

MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2025

PRESIDENT: Lance Sjoerdsma

MEMBERSHIP: Lance Sjoerdsma

VICE PRESIDENT: Wally David

SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Matt DeWeerd

TREASURER: Travis Wilson

Board Members

FINANCIAL SEC: Kathy Wilkerson (excused)

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

RECORDING SEC: Heather David

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

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: George Steward

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

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Rick Kasack

GENERAL MEETING

OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER: Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Joe Van Lente presented about shoreline erosion control and environmental benefits using aquatic plants. Recommended minor permit with EGLE to install the plants. The plants are in burlap sack to allow them to grow with the moving water. Bob from The Birdhouse said he has a source to get hats around \$9-15 per hat with a minimum order of 25. Discussion ensued if we would want to order them as a club and sell them over time. Steve from Franklin AEL stated he received an invoice to store his barges here and was unclear why. The response from executive team to the member was that he did not respond to outreaches to remove the barges and so was charged storage. He came to present his side of the story for reconsideration of the invoice. Pam recommended we look into all the documentation for any agreements and speak with Dave Killian about the purchase of the barges. Travis shared that the first invoice is for 2 months rent (grace period after he completed work of 3 months before billing the first invoice). A second invoice was sent recently. Linda Namenye, Steve Namenye and Heather David were nominated for election committee. Wally will post on FB that elections will be coming up. There will be 4 board positions available. Christmas party will be December 6th at 5:00 pm with Matt will frying Turkeys with a request for 4 turkeys to be donated.

BUILDING & PROPERTY: Rick Kasack reported. Shut down was completed and there were a lot of volunteers to help. Garbage service has been put on hold for the season. Sealed up the roof leak in men's room. There is a repair to the skylight that will need to be done in the spring. Observation was made that the roof is in good condition. There is a dead tree in area 1 that needs to come down in the spring. Recommendation to add a spring to the human gate to make sure it closes after people go through.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Wally David reported. November 13 and 20th are the dates we can meet with Sam at North Muskegon and the treasurer to discuss permitting and what we can do around the club. To do a parade float in N Muskegon there is a \$90 charge. Someone

needs to volunteer to organize the float. Letter was read from the White Lake Area Sports Fishing board about the death of Morris Henry Hunt.

MUCC: Lance reported. We have canceled MUCC. They offered we can drop from \$3500 tier down to \$1600 tier.

CAMPGROUND: Rick reported. The campground is shutdown.

MEMBERSHIP: no report

SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH: no report

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: no report

SHORE COMMITTEE: Matt reported. Boat haul outs were completed a day early. Working on plans to make it go even smoother next year. Reminded board that slings must be replaced. Cannot be used any longer. He is waiting for the quotes to come in and will present them at the next meeting. The sacrificial coverings are around \$600 for a roll of them. Recommending we replace some of the channel markers. Two are water logged. He is working on getting quotes. The first quote came in around \$2,000 for 6 of them. The lights on our current markers can go to the new ones. Member recommended Aerospace 303 as a UV protector that can be sprayed on. There is a 30 foot S2 that needs to be removed from the property. Matt is requesting volunteer to haul it to the owners home. Concern about liability were brought up. Matt noted that the agreement will be updated to include language about abandoning boats.

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: Pam shared that we should be putting on a dinner for appreciation for volunteers. This would both keep cost down (rather than going out to eat) and be a way to come together.

MCC BOARD MEETING

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

New/Old Business: Dave Stitz has \$198 in donations for the memorial bench. He requested the club consider donating. Wally will post about it on FB and emails with a button to donate with a target of \$800. Dave recommends the composite benches for durability and either bolt it down or buy an in-ground bench. Franklin AEL have outstanding balance of \$31,668 for barges stored on the property all summer. Discussion around if we hold him to the bill. Research needs completed into what the deal was that was made with Franklin AEL and the recommendation was to table this until we have more information about who owns the barges at this point and what their intentions are with the barges going forward. Christmas party December 6th at 5:00 pm. Wally motioned \$250 for the Christmas party, Pam 2nd, all favored, passed. Meat will be provided, the rest will be dish to pass. Discussion around if we should take advantage of the quote to buy an additional truckload of steel, complete the 320 ft of area 3 delaying the payment for the labor until 2027. Discussion around coming up with a solution to get more members to volunteer. Idea was to create a volunteer sign up with their names given to all the chair heads to contact them when needed.

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

BILLS: Pam motioned to amend the October 7, 2025 meeting that approved September disbursements in the amount of \$8,890.96, to reflect the correct total of \$81,672.30, Paul 2nd, all favored, passed. Wally motioned to revoke the \$5000 donation to City of N. Muskegon and change it to \$3500, Steve Van Dyke 2nd, all favored, passed. Total bills for November is \$11,515.51. Wally motioned to accept the bills, Dave 2nd, all favored, motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Steve Van Dyke motioned to adjourn, Wally 2nd, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.