

WCLA BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026 AT 6:30PM
AT WENDI & NORM DAVIDSON'S HOME

6:31 called to order

In attendance: Ed Armbruster, Don Hoogerhyde, Chris Decker, Mara Iteen, Craig Wassenaar, Tom Reynhout, Wendi Davidson, Kris Ferguson, Tom Meyer, Lou Fierens, Kim Covell, Rick Bruick, Maureen Lovewell, Candie Ritsema, Jamie Skinner, Phil Sliva, Deb Eaton, Faith Peterson

Secretary: Kris had emailed the minutes to the Board. Lou motioned to accept the minutes, Phil 2nd, all voted in favor, motion passed.

President's Report: Wendi reported that the Waterline is coming out. She attended the Christmas party. She and Norm hosted the Chili Olympics, which had expenses of \$280, and received \$395 from the 50/50, the Christmas party received \$400 from the 50/50.

Treasurer: Jamie reviewed the money that came in from events, as well as Christmas expenses money paid to Candi and Katherine. Insurance increased by \$125. Dues went up, so pay pal surcharge will go up from .45 to \$1.83. She has a list of about 20 people that prepaid at \$40, she's going to figure out how to send request for the \$10 increase. There's \$2,000 in fish fund. We are making about \$90 in interest in money market fund. Only one person has renewed Waterline advertising, there previously was around 10 advertisers. Wendi asked Faith to do a blast, it's \$35 for advertising for 3 editions. Next one is in May, so would need to know before then. Lou motioned to approve, Rick Bruick 2nd, motion passed.

Committees:

Fish Plant, Signs, Beavers: Don reported that the fishplant (FP) took place 11/05/2025, they planted 2,000 walleye and 200 yellow perch planted. Stoney Creek (SC) recommended doing it by hand with buckets. There were about 10 people that were there and they helped. About 75 walleye were dead on arrival. SC replaced the dead fish with 100 walleye a few days later. The FP Committee would like to make the goal \$6,000 again for 2026. Would like to make sure it's in all published communications. Jamie said she can create a QR code so that it goes right to PayPal. Don sent a write up to Jamie for WaterLine.

Boat Launch: Tom said that the orange fence was installed on December 1st, which this is the 5th year that it's been installed at the Kindy boat launch. He said the local traffic has diminished considerably over the years. Near the McClain St Bridge, signs have been put up saying Private Property. All of the efforts seem to have helped.

Lake Sustainability: Chris said that he'll be meeting with Oakfield Township to see where our account balance is for weed control, and what the township uses for investment. We are going to move forward in spring with obtaining other quotes for lake management for another 5 year contract for weed control and water testing. Hopefully by mid-summer will know how we're going

to proceed for 2026. April and September reports came out, he noted the Sept report for Woodbeck showed total phosphorus 22 grams per liter in April and Sept went to 49. Report says we should consider phosphorus abatement services. He's going to get more information. Other numbers go up and down, but that was a big one. It could have been due to a certain reason, he will look again after spring testing. Wendi said if anything that we can update the community on so that it can go in the Waterline (WL). Newest reports are on the website. Chris said that he can put some things together for WL. Craig asked if he has tracked it to see how it compares to past reports. Chris said that we have previous reports, and it's possible that PLM may already have tracked it. It was commented that fertilizer and septic is where phosphorus is coming from. Tom asked if the new lake management companies will be apples to apples, but Chris said that it won't be an official RFP, it will probably involve them coming out and look at the lakes. Will need to have something listed for the bidding. Chris has had other companies recommended him that he's been tracking. Tom M offered to help.

Welcome Committee: Phil hasn't welcomed anyone since Sept, there's some on list but haven't had a chance to greet them. Directory, no new additions.

Social: Candie reported that:

- Recapped that we had a wine & charcuterie in October at Deb Eatons, Chili Olympics in November at Wendi & Norm's, with about 60 people attending, and Christmas party at the Wolthuis's with about 70 in attendance.
- Next dinners are at Winter Inn, Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6:00pm and El Rancho on February 16, 2026 at 6:30pm.
- 4th of July band on South Woodbeck – Kris confirmed that they have the band, Sounds Familiar, reserved. Kris to confirm with Bev that she didn't already have a band booked. Budget for the band will be voted on at next meeting if no conflict.
- Boat Parade – will be Saturday morning on July 4th. Will do \$50 gift card for winner (must be a paid member). Jamie made a motion for it to be a \$50 Amazon gift card for the winner, Candie 2nd, motion passed.
 - It was discussed to do a different voting method with a time frame.
- Kayak – this year would be poker kayak. The Birds and Armbruster's usually host it. Jamie said that she'll discuss with them.
- Wendi and Candie to meet to discuss summer events.
- Golf Outing – Don't have a volunteer to run it.
- Spring plant sale- first year was great, 2nd year slow. Need a place to do it. Would need to be in June. The camp may let us use their property.
- Pancake Breakfast – It was held at Turk Lake restaurant, had mixed feedback, will need to discuss.
- Wendi said she and Norm probably won't host the chili cook off again.

Meal Train: Mara had sent cards for 4 deaths from October – December. There were two outreaches for surgeries. Joy Walthorn accepted the offer and was very appreciative.

Old Business: Lake levels, nothing new

New Business:

-New President: Wendi is looking for a replacement for next year. She's done it 5 years and feels it's time to pass the baton to someone else. She's willing to mentor. Is hopeful that someone will be interested by next meeting, so can plan. If not, then will put in the March President's Corner to spread the word.

-Bald Eagle update: Kim said the injured bald eagle that was featured on Facebook when it was rescued from their lake, has tested negative for lead poisoning and influenza. Amber will do a blip. Jamie asked if she could get something to her for the Waterline.

7:45 Jamie motioned to close, Candie 2nd.

Meetings and Annual Events:

Pancake Breakfast-

July 4th band on the lake-

July 4 Parade-morning of July 4th

Progressive or Poker Kayak Event-

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, location

Monday, July 13, 2026, location

Annual Meeting-