

**COAL CITY AREA CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 14, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Coal City Area Club was called to order on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00P by President Erik Frederiksen at the Coal City Area Meeting Room.

**2. ROLL CALL:** BRAINARD, FREDERIKSEN, GABEHART, HALLIDAY, JACOVEC MALLANEY, OBERT, STILES, SURMAN, TROTTER, VOTA, UZZARDO

**ABSENT:** BOLKER, NOFFSINGER, UERKWITZ, BUIS

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Meeting Minutes** - (Corrections/Question) - NONE
- b. **Financial Report** – (Corrections/Questions) – NONE
- c. **Disbursements** – (Corrections/Questions) – NONE
- d. **Membership Report** – (Corrections/Questions) – NONE
- e. **Email/Text Motions** - (Corrections/Questions) – NONE

	SEPT
NEW MEMBERSHIPS	
FROM WAITING LIST	0
CERTIFICATES RETURNED	2
CHILDREN UNDER 22	5
DIVORCE	0
APPLICATIONS TO APPROVE	6

**LOCAL – 1362 (239 SRS) NON-LOCAL – 1260 (150 SRS) TOTAL 2622 AS OF 09-30-2025**

**f. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

**MOTION BY Mallaney SECONDED BY Gabehart TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. APPROVED.**

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** – John Trotter wanted to report that he donated his tractor and time to disk the front property. Also, Felix Township has applied for a mine reclamation grant and suggested that the club look into guardrails on Whiteite rd. He recommended to contact the township to see if we can be included. He saw the \$586,000 contract for work at Goose Lake and on Coal City Rd.

Ms. Osmonson told the board that the pumpkin carving contest was awesome.

Mr. Osmonson asked for a clarification on the speedboat area. It was reviewed that ½ hr before sunrise and ½ hr after sunset, speedboats are allowed to ski. It was clarified that pontoon boats or other boats are not allowed in the speedboat area when a speedboat is present whether they are parked at the beach or being operated. Discussion continued regarding floating in ski area behind the boat and that violations should be reported to the manager.

Kenny Mack suggested that he liked the proposal but questioned how to bring in the 50 members, he would like to see it be 55-70 with 10 punches. The discussion continued on the certificates.

Elaine Smith discussed the certificate again and suggested to give the 1<sup>st</sup> month free. Mrs Natyshok asked how the members will be chosen, which is still being discussed.

Chad Planeta brought up concern about the water level and that it is difficult to get thru the bridge area and channels with the low water levels. Frederiksen is still trying to work on a grant and is working with the drainage district. Brainard asked if we can stop the discharge in the future and Frederiksen is working with the drainage district to set that up.

Another question was asked if docks can be passed down to your family? Frederiksen explained that if you had a dock before 2015 you can still pass it down according to the current bylaws. Discussion continued.

Mr. Planeta questioned if the use of the golf cart could be revisited. He explained that the biggest concern was regarding safety, which he explained that there are safety concerns with every activity. He stated that Trotter made a good presentation. Discussion continued

Mr Shannon asked about spraying the weeds on the north side of the bridge since the water is so low. Discussion continued.

Mack questioned the water levels and concerns with upstream properties. Frederiksen explained that the core of engineers is getting involved to determine the water levels and water shed levels and drainage areas. Discussion continued.

Someone explained there are a few blind spots in the north camping area and should be looked at.

5. **VIOLATIONS** – Ms. McGuinn explained that she hadn't camped for a few years and brought her in-laws out to camp and was going to get the kids and bring them back to camp and the weather was bad so she decided not to take the kids out. The in-laws weren't sure where to camp. They camped after the 2<sup>nd</sup> incline. She was advised she should have called the manager. Frederiksen stated that he will contact her on the decision of the board.

