

# MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

## Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

**October 7, 2025**

**PRESIDENT:** Lance Sjoerdsma

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**VICE PRESIDENT:** Wally David

**SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Matt DeWeerd

**TREASURER:** Travis Wilson (excused)

**Board Members**

**FINANCIAL SEC:** Kathy Wilkerson

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

**RECORDING SEC:** Heather David

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

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** George Steward

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

**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 members.

**MERES:** no report.

**BUILDING & PROPERTY:** Rick Kasack reported. Old sailboat has been removed. Consumer's energy cleared the trees and branches by the power lines. More issues with things being flushed that don't belong in the toilets. This is the fourth time this year. Rick is looking into other pump types.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Wally David reported. Sam from the City of North Muskegon could not make it to the meeting. The board has been invited meet with him and the treasurer. The date will be shared out once confirmed. The money that goes to the City of North Muskegon is a donation not a bill and is \$3500 annually with the last donation in 2023. Wally found a grant for non-profits for facility repair that we qualify for. The grant is an annual grant and Wally has a grant writer he is working with. Appreciation was given for all the work Wally has been doing with the digitization of the club's documents and supporting other things around the club.

**MUCC:** no report

**CAMPGROUND:** Mark Ellis. Campground took in \$35. All 4 seasonal slips for next year are already spoken for.

**MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH:** Wally reported that the event was a success and that putting the t-shirt money into prizes was a good use of funds. Wally recommends in the future we have a brochure with our annual event dates for the following year and membership forms.

**BOATER SAFETY/HUNTER SAFETY:** no report

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY:** Wally reported. Cleaned up both sides in one day and collected about 50 bags of waste with 13 or 14 volunteers.

**SHORE COMMITTEE:** Matt reported. Boat haul out is in progress. There are still about 38 boats that need pulled in the next 2 weeks. Dale was recognized for how much boat pulling he has done. The travel lift needs a new set of slings. There is a sacrificial covering that can be put over the slings to help extend the life of them. Matt is working on getting quotes. If boats are not out by 10/18/25 members will have to go elsewhere to haul out. There is an oil leak near the old fuel pump and wiring repairs needed on travel lift. Wally noted that all concerns with shore committee issues need to be addressed directly with Matt as he is coordinating it all.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Wally shared about the need to raise funds for the seawall and opened the floor for member to share thoughts. Members were in favor of making the increases due to the need. They noted recognition that it is unavoidable.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Member who did not have a permanent slip due to seawall repairs requested a discount next year. Lance noted the speed limit is 5 mph and requested that if others come in and they are going fast, please do not scream at them. Have a kind conversation.

### **MCC BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES:** Heather read meeting minutes. Matt motioned to accept minutes as corrected, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed.

**New/Old Business:** Discussed the cost of different amounts of seawall and concerns with doing it small amounts at a time. Dave shared that he has a plan that will protect the remaining walls as best he can, doing the distance of one truckload of sheet at a time. \$142,500 is the quote for doing 150 feet of the seawall, equal to one truckload of sheet. George brought up a suggestion to charge a deposit to get on the waiting list. It would be non-refundable. The recommendation is \$250. This cost would go to their slip the first season. Wally motioned to raise the slip fees by \$325, Steve VanDyke 2<sup>nd</sup>, one nay, all remaining favored. Motion passed. Wally motioned to move forward with Dave's proposal of \$142,500, George 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, motion carries. Wally shared that through our payment system, annual fees can be broken into monthly payments. Wally shared it is a possibility to do auto-renew. Wally motioned for \$100 for chili cookoff, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, motion passed. Wally proposed Memberships to renew January 1<sup>st</sup> and expiring December 31<sup>st</sup> going forward with slip holders able to pay for their memberships when they renew their slip. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, motion passed. Steve Joneson brought up the memorial bench is still in need of funding. Deb motioned to put the 50/50 drawing toward it the next few meetings, Alecia 2<sup>nd</sup> all favored, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** no report.

**BILLS: Kathy reported:** \$10,422.30 in bills. Wally motioned to pay the bills, George 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Paul motioned to adjourn, Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.