

Minutes from the LWOC Board meeting Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Call to Order: President Carey Winkler, 6:01 pm, Big Red Keno, Lincoln, NE

Present: Carey Winkler, Judy Winkler, Donna Nissen, Shawn McGill, Jennifer Christensin, Joshua Michon, Laurie Stithem.

Absent: Vicky Sorensen, Zach Knaub

Guests: Ken Stithem, Randy Bohaty.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Carey Winkler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda and there were none.

September Minutes: Carey Winkler asked the board members if had a chance to review the October board minutes that were emailed with the agenda. After a brief discussion Carey asked for a motion to approve of the October Minutes. Laurie Stithem motioned to approve the October Minutes. Judy Winkler seconded the motion. Carey called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Donna Nissen reported that the earmark for memorial funds was at \$5,336, the general account balance was \$25,407, and the fundraising account was at \$17,600. She shared with the board members information on the tax report and that everything is on schedule for filing.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Carey Winkler informed the board that there was no report on the finance committee this month.

Foundation: Judy Winkler had nothing to report this month.

Fundraising: Carey Winkler gave the report by reading and discussing an email with information received from Angie Birkett. Angie had shared information on the Festival of Trees event. The approved funding was \$800, LWOC member donations were \$300, plus a \$150 gift card. She spent \$238 on the tree and decorations and \$740 for gift cards to hang on the tree totaling \$988.

Angie Birkett also informed the board that the fundraising committee was also working on a pancake feed in mid-March at Woody's restaurant near Capital Beach. Volunteers will be needed as more information will come out in the new year. Natalie Sokolik shared with the board with the progress of the 2026 Poker Run being planned for August that will have a different route and locations.

Angie Birkett's email also included the success of the Football Parking fundraiser with collected \$1215 for the club.

Board members had a very positive discussion on the success of the fundraisers being held by Angie Birkett and her committee members.

Social/Fellowship: Randy Bohaty shared with the board his upcoming menu and asked for suggestions as well. Currently he would be planning the holiday social event in the next couple of weeks. The board shared their thoughts on an easy menu to provide. Also discussed were the winter month's meetings being held at the VFW in January and February.

Randy also reported on his adventure to the District Meeting up in Sioux City in November. He shared some of the military stories he heard during the Veteran focused district meeting. One of his favorites was the explanation for Folding of the Flag which he passionately talked about. He related some of his experience at the meeting with his work as a fireman around the Lincoln area. He was very excited about being able to attend the district meeting.

Youth Activities: Carey Winkler shared information from an email received from Linda Leatherman. Containers for the HUGS drive were distributed to several locations around Lincoln. Items collected would be delivered to Arnold, Belmont, Lakeview, and West Lincoln elementary schools the week of January 19th or 26th. The committee also distributed tickets for the FeZtival of Trees, some of which were taken to Belmont Community Center. The committee's next meeting is being planned for January 12th, 2026.

Lodge: Committee chair Ken Stithem reported that not much was going on at this time at the lodge committee.

Unfinished Business

Recognition of Donors Ad-Hoc Committee: Natalie Sokolik shared her progress with the Recognition of Donors along with several questions. The board discussed options of different levels of donations and how they might be recognized. Some discussions included one-time donors, continuous donors, along with large and small donors. After the long discussion Natalie indicated her need to continue accessing the structure of the process, such as how to keep track of the different types of donations. A close relationship with the treasurer will be needed to accomplish this goal.

Membership Applications: Carey Winkler informed the board that she has not completed her revisions and would like to move this to the next board meeting.

Pickle Account: Carey Winkler talked to the board about the pickle card sales ending. Shawn McGill and Donna Nissen shared with the board of the discussions with Matt Niven, who had been managing the Pickle Account. Nothing has been spent with the money in several years. Carey expressed to the board members the need to do something with the money. Discussion ensued. Several options were discussed with no specific solution at this time. Natalie Sokolik motioned to move the pickle account money to a six-month CD. Jennifer Christensen seconded the motion. Carey called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Name Tags: Jennifer Christensen shared with the board her vision on the new name tag appearance. The board members were satisfied with the information and Shawn McGill agreed to get Jennifer an updated roster as soon as he finishes it.

NG&P Lease: Carey Winkler informed the board the need to start working on the upcoming lease renewal with the Nebraska Game & Parks. She would be reaching out to Ron Kallhoff for guidance.

Board members briefed over some of the agenda during their final discussion. All board members were satisfied with the progress of the club status and the livelihood that has re-emerged since the slow years of the pandemic.

Carey Winkler asked the board members if there was anything more to discuss.

Carey Winkler adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Shawn McGill, Secretary