## 6. **ACTION ITEMS** (All motions must be on agenda)

- a. **Yamanda Cleaning Proposal – Yaree Tillman** – Vota explained that our current cleaning service “Yamanda” is proposing to reduce our costs during the winter when there is only one bathroom open, however, extending the contract to 2029 which currently ends 3/1/27. Mr. Tillman explained that he will reduce the spring cost by \$10/day and reduce the days during the winter from 7 to 4. In addition, he usually doesn't charge for call outs. This would start this December with reduced days and costs. Vota explained that he furnishes the cleaning products which he buys locally, and this would freeze our costs. Brainard stated that the bathrooms have never been cleaner, and he has done a great job. Brainard reported that Mr. Tillman was called during the Sunday Funday and was out within about 15 minutes when there was a problem. Brainard explained that he also came out during a holiday weekend. Discussion continued.

**MOTION BY Brainard SECONDED BY Surman TO EXTEND THE YAMANDA CLEANING CONTRACT TO 3/15/2029 WITH THE NEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

## **APPROVED. NAYS - Trotter**

**b. Legacy Membership - Bylaw committee** – Halliday gave an overview of the proposal below that recommended to the board by the members. Discussion continued about what age it should be, since we have over 205 members that are over 75. If we would only allow 50 legacy memberships, it doesn't mean we would add 50 members since we have children that add to our count. Halliday explained that this may not add many people from the waiting list. The legacy members would return their certificate and could not go back to a full membership. Jacovec recommended that their refund be applied to their membership dues. It was determined that there was a land fee too. This can't be a trial; it has to be bylaw change. Discussion continued regarding amenities, dues amounts, punch cards, how many legacy members should we have, how do we choose the 50 legacy members, it was suggested to choose by lottery. In addition, their certificate money will be given a credit toward their legacy classification fee. A communication process will also be put together to ensure everyone is notified.

Uzzardo explained that there are 205 that are senior that are over 75+. It was the consensus to use the 75 as the eligible age, and to have more data about the financial impacts. It was recommended to send this out in the dues packet to inform anyone over 75 that they are eligible for the new classification. It was the consensus to move forward.

### **CCAC Bylaw Proposal for “Legacy” Memberships For Board Review on: October 14, 2025**

#### **Overview and Objective**

To recognize and honor our long-standing members while also addressing membership capacity, we propose the creation of a Legacy Membership option. A Legacy Membership is a special reduced-dues option for members age 75+ that provides limited access to enjoy the club while honoring their years of membership.

#### **Proposal**

Effective in 2026, the Club will permit a maximum of 50 membership conversions from Regular or Senior categories to Legacy status. The board will determine on a year-by-year basis how many Legacy Memberships we can open up for conversion in order to maintain membership threshold.

#### **Structure of Legacy Membership**

- Eligibility: Current members age 75+ in good standing.
- Dues: Reduced from \$272/year to \$100/year.
- Access:
  - Issued a “Legacy” sticker (different color) and punch card with 10 annual punches.
  - Each punch provides access for the member's car for a full day.
  - A gate guard must be present to validate entry (one punch per day).
  - Members must return gate cards and/or club keys.
  - Members will be allowed access for picnicking, bank fishing, or swimming only during their visit.
- Club Numbering: Member retains their existing club number, with an “L” added (LV21-L).

- Land Certificate Funds: The member shall return the land certificate, and the corresponding funds shall be forfeited to the club as the Legacy Membership enrollment fee.

### **Rights & Restrictions**

- Legacy Memberships will:
  - Not be included in the Regular/Senior Membership count (but reported separately in monthly reports).
  - Cannot revert to Senior or Regular status once converted.
  - Forfeit membership voting rights.
  - Be required to follow all bylaws and IDNR rules.

### **Proposed Benefits**

- For Members:
  - Reduced annual membership cost.
  - Recognition of long-standing members and their contributions.
- For the Club:
  - Opens regular membership spots to applicants on the waiting list.
  - Creates a balanced approach to honoring senior members while ensuring club sustainability

#### **c. Review membership punch card process for 2026** – Vota reviewed the gate guard responsibilities and reviewed the proposed process. After a discussion this was determined:

Guards are responsible for:

- Checking stickers (decals) for the number of people in the car for guests
- Guards will punch guest cards for nonmember guests (excluding children under 17 years old)
- Gate Guard will punch one per car
- Members need to be at the gate to sign their guests in
- Gate Guards can only accept event guest lists from members that have been approved by the Board of Directors. Lists can not be left at the gate unless approved
- Cars that enter the club with a decal that has and “X” and is driven by a youth, must show a laminated picture on the youth card that is signed by their parent.

