

THE BIRCH BARK



White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
4730 Lake Road Farwell, MI 48622
Office: (989)588-7169 Clubhouse: (989)588-2853
Web: www.whitebirch.org

January 2025

2024-2025 Board of Directors

President	Tim Boos	timboos@yahoo.com
1 st VP	Dawn Holzer	muleman2318@gmail.com
2 nd VP	Kevin Dombrowski	kd460@sbcglobal.net
Director	Marie Sherry	marie4wblra@gmail.com
Director	Jim Ostrowski	valmarco@charter.net
Director	Jenny Baker	jen.e.baker@outlook.com
Director	Donnie Stanley	Donovan.Stanley1987@gmail.com

WBL Staff

Manager	Michelle Waters	admin@whitebirch.org
Secretary/Treasurer	Lisa Trojanowski	ecoffice@whitebirch.org
Clubhouse	Georgia Romine	Kathy Jerred
Maintenance	Mark Mozak	
Maintenance	Joe Worrall	
Campground	Claudia Pelfery	
Safety	Bob Pelfery	

AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE/SAFETY (989) 588-7066 IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY, THE MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER IS, 989-539-7166



COFFEE
TALK

Every
Friday

In the
Clubhouse

9am to
11:00am

Donuts
\$1.00



HOURS OF OPERATION WINTER CLUBHOUSE HOURS Starting Sept 30, 2024

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday
12:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Sunday

SECRETARY-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of the month
Closed Sunday

MANAGER HOURS
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

SWIMMING POOL HOURS
9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
9:00 AM to 7:30 PM Friday & Saturday
12:00 P.M. to 4:00 PM Sunday

YOU HAVE A MEDICAL OR FIRE
EMERGENCY, PLEASE
CALL 911.



Per WBLRA policies, Members must be "In Good Standing" (current on assessments) before using any of the amenities. If a Member is NOT in "good standing," our employees with direction from the Board will turn them away. If a Clubhouse Attendant turns a Member away, it is based upon a list which is updated Every Friday afternoon before 4pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meeting	March 8th	10:00 am Clubhouse
Bingo	Jan 25 and Feb 15	4 pm- Clubhouse
Super Bowl Party	Feb 9 th	6 pm Clubhouse



Campfire and Seasonal Wood

If you see any downed trees or limbs on the side of the roads, they can be taken by the Members for campfires or seasonal wood. Please do NOT enter other

Fire Danger

Please use extreme caution and follow the Danger Rating system posted by Smokey at

School is in Session!!!
Please SLOW DOWN!

Drive like these are your children or grandchildren!!

Let's make sure we ALL get where we are going safely!

Trespassing

Please be aware that, by leaving WBLRA by any other means other than the Entrance/Exit, you are trespassing on private property. Please be aware that by opening trail, you are encouraging others who do not own property to come in on these unauthorized trails. The only lawful means of ingress & egress into our Association is the Entrance/Exit gates on White Birch Lane at the front of our Association. We encourage all

SNOW

With snow beginning to fall, please be aware that it is Members responsibility to keep their mailboxes cleared. The mail

Recreation

A current copy of the DNR ORV handbook is available in the office. Let's all have a great time and enjoy ourselves, safely. Slow down at stop signs and watch for others. Remember children 15 and under must have adult supervision. Please refer to Michigan.gov/DNR.



"Slow down you move to fast, you gotta make the moment last."

What should you do if you see injured wildlife within WBLRA? Call the Clare County Sheriff Department at their non-emergency line at 989-539-7166 and they will provide assistance.

If you plan on Winter camping, please be sure to call the Clubhouse at (989)588-2853 during business hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM) to arrange to have the power turned on to your particular site. Late calls will cost an additional \$25.00. **There is no one on duty evenings or weekends to turn it on**

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please mark your lots with the lot number to help other Members and/or potential Members to locate lots or in case of emergency such as fire or medical. If you need further information, please contact the office.

Information Station

"Your Destination for Information"

This link should be good for all meetings! Also, because video takes too much data and we would like you to hear the meeting, our meetings are audio only.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/335630101>

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://meet.goto.com/install>

At the December Board Meeting The Board of Directors passed a \$15 increase in Annual Assessments Fees. Assessment Fees will now be \$440. There will also be a \$5 increase in Pavillion/Clubhouse Rental as well as for Boat and Camper Storage beginning for the 25-26 year.

