

WCLA BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2024
At Wendi & Norm Davidson's home

In Attendance: Chris Decker, Don Hoogerhyde, Tom Meyer, Craig Wassenaar, Ed Armbruster, Marty Scheel, Bob Darvill, Kevin Bird, Phil Sliva, Bruce Veldman, Kevin Martin, Pam Swigart, Kim Covell, Angie Peterman, Candie Ritsema, Jamie Skinner, Norm Davidson, Kris Ferguson, Wendi Davidson

Election of Officers Officers for the fiscal year beginning 9/1/2024:

President – Kris Ferguson nominated Wendi Davidson for another year as President, Wendi accepted the nomination, Ed 2nd the nomination, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Vice President – Kevin Bird has resigned as Vice President so the floor was open for nominations. Wendi nominated Chris Decker for the office of Vice President, Chris accepted, Kevin Bird 2nd the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Secretary – Wendi Davidson nominated Kris Ferguson for another year as Secretary, Kris accepted, Marty 2nd the motion, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Bruce Veldman has resigned as Treasurer so the floor was open for nominations. Bruce nominated Jamie Skinner for Treasurer, Jamie accepted, Don 2nd the motion, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Officers Reports:

Secretary – Emailed to the board. Bruce made a motion to accept, Wendi 2nd, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

President's Report – Since July, attended Ladies Wine & Charcuterie. The annual meeting had 65 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – Fiscal yr end is 08.31.24. The association has about \$34,000 cash with about \$27,000+ in the General Fund and \$5,000+ in the Fish Fund. We have CD's (\$20,895) coming up for renewal. Jamie Skinner (as Treasurer) will use Quicken software so the Association will have to authorize to buy that. Will need to get Wendi, Bruce, and Jamie to Huntington Bank to get Jamie authorized as signatory on accounts along with Wendi as President and to remove Bruce Veldman. Bruce made a motion to give Jamie and Wendi signing authority on the WCLA bank accounts, Don 2nd, the motion was passed. State Annual Report will need home addresses of new officers. We also need addresses of the Board members of each lake to receive the Riparian Magazine. Wendi motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, Don 2nd, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fish Plant-Don to finalize numbers for Stoney Creek. For 2,000 walleye it would be \$7,200, would plant late October or early November. Don will email everyone when date is planned.

Boat Launch- Don, Ed, and Wendi met with Ayla at Camp Concordia, she was concerned about condition of dock. Don got a quote for a 24ft aluminum dock. Quote is \$2,277.80. He got bumpers included in the quote. Bruce asked if it would be better if it had wheels on it also. Don said we are not planning on removing it in the winter. Marty mentioned the one currently there is old and has rot problems. A dock that was offered for donation is same as type as the one that's currently there. We would have to install the new dock. Tom, Ed, and Bruce would help. It would be installed this fall. Pricing goes up Sept 1, but he got them to agree to hold the price if we vote today. Kevin Bird recalls in previous minutes that with us providing the dock, Camp Concordia agreed to allow us to use it. We would still own the dock. Kevin suggested that we have something in writing that we'd still have access to use the launch. Cleanup of the boat ramp trees, and brush is also involved in the agreement. Kevin made a motion to approve the amount to purchase the dock, Marty 2nd, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Wendi will talk to Ayla about an agreement. Another condition is also agreeing to give more days to use the boat launch.

Lake Quality – Wendi said that Bob would be leaving his position and thanked him for all the years filling the role. The role will be passed to the Lake Sustainability committee. Bob said Jason will call Chris for the locks code.

Water Sustainability- Chris reported that we're spending a lot more money on spring treatment because the copper sulfate can't be used until 07/01. The product that's being used now seems to work well at the beginning of the year. This year we requested they use it prior to July 4 and they did. We have gone over budget on weed control by about \$13k a year. We have about \$27k in surplus. Our contract with PLM is thru 2026, but want to confirm with Oakfield Twp. Will need to review numbers, Treasurer who sets the rate did the estimate, and that's how we ended up with a surplus. Chris said it feels better to have a bit of cushion in case extra treatments or services. Will take action next year to see if we should raise or lower taxes. And also will look at PLM's numbers.

Welcome Committee- Phil said that he and Denise have welcomed to the lakes: Nick & Cat Koogler, Thomas, Jeff & Wendy Jones, Woodbeck, and communicated with, but not formally welcomed, Jim & Tammi Gasper, Thomas, Rick & Joy Bruick, Horseshoe, Jim & Irene Stobinski, Banks

Directory – Phil said that we have 18 in the directory so far.

Social – Candie reported on the Ladies of the Lake Wine & Charcuterie. The last one had about 20 people. Next one is 09/19/24 at Wendi's. Guys are welcome to come later. Wine glasses have been getting ordered. Come in different colors. Charging \$15, cost is \$12, and \$3 is for general fund for social events. Bonnie Rausch is doing the glasses. Clifford Lake dinner on 09/25, so far 4 people have responded. Annual meeting had about 65 people, good turnout for a weeknight, will work on shortening up for next time. Cornhole chili cookoff will be in Waterline and September President's Corner, not writing an October President's Corner. It's November 2nd, everyone bring chili, usually have 50-60 people, 1pm start time. Will need help. Will get the info to Angie. Wendi said that we need a new Angie. Angie will do it until we find someone for the short time being. Christmas party – Wendi asked if someone else would be willing to host. Have another home that's expressed interest except have parking issue. Other thought is Brookside with a caterer. Township hall suggested. Candie expressed that it's a lot to plan a caterer.

