

WCLA BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2026 AT 6:30PM
AT ED & BOBBY ARMBRUSTER'S HOME

6:30 Wendi called to order

In attendance: Wendi Davidson, Jamie Skinner, Kim Covell, Mara Iteen, Kevin Martin, Deb Eaton, Faith Peterson, Maureen Lovewell, Craig Wassenar, Ed Armbruster, Tom Meyer, Rick Bruick, Kris Ferguson, Don Hoogerhyde, Chris Decker, Bob Darvill, Kevin Bird, Lou Fierens, Candie Ritsema, Pam Swigart

Secretary: Kris emailed the Minutes to the Board. Don motioned to accept, Kim 2nd, motion passed.

President's Report: Wendi reported that she attended the social dinner at Eddie's, wrote the President's Corner for March and April, and signed the contract for the Spencer Township Hall for the Pancake Breakfast.

Treasurer: Jamie reported that we have 190 paid members. Since last meeting we have received \$260 in fish plant (FP) donations, total is currently \$3,336.50. There are two people that paid dues who aren't lake residents. Jim Mortenson has an air bnb and renter paid dues of \$60, he plans to fish 4 times. Tom noted that anyone renting out and renters coming on the lake have to follow DNR rules and state laws. It was decided that we'll accept the dues payments, but the code needs to be provided by the landlord. Kevin Bird motioned to accept Treasurers Report, Lou 2nd, motioned passed.

Committees:

Fish Plant, Signs, Beavers: Don said he needs a final cost before they can decide on fishplant (fp). The Boat launch dock shifted. Tom and Lou fixed it and checked dam, which looks good. Don said water levels are above the dam, looks a lot better. Saw beavers, hired it out to have them removed. Wendi said that we should get it in the budget. It was discussed that the committee needs the ability to have beavers trapped and removed if there is potential, they could cause damage to the dam or channels. Bylaws require 30 days to hold an emergency meeting, but there's a trapping season that could be missed.

Emergency Funding and Decision Authority

The Board discussed adding a budget line item so emergency issues could be addressed at the committee level, with officer approval for the use of funds. Jayme recorded the recent beaver-removal bill under capital costs.

Tree and Channel Concerns

- Don reported that a tree is leaning across the Kindy channel. If it falls, it could damage the dock and Tom Meyer's fence. A bucket truck will likely be needed to remove it safely.
- A homeowner's large willow is partially blocking the Horseshoe channel into Woodbeck. The homeowners have tried to remove it but have not been able to get it out.
- Craig said they have started cutting pieces off and hauling them away. The Board agreed it is a homeowner issue, but noted that the partial channel blockage affects lake access.
- Kevin will talk with the homeowner to see whether they are interested in getting a cost estimate from the tree company WCLA is hiring. Ed will also get an estimate for the two trees and the additional tree in the channel.

Signs and Emergency Budget Motion

- Don said the Kindy Boat Launch sign needs to be replaced. Although the cost should be small, it raised the broader question of emergency funding.
- Chris made a motion to establish a \$1,000 budget for emergency issues such as beavers and trees.
- Jayme noted that the Board would need to lower another budget category, since more than \$5,000 is already budgeted for specific items. Wendi suggested using money market funds to create the emergency budget. Jayme asked whether the expense could be treated as a capital cost or improvement.
- It was noted that we have denied beaver and muskrat removal from private property and past discussions have been focused on the dam and channel areas, like Little Banks, that could impede boat traffic.
- Don clarified that the Board may not spend the full amount, but the funds need to be available. Any use would be considered a budget overrun.

Approved Action

The Board voted and approved authorizing the Executive Committee, made up of the four officers, to make emergency funding decisions up to \$1,000 for issues such as beavers, trees, and other urgent needs. This authorization applies for the current year; next year's budget will need to be updated to include an emergency funding line item. A No Wake sign is also blocked by a tree and will need to be moved.

Lake Sustainability: Chris reported that he's creating an RFP for the next contract, he'll have a draft for review soon. He's planning to meet with Betsy at Oakfield Township to see if anything extra to fit in budget. Planning PLM to test in April.

