

WLCL Board Meeting Minutes March 3, 2026

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve September 24, 2025 minutes
3. Approve financial report
4. Annual newsletter
5. Membership
6. Weed control (Frank Dyson & John Millington)
7. Goose Busters
8. Apparel (Elizabeth Millington)
9. Fireworks (Karen Pinagel)
10. Fundraising (Chris Wichers)
11. Pancake breakfast (Denise Laflamme)
12. Fishing tournament (Scott Trudell)
13. Bubblers
14. Subcommittee (Sean Whelan)
15. New business
16. Adjournment

Meeting Details

Attendees: Karen Pinagel; Sarah Horn; Chris Wichers; John Millington; Larry D'Angelo; Sean Whelan; Mike Genter; Scott Trudell; Andrea Schemanske

Guests: Bob Parrett; Elizabeth Millington; Jamie Horn; Laurie Marlowe

Absent: Frank Dyson; Shelley Kirchner; Paul Richards; Joan Cooper; Denise Laflamme; Chuck Neville

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order: 6:30 PM

2. Approve September 24, 2025 minutes: Motion by Larry D'Angelo; seconded by John Millington.

3. Approve financial report: Motion by John Millington; seconded by Mike Genter.

Financial report highlights

- **Calendar Year 2025:** Receipts totaled a **record \$77,388** vs. \$54,689 in 2024. Memberships and donations were essentially unchanged from the prior year; the increase was attributable to new fundraising activities (bowling, Euchre, SIM golf) and drawings held at those events.
- **Calendar Year 2025:** Cash disbursements totaled \$35,053, approximately \$17,000 lower than the prior year due to not making a fireworks deposit and not yet paying for new membership flags (paid in early 2026).
- **Cash balance:** Increased by approximately \$42,000 to \$90,250 during 2025. After accounting for ~\$17,000 in delayed disbursements to be paid in early 2026, the cash balance still grew by ~\$25,000, attributable to new fundraising activities.

- **Oct–Dec 2025:** Receipts totaled \$9,214, including \$1,278 for memberships and donations; \$4,305 from drawings; \$3,080 from the Euchre and SIM Golf fundraising events; \$250 from the last bowling event; and \$300 for merchandise sales. For the same period in 2024, cash receipts totaled \$2,454 (primarily memberships/donations and bowling ticket sales).
- **Oct–Dec 2025:** Disbursements totaled \$1,971, including \$81 in credit card fees; \$880 for the bowling event; \$530 for the Euchre event; \$300 for the volunteer appreciation dinner; and \$180 for fishing tournament trophies. For the same period in 2024, cash disbursements totaled \$17,939, driven by a \$15,000 fireworks deposit and \$2,224 for membership flags (paid in early 2026).
- **Cash balance:** Increased \$7,243 from September 2025 to \$90,250 as of 12/31/2025.

4. Annual newsletter:

- Volunteer still needed; Karen will continue for now.
- ABC handles printing.
- Chris will revise the Fundraising section; Scott will revise the Fishing Tournament section.
- Suggestion: print in color for the 250th birthday (potentially red, white, and blue).

5. Membership:

- Lisa Bruins volunteered to manage the full database; she and Karen are working on the process.
- Block captain leader needed.
- Goal is for volunteers to place the flags with members that have paid before pancake breakfast.

6. Weed control (Frank Dyson & John Millington):

- No update; lake is still frozen.
- Proselicor is a new chemical Aqua-Weed is introducing this year; Casey or Blake will discuss in April.
- Progressive will come in April.

7. Goose Busters:

- Application completed for this year's permit.
- Permit expected one to two weeks before work begins.

8. Apparel (Elizabeth Millington):

- In progress; red/white/blue theme for this year.
- Items under consideration: tank, SPF 50 shirt, mock turtleneck, quarter zip.
- Narrowed to a couple of designs.

9. Fireworks (Karen Pinagel):

- Contract revised for \$45,000
- Grand Finale (Ohio) approached WLCL for upcoming shows; Karen is obtaining a bid.
- Grand Finale has its own barge.

10. Fundraising (Chris Wichers):

- SIM golf tournament scheduled for 3/15; noon slot is full.
- Teams still needed for 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.
- Suggestion: reach out to indoor golfers already playing at Brentwood/Beacon Hill.
- Mike thanked the fundraising team for strong results.

11. Pancake breakfast (Denise Laflamme):

- Chris Cakes hired.
- Denise's sons will set up again.
- Raffle prize ideas requested. Suggestions included custom cornhole or horseshoe boards (vendor in Wixom) or a table/charcuterie board from Chris McAuliffe.
- Discussed recognizing vendors in the newsletter/website if used.
- Larry will book the steel drum player for the event.

12. Fishing tournament (Scott Trudell):

- Date: 6/13 (free fishing weekend).
- Scott will provide more details at the next meeting.

13. Bubblers:

- Laurie Marlowe raised concerns that dock bubblers operating during winter are creating expanding areas of open water near her property, limiting winter lake use (e.g., skating/hockey) and potentially creating safety hazards.
- Laurie reported contacting bubbler owners by email in December 2024 and noted additional bubblers have been installed nearby. Some property owners leave docks in the water due to limited storage space.
- Members discussed that open water and thin-ice “bubble pockets” can be unpredictable and may extend beyond visibly open areas, creating hidden hazards. A neighbor reportedly installed a revolving red warning light and caution sign.
- Additional discussion included ice movement/wind pushing sheets of ice that may damage docks/hoists, and questions regarding DNR marking requirements and whether documentation/permits are needed when docks remain in the water during winter.
- **Next steps:** Verify DNR/EGLE requirements related to bubblers; marking/lighting of open water; and winter dock storage/permitting; determine whether year-round docks require permits or reporting; and initiate dialogue with EGLE and the townships to clarify guidance and emphasize winter safety. It was recommended that Laurie attend the White Lake Improvement Board meeting on May 12, 2026 at 3:30PM. Topic may be tabled for further review.

14. Subcommittee (Sean Whelan): No update.

15. New business:

- **Progressive Presentation:** Progressive representatives will attend the April 22 meeting to present findings and recommendations.
- **Investment Update:** A certificate of deposit (CD) was renewed into a 3-month term at a 3.5% yield. Due to successful fundraising and additional available funds, an additional \$10,000 was invested, bringing the total CD balance to approximately \$41,396. The board will continue to monitor rates and renew them strategically.
- **Lakefront Magazine Feature:** White Lake was featured in a recent aerial photograph published in *Lakefront* magazine. The board discussed potential reprints (poster size) for display, distribution at events such as the pancake breakfast, or possible sale to residents. Pricing, printing options through ABC Printing, file access, and copyright considerations will be researched.
- **Historical Photos Project:** Ongoing efforts to work with a local writer/historian to compile historical White Lake photos were discussed. Alternative options, including creating a standalone photo display or publication if writing delays persist, will be explored.

Communications & dates:

- Newsletter content submissions due by **March 17**.
- Next board meeting scheduled for **March 25**.

16. Adjournment: 7:49 PM. Motion by Larry D'Angelo; seconded by John Millington.