Meal Train – no updates

Share your Plants and Pots – Event is 09/20/24, drop off on Friday at Wendi's, sale is Saturday. Asked of ok to donate pots with soil, Wendi said that's fine. Pam Swigart, Bonnie Liden and Kim Covell are helping.

Waterline- Bruce emailed Jake to remove someone in the ads. New ads will start in January, it's \$35 per ad. Treasurer sends out an invoice. Kris has a member that would like to add a testimonial to their ad, they realize it would be an extra cost. Wanted to know if it could be done by doing the business card, and then another business card size with testimonial.

Bridge Raising – Wendi said that we continue to remain neutral as a board whether the bridge gets raised or not. The board doesn't have authority to approve or disapprove. Craig said that Tom, Ed and Don are the committee. He knows it's outside the scope of our charter, but they'd like feedback. Follow up to the Townhall meeting, they conducted a survey. Had 139 responses of about 270 potentials responses. Did have to eliminate a few duplicates. Had 95 favorable responses, which was 68%, out of 139. 6 came in by mail and are included. Some people had questions and they published the questions. \$227,700k indicated as contributions toward the bridge raising. Want input on if they continue process. Next steps are 1) going to the county and see if this is enough, 2) take a formal vote, 3) update the 2 township supervisors, 4) then another townhall that they'd like to have by 09/30. Will provide some updates just to let people know. Will take a formal vote with a more formal process, i.e. show ID, and some kind of oversight. Craig said the survey was done by Survey Monkey. Will try to pick someone who voted no and have them participate in counting of votes, may also ask a board member or former member so that the committee is transparent. Some comments about voting and asking how it's being handled came from

people who didn't attend the town hall meeting. County would commit about \$80k. People have said if more is needed, they can help. Don't think risk will change with bridge raised. Will share nature of comments and potential objections, there's a few different themes of responses. Wendi said Michigan house bill 5532 represents Julie Rogers Kalamazoo, voting Nov. about wake boats. Doesn't ban wake boats but bans their ballast to be 500 feet from shore. Tom said that Kent County will also get questions that were addressed in the survey. Any questions, please send to Craig. They'll keep moving and keep us informed. Wendi said she appreciates the committee's transparency. She'll provide a brief update from the committee in the Waterline (WL). She read her brief note for the WL, and asked if it was acceptable or if there were any questions. Craig to provide his email and contact info for questions.

Old Business:

Apparel- Jamie asked if there was apparel available to purchase. Kris to ask Lynn Monroe if the link is still available. Explained that it costs them money to maintain the link, so it's activated when the board wants to open it up for orders.

Paid Members- Chili Cook off and Christmas, are they for paid members? Would be hard to monitor.

Chili Cook-Off and Cornhole- Wendi requested \$350, same as last year, for corn hole chili cook off for expenses. Bruce made a motion to approve same as last year, Kevin 2nd, vote taken, Motion passed.

New Business:

Member Home Assistance- Pam Swigart presented an idea to help members on the lake that need assistance with home projects. She said that it started with a member who lost her husband and contacted her to see if she knew of anyone reputable that does roof work. Pam connected with some members who offered to help with small things, and also a member that is a General Project Manager (GPM), for more in-depth repairs. She envisions there being two parts to the program. The first part would be for minor repairs and light tasks. For this type of work, lake members would be asked to volunteer. Pam would be the contact person for finding the volunteers to do these tasks. The second part would be for more in-depth home repairs. Pam would be the initial contact person, and the job would be organized by the General Project Manager. This GPM is a lake member that wishes to remain anonymous, and he would assume all responsibility for quality workmanship and fair pricing. There would not be a published contractor list, as the sub-contractors referred by the GPM wish not to advertise and would only do jobs requested by the GPM. Homeowner would pay for materials, if any. Wendi said that she could put in President's Corners that if you need help, contact Pam. Pam will make a formal proposal to the board.

Updated Board Rep list reviewed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08.

Submitted by: Kris Ferguson, WCLA Secretary

Meetings and Annual Events:

- Pancake Breakfast –
- Progressive Kayaking Event– Saturday, July 19, 2025
- Golf Event –
- Camp Greenwood Workaday –
- Halloween Party –
- Cornhole & Chili Cookoff- Saturday, November 2, 2024
- Christmas Party – Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:30 at Mike & Katherine Wolthuis's home
- Cookie Exchange –
- Sledding Event –

- **Board Meetings:**
- Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:30pm, location Wendi & Norm's
- Monday, November 11, 2024, 6:30pm, location Wendi & Norm's
- Monday, January
- Monday, March
- Monday, May
- Monday, July
- Annual Meeting –
- Monday, September