cabinets in the office. Wally requested \$300 for a laser printer and paper. Matt motioned \$300 for a laser printer and paper, Glenn 2nd, all favored, passed. Wally will investigate changing internet to office use only and get cost comparison. Lance requested that all people with roles create a procedure sheet. Pam motioned for \$2,500 for the Sportsman for Youth. Wally motioned to table the Sportsman for Youth funds to allow them time to give us financial information. Dave 2nd, all favored, motion tabled. Travis will look into when and how much we give to the North Muskegon Police and Fire Departments. Travis motioned to accept the bylaw changes to be presented to the general membership for the next 2 meetings and to be voted on after. Pam 2nd, all favored, passed. Steve VanDyke motioned for 2 couples to go to the MUCC meeting, Scott 2nd, all favored, passed. Wally

motioned that all lifetime members get one gate key for free, Pam 2nd, all favored, passed. Travis motioned to spend \$5000 to get up to code for doing a campground permit, Pam 2nd, 14 favored, 1 opposed, motioned passed. Steve Vandyke motioned to increase the camping fees \$15 for tents and \$20 for campers without power and \$35 for campers with power, Scott 2nd, all favored, passed. Lance shared an email from an angry member.

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

BILLS: Kathy reported. \$14,823.30 for the bills. Wally motioned to pay the bills, Steve VanDyke 2nd, all favored, passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve Vandyke motioned to adjourn, Matt 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.