

White Lake Citizens League (WLCL)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 6:32 PM – 8:35 PM

Location: Highland Township Government Office

Attendance

Board Members Present:

Karen Pinagel; Sarah Horn; Chris Wichers; John Millington; Larry D'Angelo; Scott Trudell; Paul Richards; Shelley Kirchner; Joan Cooper; Sean Whelan; Denise Laflamme; Mike Genter; Chuck Neville

Guests:

Patti Rathwell; Elizabeth Millington; Bob Parrett; Jamie Horn; Adam Kennedy; Lindsey Larosa; Giovanni Larosa; Jennifer Genter

Absent:

Frank Dyson; Andrea Schemanske

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:32 PM**.

2. Approval of March 25, 2026 Minutes

- **Motion:** Larry D'Angelo
 - **Second:** Joan Cooper
 - **Result:** Approved unanimously
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3. Financial Report

- **Motion:** John Millington
- **Second:** Larry D'Angelo
- **Result:** Approved unanimously

Summary

The Board reviewed year-to-date financials through April 2026. While revenue is currently below prior year levels, overall financial position remains strong.

Key Highlights

- Receipts are approximately **\$15,000 lower** than prior year
- Membership donations are **\$12,000 below** prior year (timing-related)
- Event fundraising revenue is down compared to 2025
- Disbursements are higher due to program and event expenses
- Cash balance is **\$95,610**, exceeding prior year by over **\$22,000**

Additional Actions

- Approved **\$85 expense** for online tax filing
 - Noted 2025 filing will be the first year requiring expanded reporting
 - Financial review to be completed by **two non-board members and one board member** (volunteers secured)
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4. Progressive Companies – Limnology Study

Paul Hausler presented findings from the updated lake study (following the 2018 assessment).

Key Findings

- Lake classified as **mesotrophic** (moderate productivity)
- **Phosphorus reduced ~30%** since 2018
- Chloride levels decreased
- Summer water clarity declined ~50% (algae stable)
- Increased sediment disturbance likely linked to boating activity
- Lake classified as **polymictic**, promoting oxygen circulation

Recommendations

- Continue invasive species management (e.g., ProcellaCOR)

- Reduce reliance on short-term herbicides
- Expand monitoring and GIS tracking
- Increase runoff mitigation/green infrastructure
- Consider targeted mechanical harvesting

Estimated Annual Plant Management Budget: ~\$75,000

Discussion Topics

- Wake boat impacts
 - Zebra mussels
 - Survey timing and treatment criteria
 - Balance of native vegetation
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5. Aqua Weed Contractor Update

Aqua Weed provided an overview of current conditions and treatment strategies.

Highlights

- Focus on **ProcellaCOR** for long-term invasive species control
- Targets include:
 - Eurasian milfoil
 - Curly-leaf pondweed
 - Starry stonewort
- Treatment effectiveness visible within **7–10 days**
- Estimated treatment areas: ~100 acres

Financial Context

- 2025 weed control costs: ~\$78,000
- Historical treatments include Sonar and Triclopyr

Next Steps

Contractor will provide two plans:

- With ProcellaCOR
- Without ProcellaCOR

6. Annual Newsletter & Membership

- Newsletter mailing expected this week
- Membership increase anticipated upon delivery

Operational Updates

- Flag distribution coordination underway
- Spreadsheet tracking managed by Lisa Bruins
- Block Captains to receive updated membership lists
- Additional volunteer coordination may be needed

7. Pancake Breakfast

Event Preparation

- Acrylic table displays (QR codes) will be reused
- Focus on increasing social media engagement
- Facebook following increased to ~600

Strategy

- Promote social engagement at check-in
- Expand visibility through signage and apparel

8. Goose Busters Program

- **26 nests / 169 eggs** treated (increase vs. prior year)

Resident Solutions

- Solar-powered deterrent devices reported effective

Next Steps

- Share homeowner solutions via communications
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9. Fishing Tournament (June 13)

- Materials and promotion in progress
- Giveaway: branded bobbers

Safety Measures

- Reinforce counterclockwise navigation
 - Non-compliance may result in disqualification
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10. White Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)

Planning Cycle: 2027–2029

Key Dates:

- May 12: Proposal kickoff meeting

Financial Overview

- Projected 2026 reserve: ~**\$235,000**
- Prior annual spend: ~\$100K–\$105K
- Proposed 2026 budget: ~\$117,000

Recommendation

- ~**20% assessment reduction**
- Estimated reserve after adjustment: ~\$175,000

Program Funding Continues For

- Weed management
 - Marine patrol
 - Goose control
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Assessment Structure (Proposed)

Category	Current	Proposed
Lakefront	~\$148	~\$120
Lake Access	~\$18	~\$15
Seven Harbors Slips	~\$18	~\$65
Marinas & Trailer Park	~\$98	~\$80

Key Considerations

- Improve consistency among lake users
 - Maintain strong reserves for flexibility
 - Enhance communication and education
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11. WLCL Dock Donation

- Proposal to contribute toward DAC dock
 - Legal concerns regarding liability and attribution
 - No action taken pending further clarification
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12. Aerial Photos

No update.

13. Elections & Dues

- **Election Date:** May 27
- Dues required to vote/run

Departing Members

- Andrea Schemanske
- Mike Genter (recognized for service)
- Paul Richards (recognized for service)
- Frank Dyson

Expiring Terms

- Joan Cooper; Larry D'Angelo; Frank Dyson; Mike Genter; John Millington; Karen Pinagel; Paul Richards; Andrea Schemanske; Chris Wichers
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14. New Business

Wake Boat Legislation

- Monitoring emerging state-level regulations
- Potential future restrictions anticipated

Apparel Launch

- Red/white/blue themes, SPF shirts, coordinate design
- Available at Pancake Breakfast

Membership Program

- \$35 membership includes one flag
- ~550 flags ordered

Event & Raffle

- Prizes include sports tickets, games, and equipment
 - Margarita maker held for future event
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15. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Scott Trudell
- **Second:** Larry D'Angelo
- **Adjourned:** 8:35 PM