

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

Date 6/4/24

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: Matt Brewer, Glenn Visscher, Mary Wetherby, muskegonccmembership@gmail.com

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Darren Meyers

WINTER CONTACT: Dan Wetherby (616)308-4221

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, Debra Johnson

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7:00 pm. New members introduced themselves.

MERES: Lance Sjoerdsma read letter from MERES requesting \$10,000 for repairs to the river walk.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported cleanup was completed. Area behind barn was leveled and fence has begun being installed. Beach grass has been planted. Volunteers set up for mowing. Still looking for a leaf machine. Requests stakes, pots or landscaping be placed near plantings so they do not get ran over with the lawn mower. Grass clippings go in the bucket in the sky track. Request was made for screens put on the bathhouse windows.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: no report

MUCC: Darren Meyers noted only one teacher responded about the Tracks magazine. Potentially we could spend the money in a more hands on way like a field trip to MERES.

CAMPGROUND: Mark reported. More campsites added and brush cleared. Currently the money for site rental is deposited at the office. These reservations and payments will be able to be made through the credit card machine and website in the near future. Darren noted the option to add flowers to the retaining wall in the campground with the remaining funds put aside for the clean-up effort. Also noted consideration that of the 10 sites, we could offer a few seasonal sites.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Wetherby reported - 8 lifetime, 69 new, 336 Renewals, 413 total members. Wally reminded that membership can be paid online.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: Chrissy reported on the Paul Garbinski Memorial Fishing Derby \$530.68 for prizes and \$20 in fuel for picking it all up. Requested a security area around the table for the prizes to help manage the crowd. Registration at 9 am, fishing from 11:00 am – noon. Volunteers arrive at 9:00 am.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: George reported. He will no longer be an instructor due to DNR changes. This means no Hunter's Safety at the club this year. Coast Guard boat checks are this weekend. Sign up in the bath house.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report

SHORE COMMITTEE: Darren reported. Need volunteers to help with launching boats. Hydraulic trailer for lifting boats off stands to carry them to the big lift is still in negotiations. Boat storage area will get finished in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS: New AED has been purchased and will be installed this week. Fire department will do CPR classes and AED training. More info to come. Will be installed in the screen room. Darren updated on the gate. We are waiting on some trenching to run the electrical. Lance is working on getting all the cards and the distribution of cards is TBD. Wally updated on the Jolly Roger sailing school seems it may not happen.

NEW BUSINESS: no report

OTHER: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Darren motioned minutes approved, Mark Ellis 2nd, all favored.

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

BILLS: Kathy reported. \$10,010.98 in bills this month. Glenn motioned to accept to pay the bills, Wally 2nd, all favored. Accepted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Darren noted it might be beneficial to add an addendum to the annual slip renewal that a lien can be put on a boat for past due fees. Darren and Wally will look into enforcing registration and the addition of proof of insurance for all boats in slips as well as looking into language for the destruction of derelict boats as part of the application to have a slip. Alecia proposed \$3,150 for 25 trees to replace the dead trees that were removed. It was decided that Pam and Alicia can take a poll of who would like a tree and benches throughout the club and shore committee is to determine if there is room for the proposed trees and benches based on needs for parking and buried infrastructure. Darren is going to research the area where the old fire pit was getting cleaned up and restored. There will be "smoke off" and potluck for the 6th of July party. George Steward and Steve Joneson will run the smoker. Wally motioned \$500 for the supplies. Travis 2nd, all favored. Passed. Party begins at 5:00

pm. The band will be 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Mark Ellis motioned to do 5 rustic seasonal campsites for \$1200 with season being the same as the boating season. Wally motioned for \$750 for rest of this season, Scott 2nd, all favored, passed. Lance will reach out for MERES to come to the next meeting to present their request for \$10,000 for the Riverwalk. Campground committee can put together a proposal for amendments to the campground rules to include those that are specific to the seasonal campsites. Cleaning lady, Melissa, is stepping down. Bonnie Pierce has been appointed to replace her.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Bob motioned to adjourn at 9:14 pm, Matt 2nd, all favored, passed.