

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2025

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: Lance Sjoerdsma

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Matt DeWeerd

Board Members

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

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

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

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Welcomed new member. Flag was gifted by Glen for the 2nd flag pole. Memorial Day weekend, Saturday morning at 10:30 am will be flag raising ceremony. Pam Stitz is chairing this effort which will include a memorial with cake in the clubhouse after. Blessing of the boats will be on the Sunday afternoon of Memorial weekend (time TBD). Channel dredging is open to 6 ½ feet and is narrow.

MERES: No report.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Club is fully open. Many volunteers worked to make it possible and doing a lot of repairs. Request to discuss a rule around the bathhouse being open to only slip holders and campground guests. Some of the new trees did not survive. Requesting donations to replace them. Anyone with keys for equipment need to turn them in to Matt. Slip by the launch is in need of repair. It is unsafe. Garbage service will be starting back up. Club clean up will be May 17-18.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally reported. EGLE gave us signs to put up stating risk of alga bloom and hazardous water. It is not safe to be in the water in the beach area.

MUCC: Lance reported. There is a charity event, "West Side Charity Shoot". If participating, you must register by May 19th.

CAMPGROUND: Mark reported. Temporary campground permit being processed for 5/19 - 6/2. New water stand is ordered and will be installed when it arrives. Setting up picnic tables this week.

MEMBERSHIP: Lance reported. We are over 400 members now. Ordered more cards to cover the new members.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: No report.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: no report

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. Travel lift is fixed thanks to some great volunteers. Future parts have been ordered. Shed has a new lock; old keys will not work. The part of the shed where the lawn mowers are will be available to slip holders. Matt is requesting a text or Facebook message to schedule putting your boat in. Matt's number will be posted in the bathhouse.

BYLAWS: This is our third presentation of the bylaws. Kristi Klomp brought up that legislation requires the bylaws to reflect electronic voting. George noted that the digital voting was part of the rules, not the bylaws. Vote (including the general membership) was 20 yay and 4 nay. Bylaw changes were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS: Wally presented replacement of all club signage. There are images to take a look at it.

OTHER: Meeting adjourned for break at 8:08 pm.

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Meeting began at 8:20 pm. Heather read meeting minutes. Wally David motioned to accept the general minutes, Matt D 2nd, all favored, passed. Travis motioned to accept the digital meeting minutes dated March 17, 2025, Wally 2nd, all favored. Both minutes accepted.

New/Old Business: Deb reported that Coconut Radio is not available for Labor Day. We are in need of a band for this event. For the Slip crawl, slip holder makes their favorite drinks and a snack on June 14th at 3:00 pm. Wally will reach out for June 6 and 7 for the Coast Guard boat inspections. Free fishing weekend is on June 7th. Pam and Dave will do the lunch portion. Rick will get the bait shop donations. Wally is going to check in with someone to do the organizing. This conversation will be continued via text. Wally motioned \$1000 for the prizes, food and all expenses for the Free Fishing weekend. Travis 2nd, all favored, passed. There will not be an ice cream social memorial weekend this year. Group Therapy confirmed the July 5th party. Steve Joneson will get a quote for drain tiling the area were the seawall is blown out. Dave Stitz noted there will be some expense in the electrical repairs for the blown seawall repair area. Paul motioned to deny Karl Johnson's membership, Steve Vandyke 2nd, all favored, passed. Mark motioned \$300 for the campground permit, Travis 2nd, all favored. Passed.

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

BILLS: Kathy Wilkerson reported. \$34,956.58 Steve Vandyke motioned to pay the bills, Wally 2nd, all favored, motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve Vandyke motioned to adjourn, Matt 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.