When Donating food items for the Food Pantry please make sure that the items have not expired.

With the ever-changing weather, maintenance may be working out on the roads. Remember these machines are large and do not stop immediately. If you don't see them, they don't see you. Let's be respectful, as they have a job to do.

Drop your speed to match road conditions. Please give the appropriate space. For those in the back... SLOW DOWN!!

Increase your following distance so that you have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you. Don't crowd the snowplow!! Slow and Steady wins the race!

The Bathhouse is closed for the Winter Season. The Clubhouse is still open during winter hours for use and a port a Jon has been placed at the campground.

The Sand/Salt barrels are now out on the corners for members to use if you need a little extra traction.

The dumpsters of been removed from the Campground for the season.

A friendly reminder, we all live and work here and we have noticed an increase in litter. Let's work together to keep our community clean!

A recording of the meeting minutes are available to listen to by appt with Sec/Treasurer in the office.



Just a friendly reminder, all recreational vehicles, campers, trailers or other camping accessories shall be physically removed from any vacant lot as of Oct 31. Things that need to be removed but not limited to are trailers, watercraft, play structures, water tanks, grills, lawn furniture etc. Please refer to WBLRA C&R's. Have a great off season!

Friendly Reminders:

End of Season Camping will remain as **October 31, 2024**

Trailers will need to be removed per *C&R's Article V, Section 11, Paragraph 1*, which states that “Camping will be allowed without the necessity of a permit each year from the beginning of Memorial Day weekend (May) through October 31.”

Accessories to Remove: but not limited too

Boats, Canoes, Paddle Boats, Kayak's, Dune Buggy's

Grills

Enclosed and Utility trailers

Curtains & Lights

ALL Temporary Structures such as Screened Tents

Water Tanks, Baseball hoops

Play Houses

Garden tools and Mowers

Garbage Cans, Totes

Lincoln Township Ordinance allows 1 trailer per lot

NO MORE than **2** per 1.5-acre parcel

**White Birch Lakes
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 2025**

Meeting conducted through GoToMeeting.com and at the Clubhouse)

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Board Members Present: President Boos, Director Baker, Director Dombrowski, Director Holzer, and Director Stanley

Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Trojanowski

Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting: Director Sherry

Board Members/Others Absent: Director Ostrowski, Manager Michelle Waters

Note: There were approximately 5 Members listening to the meeting through GoToMeeting and approximately 5 Members in Attendance at the Clubhouse.

The Invocation was given by President Boos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and listening.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

1. 2025 Michigan Chloride

III. Approval of Minutes:

- (1) *Director Baker moves to approve the minutes from the December Board Meeting with the amendment to page 2 Activities Budget, 2nd by Director Holzer All Ayes, motion carried.*

Amendment

The Board discussed whether the budget should continue to include financial contributions for community activities or if this line item should be removed. It was decided that nothing would change for this budget cycle, and the Board will revisit this topic when establishing the budget for the next fiscal year.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Lisa Trojanowski reported the following:

- (2) *Director Holzer moves to approve the financial reports for December as presented, subject to the Auditor's approval, 2nd by Director Dombrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.*

V. President's Report: President Boos reported the following:

President's Report January 11, 2025

The New Year's Eve party was a great success with a good turnout. They passed a hat and were able to collect enough money for a deposit to book the DJ again for next year. One person commented "It was such a great time!!! The kids had a blast just dancing to the DJ!"

VI. Manager's Report: No report given.

Activities Committee: President Boos reported the following:

"I was at the Christmas Party, and they had about 30-35 people, it all went well, and it didn't seem like there was a lot of leftovers. Everyone enjoyed their evening."

Campground Committee: Director Dombrowski reported the following:

"Everything looked normal, nothing looked out of sorts."

EPC Committee: Director Holzer reported the following:

"I had 1 tree removal."

Safety Committee: Steve Biechele submitted the following.

"Clare County Sheriff Incident reports, 21- Ambulance & Rescue, 3- Animal Control, 14-General Assistance, 0- Paper Service, 162- Property Check, 3-Suspicious Persons, 46- Traffic Patrol and 7- Traffic Stop."

