MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Feb 3, 2026

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

TREASURER: Travis Wilson

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson (excused)

RECORDING SEC: Matt Peterson

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 (excused)

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

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

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7PM

MERES: No report

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Water has been shut off at the street, but is still leaking. Snow plowing has been good. Need ~$700 for electrical boxes per Dave Stitz, need to replace several.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally David reported. Some members met with the city last month. We are a 501C3 (tax free) organization, but are supposed to pay “city services” fee, per an agreement back in the 1940’s. We are 1 of 2 in the state that have this arrangement. Monies are used by the city’s fire and police to buy misc equipment and vehicles. Don't have to pay last yrs fees that were missed. MCC to write a letter to Officer Katie offering an apology for being verbally assaulted by a non-member for the speeding kerfuffle last fall. Per the city & DEQ, we can put in a full campground (24 sites) pending a few updates to the property.

CAMPGROUND: Rick Kasack reported. Question about dump station use for non-campers (but members) $5/use suggested. General tree donation request from Alicia; 50/50 monies going to new bench

MEMBERSHIP: Lance reported. <get #’s from Lance>; need to put lifetime membership as an on-line option for payment.

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: Jake / general board reporting. Last years went really well. Need to prep better for the large amount of visitors to the booth.

BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY: Looking to potentially offer classes here.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: No report.

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. Invoices going out today.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Board election results:

Executive

Lance Sjoerdsma - President (re-elected)

Wally David - Vice-President (re-elected)

Travis Wilson - Treasurer (re-elected)

Kathy Wilkerson - Financial Secretary (re-elected)

Matt Peterson - Recording Secretary

Goerge Steward - Sergeant at Arms (re-elected)

Board

Matt DeWeerd - Shore Committee (re-elected)

Steve Joneson - Board (re-elected)

Steve VanDyke - Board (re-elected)

OTHER: Meeting adjourned for break at 7 something

MCC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: Meeting began at 8pm

New/Old Business: birdhouse prize donated for pikers picnic (Feb 14th); Matt D to check about EAGLE permits. Lawyer drafted letter to Mr Franklin. (Read during meeting), 180 day wait period before selling barges, starts day of letter (last thursday, 1/29).

Condo association uses our channel property to access condo docks. Used to sell memberships to offset cost to dredge channel. Launch fees would be additional, membership additional. Open water so cant enforce as private entrance / exit. Need to see if original contract exists. Channel markers set by USCG, but we can put in depth markers (solid white w/ reflective tape). There is a plan to put in more condos next to MCC.

Motion by Pam not to cash check for 40 memberships. Wally 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion by Travis to form committee consisting of George, Lance and Lenny to investigate options. Pam 2nd. Motion carried.

Matt presented rules for selling a boat with a slip, and waitlist status / policy.

<inset notes from Matt>

200+ people on waiting list, most are old or N/A's.

George offered amended proposal to include immediate family member option when transferring boat ownership. Pam 2nd. Motion carried.

Matt offered policy proposal for selling a boat. Wally 2nd. Motion passed.

Policy proposal to initiate $250 non-refundable deposit for waiting list. Alicia motioned, Dave 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase 100 additional gate cards. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Travis reported. (See sheets) Wally motioned to accept report. Matt 2nd. Motion carried.

BILLS: Kathy (Pam?) reported. $6286.48 due. Wally motioned to pay in full. Rick 2nd. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at some time around 9pm