

WLCL Board Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Officers: Karen Pinagel, Chuck Neville

Directors: Mike Genter, Joan Cooper, Larry D'Angelo, Paul Richards, Frank Dyson, Denise LaFlamme,

Absent: Scott Trudell, Shelley Kirchner, Chris Wichers, David Reid, Andrea Schemanske, John Millington

Guests: Barb Richards, Blake Cuthbert – Aqua-Weed, Brigitte Beck, Jim Kovach, Lindsey & Giovanni LaRosa, Sarah & Jamie Horn, Patti Rathwell

Total Directors=14; Quorum=7

AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review/approve February 2025 Meeting minutes
- 3) Aqua-Weed Presentation – Weed control
- 4) Financial Report
- 5) Newsletter articles
- 6) Pancake Breakfast
- 7) Elections & Secretary Position
- 8) Goose Busters
- 9) Membership
- 10) Merchandise
- 11) Fireworks
- 12) Spring Fishing Tournament
- 13) Sail Boat Races
- 14) Communication & Fund Raising
- 15) Home Tour & Understudy
- 16) New Business
- 17) Adjournment

NOTES:

1. Called meeting to order at 6:32
2. Motion to accept minutes as written by Larry D'Angelo, second by Paul Richards. Motion passed unanimously
3. Aqua-weed Presentation -Blake Cuthbert
Frank Dyson and John Millington are lake representatives that work with Aqua-weed. Residents should communicate any concerns to Frank or John. They will arrange a survey of lake weeds with Aqua weed. The surveys can be scheduled with a 1-2day notice. Then a treatment plan can be made and executed after the necessary posting. Invasive plants can be treated anywhere in the lake. Local/native plants can only be treated within 100' of the shoreline unless a deviation is requested and granted by EGLE. Milfoil is an invasive plant. Eelgrass (that make the floating weed islands) and lily pads are native plants. Lily pads are very good for preventing erosion and using nutrients. Lily pad treatment is restricted to a 40' x40' area for swimming and a 20' wide lane for a boat to reach open water. Weeds utilize nutrients that otherwise could lead to algae bloom. Algae cannot be treated in May and June with copper sulfate due to EGLE regulations unless a deviation is obtained due to a large algae problem. There are other algaecides that can be used. Deviations take at least 5 business days. The heavy winter ice cover should help reduce weeds this year. **Timely communication of problems or concerns is key to maintaining good weed control.**
4. Financial Report -Chuck Neville
The Treasurer's Report submitted on February 20, 2025 contained an error in the January February 2025 cash receipts. The receipts were overstated by \$1,835 for checks received in January 2025 which were double counted in the receipts. The error was in the report because it was not reconciled to the bank balance before submitting it. The 2024 final report was correct and had been reconciled to the bank statements.
Corrected January Through March 2025 (& Fully Reconciled)

Cash receipts totaled \$14,734.46 for this year vs \$1,185.98 for the same period last year. Memberships and donations are \$3,605 from 57 members vs \$1,185 from 17 members last year at this time. Raffles have brought in \$7,804 (bourbon raffle \$4,240, \$1,741 from bowling 50/50 and \$1,723 for other donated raffles prizes Please note this detail is unchanged from the prior report) apparel sales were \$297, Bad Benny's 15% was \$455, bowling ticket sales were \$1,325, Euchre ticket sales are \$760 to date and interest income is \$458. **Disbursements** totaled \$1,861 this year-to-date vs \$276 last year. Credit card fees are \$136 up \$110 from last year, pancake breakfast deposit was \$300 vs \$250 last year and the bowling alley fee was \$1,425 (\$15 for 95 bowlers). Net profit on the bowling ticket sales was \$950 (\$10 for 95 bowlers).

As a result, the **cash balance** has grown to \$60,788 as of March 24, 2025 vs \$46,496 at the end of March 2024. The Bad Benny's and Bowling Fundraisers were great successes in raising new funds and getting memberships off to a fast start. The bank balance is \$250 less than the book balance due to credit card payments made 3/21/2025 through 3/24/2025 in the report that are not yet reflected in the bank balance.

Motion to accept report by Joan Cooper, second by Mike Genter, report unanimously approved.

5. Newsletter Articles -Karen Pinagel
Newsletter approved for printing this past Monday. 1,425 copies to be mailed next week.
6. Pancake Breakfast Plans -Denise LaFlamme
Joe Laflamme to manage the event setup in Denise's absence. Tables will have table cloths and centerpiece will be replaced with a "tent" that has QR codes for membership, Facebook, Instagram and WLCL emails on one side and events listed on other side. Fund raising items will include wheelbarrow of bourbon and Lions Cornhole set. Larry will check on availability of steel drum musician. Denise is to confirm WLI is agreeable to bourbon raffle and find out if docks/seawall work will affect dock availability on Memorial Day. Lanyards with event info to be given to volunteers to help answer questions. QR code landing pages need to be given to Mike Genter so QR codes can be created.
7. Elections
Need to identify secretary for elections in May
Larry D'Angelo to survey Board members up for election in May to confirm intent to continue or resign by April Meeting.
8. Goose egg and nest removal -Chuck Neville
Permit has been submitted. Awaiting notification of permit approval. John West to co-ordinate with Goose Busters. Swans are not included because of strong negative reactions to interfering with swans.
9. Membership- Barb Richards
62 members paid to date. Confirming last year's block captains will continue or not. Looking for additional block captains. Looking for date for kickoff meeting with block captains
10. Merchandise- Karen Pinagel
New merchandise selected. Available to order from the on-line store now. Will take preorders through 4/28 then order all merchandise including additional for sale at the pancake breakfast. Preorders will be delivered shortly after merchandise is received and before pancake breakfast
11. Fireworks -Karen Pinagel
3-year contract covers 2025, 2026 and 2027. Ace has confirmed that tariffs will not affect 2025 cost. 2026 effect of tariffs is still unknown. WLCL expectations were reiterated to Ace 22-25 min high quality show. Requested then to be proactive if fireworks cost increases would result in a less than great show.
12. Fishing Tournament No Report
13. Sail Boat Races No Report
14. Communications & Fund Raising -Karen Pinagel
Instagram and Facebook now linked. Instagram user demographics are different than Facebook users so hoping to reach more people. Newsletter converted to color to increase impact. Will be making more use of QR codes to facilitate people getting info. Fundraising is being done proactively to stay ahead of inflation in fireworks costs. Bad Benny's and Bowling event were very successful. Looking to add fall bowling event.
15. Home Tour -Karen Pinagel
Home tour is scheduled for July 19th. One home is committed. Need 4 more homes. Looking for an understudy to work with Wendy Tibus for 2025. This requires work over an extended time not just on the day of the event. It involves finding homes, acquiring boat supplies, selling tickets, assigning guests to pontoons and planning pontoon schedule and confirming pontoon drivers as well as arranging the VIP night for the home owners that put their house on the tour.

16. New Business

Joan Cooper advised, based on discussion with Highland Township ordinance officer, a permit is required by EGLE or DNR for boats or hoists to be left in water year round on Inland lakes. Mike Genter asked how we might communicate this to lake residents.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Genter Second by Chuck Neville. Meeting adjourned at 7:51.