

# MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

## Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

### May 7, 2024 - General Board Meeting

**PRESIDENT:** Lance Sjoerdsma

**SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Darren Meyers

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Wally David

**WINTER CONTACT:** Dan Wetherby (616)308-4221

**TREASURER:** Travis Wilson

#### **Board Members**

**FINANCIAL SEC:** Kathy Wilkerson

**2025:** Bob Harris, Bonnie Pierce (excused), Glenn Visscher (absent), George Steward, Scott Thompson (absent)

**RECORDING SEC:** Heather David

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** George Steward  
(excused)

**2026:** Dave Stitz (excused), Matt DeWeerd, Steve Van Dyke, Steve Joneson (excused), Mark Benjamin

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
Rick Kasack

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

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

**OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER:** Meeting began 7:00 pm. Paul Kitchka noted concerns about the property changes. Wally noted internet speed will be raised in about a week.

**BUILDING & PROPERTY:** Rick Kasack reported. Multiple property cleanup projects completed, Arborvitas are planted, leaky pipes repaired. Gravel needed for the campground. Charge account opened to pay for repair and maintenance. Requesting hiring lawn maintenance for Spring and Fall clean up or purchase a tow behind leaf vac for tractor.

**SHORE COMMITTEE:** Darren reported. Multiple docks repaired. Boats not launched by 5/18 will be charged \$90 to have them moved and \$10/day storage. All slips are filled.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Wally reported. We need to find a private grant writer to get us a grant for improvements to the club. More details to follow. Darren reported Chad Hipshire (EAGLE/DEQ) noted we are on track to qualify for a grant for shoreline improvements.

**MERES:** Norm reported. The Al Bell trail has been leveled back out. The Wilder trail still needs funding.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Mary reported: 338 members; lifetime 8, new members 52, renewals 258. Wally reported membership can be renewed online.

**SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH:** Norm reported. Exhibit will be 9/7. The normal budget is \$750 for the club's exhibit prizes. The Paul Grabinski fund is set aside for this program.

**BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY:** Darren reported. The next will be in August. George is chairing this.

**MUCC:** Alecia reported. There was a fundraiser on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Tracks Magazine subscription for

the schools needs to be paid. This is an educational magazine for the students. Lance requested a teacher come in to report how these are being used before providing funds again.

**CAMPGROUND:** Mark Ellis reported. Clean up Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 am.

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY:** No report.

**OTHER:** Chrissy is stepping in to lead the the Fishing Derby. Wally reported that Jolly Roger Sailing school is still in the works and is still likely to happen. Rob Mooring from the Bird House present and noted they are going to donate a couple bird houses. They are also planting Arborvitas at the top of the hill. Meeting adjourned for break at 8:15 pm.

### **MCC BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES:** Meeting started at 8:40 pm. Darren motioned to begin, Wally 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dredging done. Poles for the new gate will be installed within the next week. Zoll AED is being purchased. Darren motioned \$750 for prizes for Conservation Club's booth at sportsman for youth, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed. Darren motioned, Wally 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$1000 for The Paul Grabinski Memorial Free Fishing weekend. All favored, passed. MUCC camp fees for Allicin Wortelbore tabled for next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Darren requested all jack stands get placed on skids and put their name on the skids. Requested a fence be placed behind the barn to store the jack stands. Wally noted his company has the big plastic skids and he may be able to get them donated. 30 skids requested. Alecia requested more money for trees to replace those by the slips that are dead. She would also like benches and bushes for decoration and to draw in butterflies. Also requesting dune grass to preserve the shoreline. Darren thought it would be good to bring in a pro to recommend what the best plants are for the space. Wally requested signs be placed on the pilings to not fish in the wells. Darren motioned \$5,000 for aggregate for the campground, Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed. Darren motioned, Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1000 for 8 panel fence and Arborvitas for by the garage. All favored, passed. Darren brought up a hydraulic trailer to move boats which would allow boats to be stored closer together, creating more space and saving use of the travel lift. Mark Ellis motioned to get the lift for up to \$5,000. Darren 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed. Alecia motioned up to \$2000 to hire the spoils moved to the campground. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed. Rick will get a quote to rent or buy a leaf attachment for the tractor and a quote to have clean up done by outside contractor. Matt motioned Tracks magazine to schools be tabled until the next month, Wally 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed. Bring in Group Therapy band for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for \$600. Kathy motion, Wally 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed.

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

**BILLS:** Kathy reported with \$38,395.95 in disbursements.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Matt motioned to adjourn, Wally2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor; passed. Meeting

adjourned at 9:57 pm.