

# WLCL Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 24, 2025

## Agenda

1. Bring Meeting to order
2. Approve August 27, 2025, Minutes
3. Approve Financial Report
4. Membership-Barb Richards Vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> flag
5. Weed Control -Frank Dyson & John Millington
6. Apparel-Elizabeth Millington
7. Fireworks-Karen Pinagel Vote on additional funds for 2026 Show
8. Fundraising-Chris Wichers
9. Fishing Tournament-Scott Trudell
10. Bubbler Update-Joan Cooper
11. Sub Committee-Sean Whelan
12. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
13. Newsletter Position
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

**Attendees:** Karen Pinagel, Sarah Horn, Chris Wichers, Paul Richards, Joan Cooper, John Millington, Larry D'Angelo, Denise Laflamme, Sean Whelan, Chuck Neville

**Absent:** Frank Dyson, Mike Genter, Scott Trudell, Shelley Kirchner, Andrea Schemanske,

**Guests:** Barb Richards, Patti Rathwell, Lisa Bruins, Bob Parrett, Elizabeth Millington

1. Meeting called to order: 6:34PM by Karen Pinagel  
Welcome Bob and thank you to everyone that helped this year.
2. Approve August 27, 2025 minutes: Motion by John Millington and Paul Richards seconded

### 3. Financial Report -

**September 2025** cash receipts totaled \$2,159.31, which includes \$915 for memberships and donations, \$1,150 for the upcoming bowling event and \$44 of interest income. Cash disbursements totaled \$1,386.10, which includes \$369 for credit card fees and the on-line store fees, \$997 for D&O liability insurance and \$20 for State of Michigan annual report filing fee. As a result, the cash balance is now \$83,007.24. \$55,963 is in CDs that mature either 1/18/2026 and 2/18/2026 and is earning 3% to 3.4% interest income.

**Year to Date September 2025**, cash receipts total \$68,173 vs \$52,235 for the same period last year. Memberships and donations are \$35,951 this year vs \$36,295 for the same period last year. Drawings proceeds for this year \$14,765 vs \$896 last year. The new events (Bad Benny's, bowling and euchre) brought in \$4,730. Pancake breakfast and apparel sales are similar to last year. Interest income for 2025 is \$700 vs \$3 last year. Cash disbursements for year to date 2025 total \$33,082 vs \$34,421 for the same period last year. The notable increases in 2025 vs 2024 are as follows: 1) credit cards fees and on-line store fees are up \$334 primarily due to increased on-line store fees 2) insurances are up \$448 for general liability coverage and 3) expenses for the bowling and euchre events add \$1,925 of expenses. These increases were offset by eliminating the boat parade prizes \$500, lower merchandise purchases \$700 and \$2,000 less fireworks costs so far this year. The resulting cash balance is \$19,600 higher than it was last year at this time.

The White Lake Improvement Board Fund balance is continuing to grow, even though we thought it may decline. Sean and Chuck are going to begin collaborating on the lake improvement board. Motion by Larry D'Angelo to approve and John Millington seconded the motion.

4. Membership - Barb is stepping down from doing membership data collection to travel and be there for her future grandchildren. She still plans to help. Second Flag: How many people want them? At least 20 addresses have purchased second memberships this year. We are proposing putting a line on the form that gets mailed out, that asks if additional flags and another line for donations to fireworks. Barb suggested that the communications group ask on fb if anyone is interested in a second flag. We will ask block captains to bring binders and any extra flags to the volunteer dinner. Dinner will be on 10/6. Average donation per member is \$38, average donation per donor is \$55. We must advertise that a second flag is available,

and not more than 2. Limited availability. Motion to sell second flag for \$35.00 by Joan Cooper and seconded by Chris Wichers. Chris suggested setting some flags aside for second flag.

5. Weed Control - No updates, other than baby islands of weeds. Sean said we should ask why the weeds and algae are better this year. We will have Casey come out and speak to the weed situation at our February meeting.
6. Apparel - Elizabeth said she went to the WLI on Monday to sell merch and Chris, the manager, did not want us selling our apparel there, so she didn't stay. She will sell more at the euchre.
7. Fireworks - Karen is proposing for 2026 fireworks to add an additional \$15k to make a better show, since we are \$19k ahead of last year and to celebrate our nation's 250 year anniversary. Karen called Chris at Ace. He said tariffs will not affect our 2026 show and that if we throw another \$15k at it, we will get a fuller show with a fuller finale with water effects, but not longer. We have a verbal contract with him. Sean said he wants it in writing with exactly what they will be using for our show as far as which type of fireworks. We all discussed that we must advertise it as a special 250 year fireworks display, put it on social media. Sean brought up doing a drone show instead of a fuller fireworks show. John said maybe we add a drone show on a different holiday weekend. Chuck stated that 10 years ago, they asked members what would be most appealing to them, as far as what kind of shows they would want and when. Maybe we do another survey to get an idea from the community. Most directors felt that the drone show is something to explore for 2027. Lisa said that she knows of a local drone company that we could do some research with as far as pricing, permits, etc. Karen suggested maybe Memorial Day. Motion by Joan Cooper and seconded by Karen Pinagel to approve additional \$15k to go towards fireworks display for 2026.
8. Fundraising - For the bowling event, Lions alcohol basket instead of wine for the bowling event. Shelley got an Alpine Valley season pass for \$800. She will be selling torn playing cards for \$10 each for that. 60-75 expected for the bowling event. Apparel and flags will be sold there. We will know about the Eagles for Euchre by this coming Saturday. Chuck suggested that we use the email list too, as well as newsletter and social media.

9. Fishing Tournament - On website
10. Bubbler Update - Joan updated us and let us know that Senator Runestad's office is going to investigate. There are no laws and no one to enforce it. Barb suggested that we publish something that makes people aware the bubblers are dangerous. Sean suggested that the township would have the power to make it illegal. How do we enforce it is the question?
11. New Subcommittee - New sub-committee is being formed and waiting to get together to kick it off. Who is going to enforce it is the question. Sean said there is too much boat traffic on the weekends, in order to boat safely. The problem needs to be researched as to how many boats are on the lake. Sean is going to keep at it.
12. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Monday, October 6 at the WLI at 6:30. Emails will go out to all volunteers.
13. Newsletter Position - We still need someone for the newsletter to lay it out.
14. New Business - Karen is proposing that we have our next meeting on February 23rd of 2026. Motion by Larry D'Angelo and seconded by Chris Wichers. Larry said that by having more money, checking into seeing if we can do something for the WLI, since they do so much for us and potentially for us to do a WLCL donation, perhaps a dock, to show our appreciation. Lisa suggested that we host an event there and 10% could go towards them as a thank you. Chuck said that the limnological results will be available in Nov. We are going to meet with Progressive and whomever is interested may attend. Also, sheriff has been less than transparent about what he is doing and that his communication has not been good and that he is not responsive. We will ask Scott to help us with a letter to Lt. Burwell, since the sergeant he has doing it is unresponsive.
15. Meeting Adjourned - 8:02PM Motion to adjourn by Joan Cooper and seconded by Check Neville.