Water Sustainability- Chris said next treatment will be Thursday May 14, not the 13th. Jayme will send an updated reminder to the lakes. Jason was on the lakes and assessed the weeds. Minimal on Half Mile, Horseshoe looks good, just a couple of plants observed which they pulled. Thomas has most growth, will need a lot of treatment after Memorial Day. Woodbeck has moderate growth, will treat 6-7 acres of milfoil. \$19-20k will be the cost. Tom asked how it compared to last year, and Chris said it's in line. We are putting out the new 5 year contract, it's almost ready to get to bidders. Wendi suggested talking to Jeff Knapp at Spencer. He has some ideas of companies not to use because other lakes have had issues. He said PLM is one of the better ones. New quotes expected mid-summer.

Welcome Committee – Phil said no new members have been welcomed. Stuck at 30 families in the directory. Jayme said there are 2 houses that have sold. She'll get their information to Phil and Denise.

Social:

- Pancake Breakfast will be at Spencer Township on June 6th, 8:00 – 11:00. The Skinners will have a big Blackston will be there. Volunteers are Don and Lois, Kris and Jeff, Wendi, will have chaffing dishes. Will need to put signs out. Wendi will pick up food. Candie to give Wendi the list of food. Set up is at 6:00am. The space can hold up to 300 people. There will be a 50/50 and Silent Auction. Kim is going to hit up places in Greenville for gift cards. It cost \$75 and a \$75 deposit down as long as room is left clean and trash taken out. An anonymous doner donated for the cost. Will be charging \$5 adults, \$3 kids for 12 and under.
- **Plant Sale** – Maureen said to bring your plants to her place and they'll sell them. June 13, drop off Thursday or Friday. \$2 ea plant. 9-5:00 will be the sale. Volunteers are needed!

- **July 4th events-** Boat Parade starts at 10:00am on Horseshoe, 11:00am on Banks. Will pick up gift cards, same as last year. Must be a paid member to win. The band, Sounds Familiar, will play 2:00 – 5:00. WCLA will contribute \$400 toward band.
- **Poker Kayak event-** Will be July 18, event start will be 1:00 ish. Will be poker contest, \$10 per person, Band will cost \$600. Prize money for the poker will be \$100-200, plus other incidentals. Bobby and Ed will pick up. Band is 3:00– 6:00pm, are going to do entire kayak poker run on Banks. Set it up so kayaks will be going to same places at different times. Some other fun stuff will be happening. Will have more updates at next meeting. Open to non-lake people. Any miscellaneous events will involve kayaks. Wristbands will be updated to 2026. Ed and Kevin will be the sellers.
- **July Social Dinner–** no dinner due to all the events.

Annual Dinner- Will be Thursday, August 20 at Camp Concordia. We'll have access to set up starting at 4:00 and the event will be from 6:00 - 8:00. Expect about 60 people. Paid down payment of \$120 with 10% discount. No alcohol. \$1000 budget. Candie suggested getting food from Hop Hog again, and the board bring desserts.

Meal Train– Mara said we had it for Phil and Denise. Denis Kluba passed last week, she asked for their address to send a card. Karen doesn't want a meal train. Jayme asked if we want to post his obit to the lake. Wendi will ask her.

New Business- Bob said that he's seen numerous boats after sundown with no lights, which is illegal in MI. Would be good to put in newsletter. Wendi asked Jayme to put that navigation lights need to be on after sunset. Jet ski's aren't allowed after dark. Wendi said it was in Waterline previously, but could add it again.

Old Business: Presidents position, Wendi reminded she's stepping down and has advertised it. She's hopeful that someone will step up. She's willing to talk with them about it. Term is 1 year and needs to be voted in by your lake.

Jayme motioned to adjourn at 7:58, Candie 2nd , motion passed.

Meetings and Annual Events:

Pancake Breakfast-June 6, Spencer Township

July 4th band on the south shore of Woodbeck Lake, 2:00 – 5:00

July 4 Parade-morning of July 4th, 10:00 Woodbeck side, 11:00 Banks side

Poker Kayak Event- July 18

Golf Event-

Camp Greenwood Workaday-

Halloween Party- no party in 2025

Chili Cookoff- Saturday, November 1, 2025 at Wendi & Norm's house

Christmas Party- Friday, December 5, 2025 at Mike & Katherine Wolthuis

Cookie Exchange-

Sledding event-

Board Meetings:

Monday, September 8, 2025 at Wendi & Norm's house

Monday, November 10, 2025 at Wendi & Norm's house

Monday, January 12, 2026, at Wendi & Norm's house

Monday, March 9, 2026 at Wendi & Norm's house

Monday, May 11, 2026, Ed & Bobby Armbruster house

Monday, July 13, 2026, Wendi & Norm's house

Annual Meeting- Camp Concordia, Thursday, August 20