

Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association
Board Meeting
Monday, November 11th, 2024
6:30 Wendi Davidson's House

Call to Order at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Kevin Bird, Candie Ritsema, Phil Sliva, Michael Liden, Kim Covell, Jake Dayringer, Don Hoogerhyde, Ed Armbruster, Rob Riegler, Tom Meyer, Norm Davidson, Aaron Antcliff, Marty Scheel, Jamie Skinner, Wendi Davidson, Kris Ferguson

Absent: Chris Decker, Bob Darvill, Kevin Martin

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary- Minutes were emailed to the Board by Kris Ferguson. Phil made a motion to approve, Kim 2nd, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

President's Report- Wendi reported that she wrote the September President's Corner, attended Ladies Wine night, attended dinner at Hop Hog, she and Norm hosted Corn Hole Chili Cook-off, in November met with Candie, Jamie and Kris to discuss upcoming events. Will be writing Presidents Corner for November.

Treasurer's Report -Jamie reported \$5,307.23 in Fish Plant (FP) fund, received FP donations of \$400 this year, FP balance is \$1307.23. We have \$25,130.51 current assets and equity. CD \$21,164.24. Total expenses \$13,959.75. Jamie requested a meeting with Wendi Regarding proposed annual budget for 2025 . We are approving budgets for more than we're bringing in. Last year FP cost \$6,300, this year was \$7,200 because FP costs are going up. We have a new way to pay dues thru Zell, it's a lower cost than Paypal. Jayme has a call into the bank to see if it's truly cheaper. It's \$11-12 a month for Paypal fees. There's a fee of \$1.50 charged to the payee, and WCLA eats the .44 cent balance. Jake said they're looking into Zeffy, may be an alternative to Paypal. Michigan Lake and Stream Association is due, it's \$300 to being a member, it includes 1 magazine copy, then \$14 each additional copy. Four reports come out per year. Magazine subscription is \$25, it comes out in January, there's also a Monthly newsletter. It was discussed if the benefits are worth the cost. Lakes have a unified voice in Lansing. We had 5 copies. Intent of mag is it's shipped to a lake rep then shared. Wendi to ask Chris Decker what his thoughts are. Need to renew by beginning of December. Gives updates of what's happening in the legislature, laws, invasives. Kevin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Marty 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish Plant- Don reported that on November 1st, 2,000 walleye were planted, they're 7-8" average, good crop, came from Minnesota, \$7,200 cost, was \$8,000 before 10% discount.

Signs/Boat Launch- Don and Ed reported that Don, Bruce, and Ed picked up the new dock in St. Johns. It's 24' long, looks nice and solid. They cut out a bunch of brush by dock, and a few smaller trees. Called Progressive Tree Service to cut down a dead tree that was leaning toward dock. Jamie gave Ed a check, it cost \$100. Wendi to draw up an agreement with the Camp and an agreement for paid members. Aaron asked if anyone from Camp gets hurt, should there be something in the agreement. Kris to check on some mutual language. The agreement will contain language that if we give them the dock then we have the ability to use it, and it must be in that location.

Lake Quality and Water Sustainability-Chris was absent, no new update.

Welcome Committee/Directory-Phil reported that they still plan to meet Gaspers, Jim and Irene Stobinski, Bruicks and one other. Saw a house go up on Horseshoe. If any others moving in, let Phil know. Directory is still at 18.

Meal Train- Wendi reported for Mara. The Meal Train helped out Phil and Denise Sliva. Jamie asked how people can sign up. Wendi explained it's noted in the President's Corner. People sign up for the meal train and then they're on it for all the meal trains. They can contact Mara to get on the list.

Share Your Plant's Sale-Wendi reported that is made \$142. Didn't have good participation with drop offs or purchases. Didn't know why participation was lower. Will take a break in 2025 and not do it. May do it in the spring next time.

