

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

Date 1/7/25

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

TREASURER: Travis Wilson

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: George Steward

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Rick Kasack

MEMBERSHIP: muskegonccmembership@gmail.com

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Darren Meyers

WINTER CONTACT:

Board Members

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

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

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

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7:00 pm. A moment of silence and bible verse were offered for Darren in remembrance. Lance proposed a celebration of life in his honor and all those who have passed from the club on Memorial Day 2025.

MERES: Norm Hoag reported. Boardwalk repair will begin when the weather allows.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Plans to add a barrel of salt to the entrance ramp to the club. Progress continues to be made on the seawall repair.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally David reported. Research continues to solve the PFAS mystery.

MUCC: Ralph from MUCC bylaws committee reported. Major changes to bylaws and committees with voting at the annual meeting end of March in Gaylord.

CAMPGROUND: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Lance reported. 9 new members. Invoices for 2025 will be mailed in the next few weeks.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: Norm reported. Banquet on 2/13/25.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: no report

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: Randy reported this will happen in April. Chris is the committee chair.

SHORE COMMITTEE: no reported.

BYLAW COMMITTEE: George reported. Copies of the bylaw changes were extended to the board for review and offer changes. This will be presented at a couple meetings with voting during the boating season.

VOTING COMMITTEE: Electronic voting was set up by Wally. The election board includes Jennie, Tammy Ripple and Scott Thompson. Additional nominations: Christian Scott for Board, Teresa Steward for board, George Steward for Vice President, Dave Stitz for President.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Kichka noted log under where the seawall repair is happening causing problems sinking the wall. Member noted we need to salt the entrance ramp coming into the club. Pam Stitz proposed a moratorium on spending this year to manage the upcoming repair and maintenance expenses. Norm brought up the possibility of lowering the docks to help support the seawall. Wally proposed looking into grants to help with some of our seawall challenges. Lance read letter from Marilyn Grubinski with a check for \$125 in honor of her brother Paul to be used at the club. Dave Stitz reported on Piker's Picnic. There is a breakfast at 8:00 am with a free fishing weekend. Paul, Norm, Sally, Pam, and Dave will cook (February 15-16).

OTHER: Meeting adjourned for break at 7:53 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Meeting began at 8:00 pm. Heather read meeting minutes. Matt motioned to accept with corrections, Dave Stitz 2nd, all favored, passed.

New/Old Business: Dan Weatherby is stepping up to manage the slip renewals with Travis this year. We still need a volunteer to take over shore committee. New camera lenses are \$60 each for a total of \$240 for 4 cameras. To replace the cameras with higher resolution and night vision they would be \$180 per camera. Matt motioned \$200 to buy one camera and test them. Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed. Steve VanDyke motioned \$500 for Piker's Picnic breakfast cost, Travis 2nd, all favored, passed. Lance noted the need to organize all keys, passwords, permits, and accounts. All passwords and codes need to be emailed to president@muskegonconcerationclub.org to be stored in a folder in that email account. The lock on the office has been an issue due to batteries dying. Pam is going to see if a locksmith friend will look at it and advise what to do. Pam Stitz motioned George Steward to clean out and organize the file cabinets, Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed. Pam Stitz motioned for Matt to handle administrated portion of Shore Committee, Dave Stitz 2nd, all favored, passed.

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

BILLS: Travis reported. November bills were \$11,920.50. December bills were \$3857.78. Matt motioned to pay the December bills. Bob Harris 2nd, all favored, passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Dave Stitz motioned to adjourn, Pam 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.