IX. Comments from the Floor:

1. Jeff Simons, Lot #299, "Everything went well at the New Years Eve Party, and you already talked about the \$200 we collected. I haven't been to a meeting in a while, but I read in the minutes about the Activities fund. So, I will leave it up to you guys on how you want to handle that. We covered the deposit. Garrett, if you follow along, runs a Family Feud at some of these events. There was 20 of us at least from White Birch last night at the Swiss Inn for one of his events over there. He has offered that he will run that early here for the White Birch event, if we do it again next year. It is a family friendly trivia game; it is a ton of fun. He packs that place wherever he goes. He will add on here, for family's that want to come and may not want to do the party type thing. So, I will leave it up to you. I know you are discussing it. I don't know if you want to make a motion at this meeting. There is a \$400 balance due on the night of the event. I would also ask for an additional \$100-150 to provide water and a few snacks. But he has the deposit, and he is booked. I personally need to know, because if we are not going to do it. There is a \$400 balance due, if the Board does not want to support it as a White Birch event, I will just make it a private event someplace else. That is why I need to know so that I can plan for next year whether I need to find a location and make it private or if we will do it again next year here. My wife and I and friends are willing to host it here if that is what you want."

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to Agenda item "Activity Budget" President Boos presented the Board a breakdown of all expenses to meet the budget. This is a breakdown of what funds would be available for each event. The discussion for 25-26 Activities will be brought back to March's Agenda when there is a full Board.

BUDGET ACTIVITY 2025 REV2		COST
MARCH	BINGO	60
APRIL	EASTER DINNER	225
	BINGO	60
MAY	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	200
	BINGO	60
	MEMORIAL DAY	520
JUNE	BINGO	60
	FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	200
JULY	4 TH OF JULY BAND AND FOOD	520
	PARADE AND CARNIVAL	300
	BINGO	60
AUGUST	BINGO	60
SEPTEMBER	LABOR DAY EVENT	520
	BINGO	60
	PLANT EXCHANGE	70
OCTOBER	BINGO	60
	HALLOWOWEEN PARTY	250
	SCAVENGER HUNT	
	TRUCK OR TREAT	
NOVEMBER	THANKSGIVING DINNER	225
	BINGO	0
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY	225
	NEW YEARS EVE	520
	BINGO	0
JANUARY	BINGO	60
	CHILI COOKOFF	125
FEBRUARY	BINGO	60
OTHER EVENTS NOT LISTED		500
		5000

(3) Director Baker moves to approve the Activities budget as presented with the stipulation that there must be a person or representative available at the Board meeting to answer any questions and the request must be made no greater than 12 months in advance, The cost per event is the maximum the board will approve per event. 2nd Director Stanley. All Ayes, motion carried.

(4) Director Baker moves to approve up to \$520 for New Years Party as presented by Jeff Simons, 2nd Director Dombrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

XI. New Business:

In regards to Agenda item “Ratify Email Motion for Sterling Repair”

- (5) *Director Dombrowski moves to approve the email motion for Sterling repair at the amount of \$4,825.79, 2nd Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.*

In regards to Added Agenda item, “2025 Michigan Chloride”

- (6) *Director Stanley moves to approve the quote for Michigan Chloride at .26cents a gallon, 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.*

President Boos stated that there is nothing on the February Agenda at this time. President Boos also stated that if the Attorney gets back with WBL with the opinions that were requested, that he would prefer that the entire Board was present for that discussion.

- (7) *Director Baker moves to approve not having a February 2025 Board Meeting due to not having a full Board, 2nd Director Stanley. Director Baker, President Boos, Director Holzer, Director Sherry and Director Stanley Ayes, Director Dombrowski Nay, motion carried.*

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

- (6) *Director Holzer moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, 2nd by Director Baker All Ayes, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned 10:45 am

Submitted by,

Lisa Trojanowski Secretary/Treasurer

Recordings of Meeting Minutes are available to listen to by appointment with Secretary/Treasurer.

There will be a ratification of an email motion at the March Board Meeting. The motion is as followed: Jeff Simons to chair a Super Bowl Party February 9, 2025 Game starts at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Bring snacks or dish, No cost to WBL. Director Dombrowski made the motion and was 2nd by Director Holzer. Director Baker, Director Sherry, and President Boos support. Motion passes.