



**Clark Lake Advancement Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: August 9, 2025 Time: 8:30 AM
Jacksonport Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order 8:29 AM by Mike Brunet

Roll Call (A: absent; E: excused; P: present) - Quorum Present

1	Mike Brunet (2026/2025) President	P	6	Jill Carstens (2026)	P	11	Mark Knuth (2028)	P
2	Christine Moe (2026/2026) Vice- President	P	7	Fred Foreman (2027)	P	12	Carol Schumacher (2028)	P
3	Tim Temby (2028/2026) Treasurer	P	8	Carol Kalsheur (2027)	P	13	John McCormick (2028)	P
4	Kathy Steinmetz, (2026/2025) Secretary	P	9	Betty Van Bellinger (2026)	P			
5	Gwenn Graboyes (2027)	P	10	Terry Schneider (2028)	P		(board expire/officer expire date)	

Quorum reached- 13 Board Members Present

Approval of Agenda

Gwenn Graboyes motioned to approve the agenda. 2nd by Fred Foreman.
Motion passed 13-0. Agenda approved.

President's Report

Welcome new Board Members: Mark Knuth, Carol Schumacher and John McCormick. Mike Brunet found 3 typos in the bylaws. Need to submit changes to members at 2026 Annual Meeting.

Secretary report

No changes/corrections to the July 19, 2025 meeting. Fred Foreman motioned to approve the meeting minutes. 2nd by Chris Moe. Motion passed 13-0. Minutes approved.

Treasurer report

Paid membership as of 223 paid members. Budgeted for 240 paid members. July income \$4,517.73 comprised of: \$325 in dues, \$3,325 in donations (Wayne and Cleta Semmerling donated \$3,315 to be used

for the specific purpose to help protect the lake from Wake-Enhanced damage.) Interest income \$2.73 and \$865 in Ramp collections. Expenses were \$1,131.03, comprised of: \$5.44 in bank charges, \$200 Honoraria for Bob Defaut, \$88.59 for insurance, \$142 in refreshments for Annual Meeting, \$650 for Jerry Voelker's band at Boat Parade, \$45 for our storage unit, billed monthly.

Year to date income is \$6,443.71 and total assets are \$52,358. Mark Knuth made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Fred Foreman. Motion passed 13-0. Report approved.

Tim Temby and Mark Knuth will review options for moving the Association's account to another bank where it may earn more interest income and lower fees.

Presentation/Approval of Expenditures-

No new bills.

Honorarium-

None for 2025.

Additional Board Members-

Renewed Temby and Schneider at Annual Meeting. Elected Mark Knuth, Carol Schumacher and John McCormick to 3-year terms at the Annual Meeting.

Brunet and Steinmetz officer terms expire in 2025. Nominate/Elect at September meeting.

Duties on Website-

See revised summaries on the website.

Rummage Sale-

Not enough interest this year. May happen for 2026.

Wisconsin Lakes-

Wisconsin Lakes is spending a lot of time on the issue of wake-enhanced boating and the negative effect on Wisconsin lakes. CLAA has joined the Wakesports Reform Coalition (80 members).

Annual Meeting Date-

Annual Meeting went well. Enough members and proxies for a quorum. Thanks to Gwenn for setting up an excellent Zoom meeting with Richard Phillips, from the Last Wilderness Alliance. May keep the date for next year's Annual Meeting to the 3rd Saturday of July, as many members volunteer or take part in the Door County Triathlon which is the 2nd Saturday in July.

Wake Surf Boats-

Mike Brunet and Gwenn Graboyes provided, to Lisa Bieri(Jacksonport Town Board), per Bieri's request, a list of the five reasons to restrict Wake-Enhanced Boating on Clark Lake. We need to get Jacksonport to take the lead and work with Sevastopol to enact an ordinance, like the one they were instrumental in enacting with Bailey's Harbor to protect Kangaroo Lake.

Executive Committees-

Four officers plus one at large board member.

New Business-

None

Committee Reports

Social Committee-

Kayak Poker Run - Was held on 8/2/25. Had 17 participants. Will continue this event next year. Will explore new ways to promote the event to get more participation and volunteers. SUP's and canoes welcome too.

Boat Parade – Need to find a band or DJ for the lead boat as Jerry Voelker is retiring.

Fall Dinner- Scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2025 at Lodge at Leathem Smith(Packer Bye week). Cocktails at 5:30 by the Tiki Bar, followed by dinner in the dining room.

Fish and Wildlife Committee-

Gwenn will follow up with Logan Sikora, DNR, to hopefully stock fish in the Spring. Member photos of injured fish were determined to be caused by physical injury and not caused by disease. Mike Brunet will work to get this committee/group back together.

Water Quality and Vegetation Control -

Still need a general chairperson for WQVC.

Mike Brunet continues to be the main contact person for WQVC.

Lake Safety and Maintenance-

Mike Brunet re-painted the lines at the West Shore boat launch. The asphalt is in terrible shape. Both townships are aware that this needs to be redone. Discussion about giving an honorarium to Richard Phillips/Last Wilderness Alliance. Gwenn and Tim will talk with Semmerlings to see if this might be funded by their donation. Gwenn sent, to all Board members, the latest study of the damage wake-enhanced boating causes to shallow lakes. The University of Minnesota-St. Anthony Falls study (July 2025) demonstrates the disruption of the lake bottom at 20 feet. The report was covered by Fox 6 News Milwaukee.

Of local importance, Gwenn has video footage of wake-enhanced boating on Clark Lake in depths of 13 feet. In an effort to keep the pressure on Sevastopol and Jacksonport to get an ordinance in place to protect Clark Lake, Gwenn mentioned three upcoming meetings that CLAA members can attend to voice concern about this issue. Sevastopol Town Board is meeting at 7 pm on Monday, 8/18/25. Sevastopol Park and Rec meeting will be held at 6 pm, Wednesday 8/20/25. Jacksonport Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, 8/26/25 at 7pm. Gwenn and Carol Schumacher will work on a Letter to the Editor at The Peninsula Pulse detailing the need for Sevastopol and Jacksonport to work together to enact an ordinance to protect Clark Lake. Again, the goal is not to ban the boats, just banning their use in wake-enhanced mode (filled ballasts).

Gwenn reported that UWO will be doing a bathymetric map of Clark Lake. Terry Schneider mentioned the signage in Whitefish Bay, which encourages drivers to slow down as our roads are our sidewalks. Mike Brunet will look into how we get these signs for West Shore Drive.

Communications-

Terry Schneider is working on the next newsletter. Deadline for submissions is Labor Day. Please send content to Terry for the next quarterly newsletter.

Website -

Carly Vondrak and Chuck Birringer continue to update it.

Membership-

2025-26 Directory will be printed in late summer for distribution around Labor Day. Jill Carstens will pick them up from the printer. Directories will be distributed by board members and lake association members who volunteered to help.

Associate Member Applications-

No new applications.

Cooperative Purchasing- Propane info on the website. Gwenn mentioned Door County Solar program for residents who complete installation by 12/31/25 to take advantage of a 30% federal tax credit. Will update the website with this information for interested members.

Action Register-

Board members given summary at meeting.

Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn (9:54 am) was made by Mark Knuth 2nd by John McCormick. Motion Passed 13-0. **Meeting adjourned.**

Date of next regular board meeting: 8:30 am, Saturday, September 14, 2025, Jacksonport Town Hall, followed by the Annual Meeting at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Steinmetz

8/12/25