

White Lake Citizens League (WLCL)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Attendees: Larry D'Angelo, Sarah Horn, Karen Pinagel, Chris Wichers, Scott Trudell, John Millington, Jennifer Genter, Bob Parrett, Elizabeth Millington, Jamie Horn

Absent: Chuck Neville, Denise LaFlamme, Shelley Kirchner, Sean Whelan,

Guests: Adam Kennedy, Paul Richards, Joan Cooper

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karen Pinagel at 6:36 PM.

2. Approval of May 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 27, 2026 Board Meeting were presented for review.

Motion: To approve the May 27, 2026 meeting minutes by Larry D'Angelo.

Second: Bob Parrett.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of June 2026 Financial Report

Chuck presented the June 2026 Financial Report and was recognized by the Board for his thorough preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

June 2026 Financial Activity

For the month of June 2026, cash receipts totaled **\$5,260**, including:

- **\$4,560** in membership donations
- **\$700** in apparel sales

Cash disbursements for the month totaled **\$27,780**, including:

- **\$22,500** for the fireworks display
- **\$3,296** for renewal of the League's general liability insurance policy
- **\$385** in credit card processing fees
- **\$584** for the online catalog service approved at the previous meeting
- **\$200** for annual PO Box renewal
- **\$799** for postage associated with mailing corrections to business supporter information
- **\$16** in bank charges

As of June 30, 2026, the League's cash balance was **\$78,398**.

Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Year-to-date cash receipts through June 2026 totaled **\$59,260**, which is comparable to the same period in 2025.

Key highlights include:

- Membership donations of **\$32,363**, approximately **\$2,000 higher** than the same period last year.
- Apparel sales of **\$6,100**, approximately **\$200 higher** than last year.
- Interest income of **\$1,531**, approximately **\$950 higher** than 2025.
- Fundraising activities, including the Pancake Breakfast, drawings, and Simulator Golf event, generated **\$17,711**, approximately **\$3,000 less** than fundraising activities generated during the same period in 2025.

Year-to-date cash disbursements totaled **\$71,112**, compared to **\$28,962** during the same period in 2025. The increase was primarily attributable to:

- **\$30,000** additional spending for fireworks

- **\$4,000** additional apparel purchases
- **\$700** increase in general liability insurance costs
- **\$2,524** for membership flag purchases
- Approximately **\$1,000** in additional credit card processing fees and online catalog services
- Approximately **\$800** in additional postage costs related to correcting business supporter information in the annual newsletter

Despite these expenditures, the League's June 2026 cash balance of **\$78,398** remained slightly higher than the June 2025 cash balance of **\$78,129**, after fully funding the fireworks display.

The Board noted that detailed monthly, year-to-date, and program-level schedules were included with the financial report. One item highlighted in the program summary was that approximately **\$1,700 in additional apparel sales** will be needed to reach break-even for the apparel program in 2026.

Motion: To approve the June 2026 Financial Report by Jamie Horn.

Second: Jen Genter.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

4. Membership Update

The Board received a membership update and noted that membership continues to exceed last year's pace despite the delayed distribution of the annual newsletter.

Membership Highlights

- Current memberships: **406**
- Membership is **10 members ahead** of the same period in 2025.
- Approximately **1,600 newsletters** were distributed.

- A business sponsorship insert was included in the newsletter mailing to encourage additional business memberships.
- The League currently has approximately **13 business sponsors**, with additional sponsorships anticipated later in the year.

The Board will continue to monitor membership and business sponsorship growth throughout the season.

5. Fishing Tournament Update

Scott provided a recap of the recent fishing tournament.

Event Highlights

- All **30 registered anglers** participated.
- Strong youth participation was observed.
- Boat participation was slightly lower than in previous years.
- Participants received custom White Lake fishing lures, fishing towels, and numerous donated prizes.
- A four-year-old participant earned second place in the Under-13 division, highlighting the family-friendly nature of the event.
- One division was decided by a margin of only two ounces.

Operational Improvements

The following enhancements were implemented successfully:

- Mandatory dock check-in prior to launch.
- Live well inspections for participating boats.

The League retains sufficient giveaway inventory for the fall tournament, with only trophy purchases anticipated.

The Board thanked Scott and all volunteers for organizing another successful event.

6. Fireworks Update

Preparations for the 2026 fireworks display have been completed.

Key updates included:

- Final payment will be issued following completion of the event.
- The current fireworks contract extends through the 2027 season.
- Additional funding has allowed enhancements to this year's display.

The committee chair announced plans to step down following the 2027 fireworks season and encouraged interested members to consider assuming leadership of the event beginning in 2028.

7. Aquatic Weed Treatment Update

John provided an overview of the 2026 aquatic weed treatment program.

Program Updates

- Rapid weed growth occurred due to favorable weather conditions and water temperatures.
- Multiple heavily affected areas of the lake were identified and treated.
- After reviewing available treatment options, a single comprehensive treatment approach was selected for the season.
- Three treatment boats completed the application process.

Discussion

- Total treatment costs were approximately **\$81,000**.

- The White Lake Improvement Board maintains adequate reserve funding should additional treatment become necessary.
- Members discussed the importance of effectively utilizing available aquatic management funding while remaining within Michigan Department of Natural Resources permit requirements.

The Board thanked John for his leadership and coordination of the treatment program.

8. Website

The Board recognized Bob for his outstanding management of the WLCL website.

Members expressed appreciation for:

- Timely website updates
 - Prompt response to requests
 - Ongoing support of League communications and events
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9. Apparel

Current apparel inventory has been added to the WLCL website and is now available for online purchase.

The Board also discussed apparel sales planned for the upcoming Seven Harbors Parade. Historically, apparel sales at the event have generated approximately **\$800–\$1,000**, making it an important fundraising opportunity.

The event will feature a variety of family-oriented activities, including:

- Children's bike parade
- Games
- Bounce houses

- Refreshments
 - Community activities in the park
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10. White Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)

The Board discussed the upcoming White Lake Improvement Board meeting and ongoing coordination regarding aquatic weed management funding.

Members expressed confidence that sufficient funding remains available should additional treatment be required later in the season.

11. New Business

The Chair welcomed the newly elected Board members and thanked them for their willingness to serve the White Lake community.

Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA) Membership Renewal

The Board discussed renewal of the League's membership with the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA). The Association provides educational resources, legislative advocacy on behalf of Michigan lakes, and opportunities to participate in conferences and training.

It was noted that the suggested annual contribution is between **\$450 and \$500**; however, the League has historically contributed below the suggested amount. Last year's contribution was **\$300**.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to renew the League's MLSA membership at the same level as the previous year.

Motion: Renew the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association membership with a **\$300 contribution** by Larry D'Angelo.

Second: Bob Parrett.

Vote: Approved unanimously

The Board was also reminded that the **July Board Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, July 20, 2026**, due to meeting room availability.

A meeting reminder and agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting by Jamie Horn.

Second: Jen Genter.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately **6:55 p.m.**