

White Lake Citizens League (WLCL)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: May 27, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:29 PM

Attendees: Larry D'Angelo, Sarah Horn, Karen Pinagel, Chuck Neville, Mike Genter, Shelley Kirchner, Chris Wichers, Scott Trudell, Paul Richards, John Millington, Sean Whelan, Andrea Schemanske

Absent: Joan Cooper, Denise LaFlamme, Frank Dyson

Guests: Jennifer Genter, Bob Parrett, Elizabeth Millington, Jamie Horn, Lisa Bruins, Adam Kennedy

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:30 PM**.

2. Approval of April 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

The Treasurer presented highlights from the May financial report.

Key Financial Updates

- Total revenue for May: approximately **\$40,000**
- Memberships and donations: approximately **\$26,000**
- Pancake Breakfast revenue: approximately **\$20,000** (memberships, raffles, apparel, donations)

- Ending balance: approximately **\$101,000**
 - Includes payment of \$22,500 fireworks deposit and apparel expenses
- Cash reserves:
 - ~\$5,000 above budget projections
 - ~\$90,000 higher than same period in 2025
- Membership and donation revenue: approximately **\$1,000 higher than 2025**
- Annual tax return filed and accepted on time
- Cost-saving measure implemented:
 - Conversion to annual online catalog subscription
 - Estimated annual savings: ~\$200

Treasurer Reimbursement

- **Amount:** \$584.40 (annual subscription paid personally)
- **Motion:** Larry D'Angelo
- **Second:** Karen Pinagel
- **Result:** Approved unanimously

Approval of Financial Report

- **Motion:** Shelley Kirchner
- **Second:** Larry D'Angelo
- **Result:** Approved unanimously

4. Membership Report

Current Membership Totals

- 343 total memberships
- 43 new members for 2026
- 4 new business memberships
- 23 second-flag purchases

Adjusted unique memberships: approximately **320**, slightly ahead of 2025 (316 at same time).

Key Updates

- Second-flag program well received; no pricing concerns reported
- Some members contributed additional voluntary donations

Newsletter Correction

- Error identified in business contact information

Corrective Actions:

- Postcard mailing with corrected information
- Printing costs covered by ABC Printing
- WLCL responsible only for postage
- Postcard includes QR code for membership and sponsorship

Approximately **1,600 postcards** to be distributed.

Past mailings have shown measurable increases in engagement and memberships.

5. Pancake Breakfast Recap

The Board recognized the event as highly successful and thanked all volunteers.

Highlights

- Strong coordination across multiple activities
- Successful raffle program, particularly Detroit Tigers ticket raffle

Volunteer Recognition

Acknowledgment of teams supporting:

- Entrance operations
- Membership and apparel sales
- Raffles
- Food service

Recommendations for Future Events

- Upgrade to heavier-duty plates
- Improve staffing for trash and table clearing
- Continue coordination with venue regarding bar service delays
- Expand apparel offerings (e.g., V-neck shirts)
- Continue popular SPF-rated apparel items

Payment Processing Improvements

- Evaluate mobile payment options (credit card, Venmo, etc.)
 - Enable point-of-sale payments to reduce reliance on cash
 - Potential to increase overall sales and convenience
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6. Fishing Tournament Update

Event Preparation

- Communications sent to prior participants
- No objections received regarding updated procedures

Key Updates

- Live well verification required
- Boats must be present at start
- Updated tournament schedule shared

Operations

- Pancake Breakfast signage will be reused and modified
- Giveaway item: White Lake logo fishing towel
- Additional volunteers needed, especially during weigh-in

Preparations remain **on schedule**.

7. WLIB / Seven Harbors Meeting

Summary

WLCL representatives attended a Seven Harbors meeting to address concerns regarding proposed assessment structures.

Discussion Points

- Fairness across boat owners benefiting from lake services

- Application of consistent assessment standards
- Clarification of existing WLIB communications

Additional Considerations

- Identification of multi-slip docking facilities
- Challenges tracking boat ownership in certain areas
- Importance of in-person community engagement

Outcome

- Residents expressed increased comfort following discussion
- Continued emphasis on transparency and communication

Additional Topic

- Reports of potential new boat slip rentals (VFW property)
 - Discussion of marina permitting and lake capacity concerns
 - No formal action taken
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8. Elections & Dues

Board Structure Update

- Board consists of 15 directors in two classes
- Adjustment made to balance classes:
 - Class of 2026: 8 positions
 - Class of 2027: 7 positions

Election Results

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors:

- Jen Genter
- Jamie Horn
- John Millington
- Elizabeth Millington
- Robert Parrett
- Karen Pinagel
- Chris Wichers

- Larry D'Angelo

Officer Elections

- No additional nominations received
- Current officers re-elected by unanimous consent
- Officer slate remains unchanged

The Board expressed appreciation for all candidates and volunteers.

9. New Business

A. Boat Density & Dock Expansion

- Increased lake congestion remains a concern
- Regulatory enforcement challenges noted
- Limited authority in certain areas
- No formal action taken

B. Winter Bubblers & Public Safety

- Concerns regarding open water hazards during winter
- Limited local regulatory authority
- Potential need for state-level legislation

Motion

Authorize WLCL to support legislative efforts regarding bubbler regulation:

- **Motion:** Larry D'Angelo
- **Second:** Sean Whelan
- **Result:** Approved unanimously

C. Goose Management

- 26 nests / 169 eggs treated (initial round)
- 4 nests / 11 eggs treated (second round)
- Issue remains ongoing

D. Algae Monitoring

- Early signs of seasonal algae observed
 - Proactive monitoring recommended
 - Potential survey of affected areas discussed
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10. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Chuck Neville
- **Second:** [Not specified]
- **Result:** Approved unanimously
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:29 PM