Discussion continued.

This will be updated for the gate guard responsibilities, and no list will be accepted unless approved an event by the board. This should be put in the newsletter.

This will be tabled to determined what is punched.

#### **d. Concession Trial ends 12/1/2025** – do we want to extend? Vota asked if we want to extend rental of the sunroom or put it in a by-laws. Discussion continued that it will be proposed as a bylaw at an upcoming meeting and follow the same rules as the pavilion rentals since there were no issues and many people took advantage of this.

#### **e. Nov’s meeting is on Veteran’s DAY – DO YOU WANT TO RESCHEDULE?** After a short discussion the meeting will be held on 11/11 in November.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS (INCLUDES COMMITTEE SPECIFIC MOTIONS)**

**a. Area/Farming/CRP** –Frederiksen, Obert, Trotter- Trotter tilled up the front 2-3 acres and will plan to put crops there. Maybe pumpkins will be planted there. Trotter is going to put in some crops to get a crop report so we can use it as CRP. Discussion continued. Frederiksen stated that we need to clean up the CRP, or we will lose our grant.

**b. Beach** – Vota, Halliday, Brainard – Beach is closed. Vota checked with Figuero and the concession stand will be cleaned out today.

**c. Boating** – Bolker, Vota, Stiles – Nothing

**d. Budget** – Bolker, Vota, Frederiksen – Frederiksen reported that Bolker stated that we will have some money left over this year. Wish lists were discussed such as the tunnel, new equipment, skid steer and pecan head and replacing the bathroom in the back campground. In addition, another kids fishing dock in the back campground was requested

**e. By Laws** – Vota, Frederiksen, Halliday - Nothing

**f. Camping** – Bolker, Gabehart, Mallaney, Obert – Mallaney reported that most people have pulled out. The trees are still needing attention. Trotter determined that we needed more dumpsters and port-a-lets for the next Sunday Funday. A Discussion took place on the camping parking which was very crowded.

**g. Docks** – Jacovec, Trotter – Nothing

**h. Equipment** –Jacovec, Mallaney, Trotter – Mallaney reported there was some bad valves on a mower, it is out of warranty, and it has been fixed. Trotter has evaluated the equipment and made some recommendations.

**i. Fishing** – Gabehart, Obert, Stiles, Brainard– Gabehart sprayed about 75% of the weeds at delaby and will spray again.

**j. Gates and Security** – Noffsinger – Nothing

**k. Hunting** – Frederiksen, Mallaney, Brainard, Stiles – Frederiksen reported no deer yet, 4 people have applied for turkey hunting, duck blinds were covered and decoys set out. A few guys off the waiting list are using some blinds. No driving in the back until after noon during hunting season per the bylaws. Duck season starts Saturday. Discussion continued about using the back roads during hunting.

**l. Seasonal Activities** – Gabehart had a good turnout for the rib cook off, Dave Benson won the cook off. The pumpkin carving weekend was great. Frederiksen thanked everyone for helping.

**8. Manager's Report – Uerkwitz - Nothing**

**9. Operations Manager's Report** – Uzzardo reported that the late dues notices were sent out and there are 101 outstanding accounts for approximately \$36,000. The gate house will close next week on the 20<sup>th</sup>. She is getting stuff organized and updated and will be interviewing for the open position soon.

**10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Frederiksen reported that he went to the Felix twp. meeting, and he didn't get an answer about the guardrail. According to them, there are no projections for guardrails on Whitetie Rd. It looks like goose lake is getting the mine reclamation grant. Trotter suggested that we talk to Dave Allen about this. The meeting would be 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION Trotter SECONDED BY Stiles TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.  
APPROVED**

**12. MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION Jacovec SECONDED BY Mallaney TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION.  
APPROVED**

- EXEC SESSION RECAP –
  - a. McGuinn membership was suspended for 6 months
  - b. Personnel Issues were discussed
  - c. Membership payments were discussed

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION Gabehart SECONDED BY Brainard TO ADJOURN AT 9:50P. APPROVED**

Signed by:  
Recording Secretary

