

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2025

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma (excused)

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 (excused), Mark Benjamin

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

2027: Lenny Pierce, Alicia Sjoerdsma (excused), 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. No new members introduced.

MERES: No report.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Clean up going well. Budget has been turned in and will be reviewed. Air conditioner and ice machine need serviced. Barn has been cleaned and organized. If we run out of mixed gas, leave it and Rick will replace it with the proper mix. All machines have had their oil changed and the maintenance log has been updated.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: No report

MUCC: no report

CAMPGROUND: no report

MEMBERSHIP: no report

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: No report.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: No report.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: No report

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. Most of the boats are in the water. All slips are full at this time. More will be available after seawall repairs. Seawall repair completion is yet to be determined. Remaining cradles will be moved soon. There is a pontoon in slip 34 and it is unknown who's it is. It does not belong there and must be moved.

OLD BUSINESS: Fishing derby is this weekend. The registration is 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Need volunteers especially around 12:00 pm. If you have a yardstick, please bring it. The turnout the last few years is 25-30 kids. Every kid gets a door prize ticket. There are three categories ages 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 year olds. Club crawl discussion ensued with a desire to do two dates, June 14th and July 19th.

NEW BUSINESS: Pam Stitz noted desire to do 4th of July boat decoration competition. Requesting \$200 for prizes for the decorations. Pam Stitz noted we need to be careful to dispose all smoking products in waste bins. Steve VanDyke noted many people fishing around the boats. Fishing cannot be done in boat slips during the boating season. New signs can be added as reminders and slip owners can kindly share the policy with those who are unaware. Fishing must be done in designated areas. Crissy asked about membership cards/stickers. We are no longer doing stickers and membership cards. John Petersen presented he would like to put SureStep flooring on the floating dock at a cost of \$1185 to reduce risk of slipping. He also volunteered to install it and noted a need to add additional pilings and struts. Dave Betka requested equipment support to remove a branch by slip 49. Jen requested clarification for guests parking. Wally noted it was all around the building, along the seawall between areas 3 and 4. The \$10/day late fee for launching does not pertain to the area 2 people without power and water. Clarification around how to volunteer: there is a sign up online to share what you can help with.

OTHER: Meeting adjourned for break at 7:54 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

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

New/Old Business: Discussion about getting a tax exemption account with gas stations for refueling. Travis is going to look into what is possible. Paul asked about the why the backhoe is being stored outside. Rick Kasack said there is work in progress of finding a solution for this as there is not enough room in the shed currently. Wally David is going to take care of the bait for the fishing derby rather than Rick Kasack. Discussion about purchasing a new battery-operated weed-wacker. Rick Kasack will make final decision as it falls under his budget. Mark Ellis motioned for \$224 for camping permit for July 4th weekend. Travis 2nd, all favored, passed. Steve VanDyke motioned \$2000 to add the SureStep to floating dock and the brackets and posts to stabilize it, Mark 2nd, all favored, passed. Steve VanDyke brought up changing the camping for kids to be any nearby campground for \$500 budget of up to 4 kids. This was tabled to next meeting. Matt Deweerd motioned for \$200 to pay for prizes for the boat decorations 4th of July, Steve VanDyke 2nd, all favored, passed.

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

BILLS: Kathy reported. \$11,648.52 in bills. Steve V. motioned to pay the bills, Dave Stitz 2nd

all favored, passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve VanDyke motioned to adjourn, Matt Deweerd 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.