Social Events:

- Annual Meeting- Candie reported that the Annual Meeting will be on a week night again, it's scheduled for Thursday 08/21/2025.
- Corn Hole Chili Cook-Off- Wendi reported that at the Cornhole/Chili Cookoff there were about 45 people, and 20 different chilies. For the chili cook-off, the winners were Pat and Noralie Jachim, Amber Covell, and Steve & Lynn Monroe. For the Corn Hole, Jeff & Kris Ferguson won 1st place in the Advanced category, Jim Swigart and Jim Jessup won Novice. Bruce won \$446 in the 50/50. He donated it back except what he paid.
- Christmas Party- Candie said the Christmas Party will be December 6 at 6:30 at Mike & Katherine Wolthuis. Parking will be available behind the King's house. Candie will meet with the Wolthuis's to figure out details. It will be pot lock, bring your own beverage. \$569 was last years cost. Candie to work out with Katherine regarding paper plates, cups, pop, main dish. Wendi also said that last year that we had raffle prizes. She said if anyone is willing to donate or obtain gift cards, it would be helpful. Norm will ask Winter Inn for gift cards. Last year Norm gave Barry at Winter Inn money and he gave higher valued gift cards. The Emporium might do the same. Also there were raffle gifts that people made. We did raffle tickets for prizes and 50/50. Wendi made a motion to approve a budget of \$600 for the Christmas Party, Don 2nd, motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Norm said he was given a \$100 and was able to get that doubled in GC's between Winter Inn and Golf. He'll go to Winter Inn this year. Norm to be given \$100 of the budget to obtain gift cards.
- Ladies Wine & Charcuterie-Wendi reported that the Ladies Wine and Charcuterie will be December 15 at Deb Eaton's at 2:00. Normally would do a cookie exchange, but Deb doesn't want to do a cookie exchange. For people who would like to join but not drink wine, then they can bring cookies instead of paying \$20. Wendi said Ladies of the Lake Wine glasses are still available to be ordered. The recent ones ordered will be ready at the December wine event. She charges \$12, we charge \$15 and the \$3 goes back to WCLA.
- Monthly Social Dinner – 30 people attended September at Hop Hog. Next ones are October 19 and January 23rd.
- Golf Outing – Need someone to step up and organize. Need to solidify date and pricing soon. She asked Chris D, but doesn't know if he will. If no one to organize, won't have it.
- Progressive Kayak – tentatively scheduled for July 19, 2025. Ferguson's would host Woodbeck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Waterline-Wendi would like to discuss future.

Communications- Still need someone to take Angie's place.

Bridge Raising-Don said the Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) did a 180 from last year. They said they didn't want to deal with the people that are against raising the bridge. If it would've moved forward, now it wouldn't happen til 2026 and prices would go up. There was a change in management at Kent County, who had a different mindset. If the committee had been aware, they wouldn't have proceeded. It was a Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) Committee. Wendi asked what she should put in the President's Corner. Tom said Craig sent out a communication late summer, and that could be referenced.

Community Contractor's list-Wendi said that it won't be moving forward. Pam didn't plan to organize a volunteer list. She just wanted to utilize the one contractor, not organize volunteers.

Stacey Street Dam- Norm said Dam was low on Oct 22. Didn't know if related to Stacey St leak. It was supposed to be fixed, but it's still leaking. Don said its design is to leak. Embankment is KCRC responsibility, not leak. Norm asked why residence money was used then. Other comments were that it's been really dry.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lake Representatives List – Kevin to revamp with 1 and 2 years. Kris to revise first.

WCLA Garage Sale-Kim will organize. Will be \$10 per table, which will go to lake social fund at Camp Greenwood. Drop off on Friday, Monroe's do a table to sell shirts, could be crafts, garage sale. The Camp can provide tables, but may need to bring your own. Bonnie to help. Let Kim know if you'd like to purchase a spot for \$10. Previously discussed having a WCLA spot and money goes to WCLA? Kevin said in the past, Mel Trotter would come pick up what doesn't sell. Would be outside and inside. Will need to be May, June, or Sept.

Jamie made a motion to adjourn, Phil 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 13th at 6:30pm at the Davidson's.

Meetings and Annual Events:

- Pancake Breakfast – TBD
- Progressive Kayaking Event– tentative Saturday, July 19, 2025
- Golf Event – TBD
- Camp Greenwood Workaday –
- Halloween Party – TBD
- Cornhole & Chili Cookoff- ~~Saturday, November 2, 2024~~(completed)
- Christmas Party – Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:30 at Mike & Katherine Wolthuis's home
- Cookie Exchange – December 15, 2024, Wine & Charcuterie event at Deb Eaton's home, with option to bring cookies if not enjoying the wine.
- Sledding Event – TBD
- **Board Meetings:**
- Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:30pm, location Wendi & Norm's
- Monday, November 11, 2024, 6:30pm, location Wendi & Norm's
- Monday, January 13, 2025, location Wendi & Norm's
- Monday, March
- Monday, May
- Monday, July
- Annual Meeting –
- Monday, September

