

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

Date March 4, 2025

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Matt DeWeerd

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

Board Members

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

TREASURER: Travis Wilson

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

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

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

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: George Steward

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Rick Kasack

Incoming 2028: Rick Kasack, Bonnie Pierce, Paul Kitchka, Christian Scott, Teresa Steward

MEMBERSHIP: Lance Sjoerdsma

GENERAL MEETING

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

MERES: Norm Hoag reported. They are waiting for the ice to clear to begin the riverwalk repair.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Many projects lined up for when the weather breaks. Mark and Matt will collaborate on Spring Clean-up for the grounds.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally David no report.

MUCC: MUCC convention is this weekend, select delegation from the club will be voting on the various resolutions.

CAMPGROUND: Mark reported. Sold the 4 seasonal spots. We will do special permit for the three major holidays to allow more campers.

MEMBERSHIP: Lance reported 200 non-slip holder members plus slip holders so far.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: Norm reported. We have historically sponsored Sportsman for Youth with a \$550 donation with our name on the t-shirts (3,000 t-shirts). We normally donate in the summer to go towards prizes at the fall event.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: Wally will be getting a date set for Coast Guard Auxiliary for the boat reviews.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report.

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. Need people to get their payments in. When the

weather breaks there are some seawall repairs. Matt will be getting the permits to do it. There is a need for volunteers to help get boats in this year. Please see Matt to volunteer with your skill set.

OLD BUSINESS: Paul Kitchka noted Piker's picnic went well and noted appreciation for all the hard work everyone put into it. Cost of food means the budget needs to go up in the future. There were 94 people for breakfast. Proposed bylaw changes were given out for general membership to approve.

NEW BUSINESS: Euchre tournament will be on March 15th at 6:00 pm in the clubhouse (and will roll throughout the year). We need volunteers to host each of them. Cost is \$5. The winning team will split the proceeds with the club. No teams required. Lance noted a desire to offer more events like movie nights and coffee Sunday morning. Lance and Alicia attended a fundraiser that they would like to propose we contribute to with things like hunter's safety. More information to come. Budgets are due for committees at next meeting. Please see Travis for any information needed. Need an audit committee this year to do a financial audit. We need volunteers to do it. Dredging is going to be expensive this year with the water so low. Lance has a line on a potential barge for future dredging in house. May 17-18, weather permitting, will be the Spring Clean-Up.

OTHER: Meeting adjourned for break at 7:44 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Meeting began at 7:58 pm. Heather read meeting minutes. Matt motioned to accept, Dave Stitz 2nd, all favored, passed.

Swore in new executive and board members.

New/Old Business: Heather reported on grant process. One potential grant but awaiting call backs to move to the next step. Travis is looking into a possible bank change. Heather will look into the specifics of the motion in regards to this in the minutes from a few months ago and Travis will take action on it. George will get pricing on wholesale fishing poles for the Sportsman for Youth. Steve Joneson motioned to raise the rental fees to \$100 for clubhouse, \$50 for the kitchen, and \$50 for the screen room. Matt second, all favored, passed. Matt will find out the cost for contract shore support to help run machines. George will look into scraping the 4 lead keels to find out what we can get for them.

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

BILLS: Kathy reported total bills of \$3440.32. Wally motioned to pay the bills, Matt 2nd, all favored, passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve Joneson motioned to adjourn, Matt 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.