

White Lake Citizens League (WLCL)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 6:50 PM – 7:29 PM

Location: Highland Township Government Office

Board Members Present

Karen Pinagel; Sarah Horn; Chris Wichers; John Millington; Larry D'Angelo; Scott Trudell; Paul Richards; Shelley Kirchner

Guests

Patti Rathwell; Elizabeth Millington

Absent

Frank Dyson; Joan Cooper; Denise Laflamme; Chuck Neville; Sean Whelan; Mike Genter; Andrea Schemanske

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:50 PM**.

2. Approval of March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Larry D'Angelo
 - **Second:** Paul Richards
 - **Result:** Approved unanimously
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3. Approval of Financial Report

- **Motion:** Chris Wichers
- **Second:** Paul Richards
- **Result:** Approved unanimously

Financial Highlights (Year-to-Date through March 2026)

Cash Receipts:

- \$12,100 (vs. \$14,734 in 2025)
- Memberships & Donations: \$680 (vs. \$3,635 in 2025)
 - *Note: Totals may be understated due to delayed PO Box collection*

Sim Golf Revenue: \$9,519 total

- \$6,787 (tickets, skins, closest-to-pin)
- \$2,732 (drawings)

Interest Income:

- \$751 (vs. \$458 in 2025)

Disbursements (Jan–Mar 2026): \$7,982

- Membership flags (deferred): \$2,524
- Sim Golf expenses: \$3,624
- Pancake breakfast deposit: \$500
- Credit card fees: \$316
- Petty cash (redeposited): \$1,000

Current Cash Balance: \$94,368

- \$4,118 increase from year-end 2025
- \$32,680 increase compared to March 2025

Fireworks deposit remains pending invoice.

4. Annual Newsletter Update

- Newsletter drafting has begun; draft expected by end of the week for Board review
- Distribution planned for the following week
- Membership database expanded to approximately **734 households** (+60 new contacts)

Upcoming Meeting

White Lake Improvement Board Meeting

- **Date:** May 12, 2026
 - **Time:** 3:15 PM (updated)
 - **Topics:** Budget and bubbler issue
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5. Fundraising & New Donations – Chris Wichers

Sim Golf Fundraiser:

- Net profit of approximately \$3,800
- Strong participation and community engagement reported

Planned Events:

- Euchre and bowling events planned for fall

Donations Secured:

- Sports event tickets – Mike McDougall
- Bag toss – Mike & Jen Genter
- Horse Race game – Shelley & Steve Kirchner
- Tigers tickets – Pancake Breakfast raffle
- Lions tickets – Fall event
- Red Wings tickets – Event TBD

Recommendation:

- Use playing cards as a raffle format for prizes
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6. Fishing Tournament – Scott Trudell

Giveaway Options Discussed

- Floating foam keychain (bobber-style)
- Branded can koozie
- Standard fishing bobbers (for children)

Budget

- \$350 requested (approx. \$338 total), covering 2–3 tournaments

Tournament Rule Updates (Approved)

- Mandatory **7:00 AM live well check** at White Lake Inn
- All boats must be present prior to tournament start
- Spot checks may be conducted

Competition Structure

- Entry fee: \$30 per boat
- First-place prize: approximately \$250

Participation

- Typical turnout: 12–16 boats
- At least one WLCL member required per boat

Action Items

- Update WLCL website with revised tournament rules
- Finalize and order giveaway items
- Secure a volunteer to help at the fishing tournament

Motion:

- Motion by Larry D'Angelo
- Second by Karen Pinagel
- Result: Approved unanimously

Tournament Dates:

- June 13, 2026
- September 12, 2026

7. WLCL Dock Donation – White Lake Inn

Discussion held regarding a proposed dock donation.

Key Considerations:

- Coordination with restaurant ownership
- Installation logistics
- Maintenance responsibilities
- Required approvals

Next Steps:

- Further evaluation of scope, cost, and timeline
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8. Aerial Photos – Larry D'Angelo

- Vendor quote received: \$39.95 per photo (no bulk pricing available)
- Concerns noted regarding vendor responsiveness and resale feasibility

Alternative Approach:

- Explore local drone photography options
- Utilize on-demand printing (e.g., ABC Printing)

Action Item:

- Elizabeth Millington to obtain alternative vendor and print pricing
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9. New Business

Membership & Database Updates

- Database updated to approximately **734 residents**
- Newsletter distribution to support membership drive

2026 Membership & Flag Program

- New 2026 flag introduced
- Additional flags available with \$35 membership
- Limited inventory for a second flag

Distribution Planning

- Block Captain meeting to be scheduled
- Distribution strategy includes:
 - Pre-event flag distribution
 - On-site distribution at Pancake Breakfast
 - Process for late memberships

Operational Coordination

- Regular membership updates to be shared
- Continued coordination among volunteers

Upcoming Lake Initiatives Meeting

- Presentations from Progressive Insurance and Aqua Weed Control
- Community participation encouraged

Board Nominations & Elections

- Nominations open: April 2026
- Voting scheduled: May 2026
- Outreach to current and prospective board members discussed

10. Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Scott Trudell
- **Second:** Larry D'Angelo
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:29 PM

