

COAL CITY AREA CLUB

Annual Meeting Minutes – 2025

January 21, 2026

1. Call to Order

The Annual Meeting of the Coal City Area Club was called to order on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2026, at 7:00 PM by President Erik Frederiksen at the Coal City Area Club Meeting Room.

2. Roll Call

BRAINARD, FREDERIKSEN, GABEHART, HALLIDAY, JACOVEC, MALLANEY, STILES, SURMAN, TROTTER, VOTA, UERKWITZ, UZZARDO

ABSENT: BOLKER, OBERT

3. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the 2025 Treasurer’s Report, and the 2025 Membership Report. The 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved at the 2/11/2025 Meeting.

	<u>12/31/24</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>
Membership Total	2664	2618
New Members	44	44
Membership Resigned	33	60
EOY Non-Payment	30	30
Waiting List	720	728
New Members from waiting list	0	0
<u>Senior Members</u>	433	382
<u>New Members</u>		
Waiting List	0	0
Divorce	5	5
Children Under 22	46	39

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trotter and seconded by Stiles. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Annual Committee Reports for 2025

Area / Farming / CRP – Frederiksen, Obert, Trotter

The committee reported that drainage work on the old easement between the two farm fields in the front campground was completed per recommendations from Claypool Drainage. The field was leveled, and future use—possibly pumpkins—is under consideration. Discussions are underway with the road district regarding tile installation under Broadway and the possibility of securing an equipment easement to access a small field section currently blocked by a swale.

Beach – Vota, Halliday, Brainard

The beach season concluded with two long-time supervisors, though their return next year is uncertain. A major accomplishment was keeping the beach open every weekend through Labor Day, something not achieved in recent years. The new sunroom addition was completed. Muck at the north end of the beach is a persisted issue, and lifeguards continued experimenting with circulation methods.

Boating – Bolker, Vota, Stiles

Boating operations were routine. Uerkwitz cleaned the sand twice during the season, and no significant issues were reported.

Budget- Bolker, Vota, Frederiksen

The club received \$960,000 in income (98% of projection) and had \$800,706 in expenses (91% of projection), ending the year with a positive balance of \$90,273. Income increased by 7% from 2024, primarily due to membership dues. Expenses remained nearly flat. Maintenance costs decreased by \$15,000, committee expenses by \$33,000, and payroll by \$23,000. Major projects included road maintenance and resurfacing of the tennis court, which also created a pickleball court. Utilities increased by 12%.

By-Laws – Vota, Frederiksen, Halliday

Several bylaw updates were completed and will be posted on the website within the month. One additional bylaw was scheduled for approval later in the evening.

Camping – Bolker, Mallaney, Brainard, Obert

The committee continued work on planning an electrical upgrade and began seeking engineering analysis. The newly installed Gaga ball pit was a major success and heavily used.

Docks – Jacovec, Trotter

The docks were reported to be in good condition. Gina reviewed and corrected spreadsheets, resolving prior inaccuracies. Only one complaint was received during the year, and it was resolved.

Equipment – Jacovec, Mallaney, Trotter

Equipment needs remained stable. Repairs were completed on a small lawn mower motor, and the committee is investigating an unresolved equipment issue.

Fishing – Gabehart, Obert, Stiles, Brainard

The kids fishing tournament had strong participation, and the tagged fish event was a major success, with five or six tagged fish caught and approximately fifteen prizes awarded. Herman Brothers completed a lake survey and recommended several management strategies, including chemical treatments, fertilizer, grass carp, and tiger muskies. The committee expressed caution about adding additional predators. Planning for the 2026 fish stocking is underway, with hopes of securing a discount.

Gates & Security – Noffsinger, Surman

Gate operations went smoothly, with Gina handling most responsibilities. Safety concerns were discussed, including the potential installation of bollards to protect guards, safety vests and additional stop signs to improve traffic flow and speed bumps. The committee noted that if a vehicle tailgates through the gate and damages it, the club is not liable. Security cameras remain operational.

Hunting – Mallaney, Frederiksen, Brainard, Stiles

Duck hunting was slow with 84 harvested and 81 geese with a decrease this year. Blind owners opened up their blinds this year and hope to do this next year. The hunting season was slow, with only three deer harvested, though the standby list was fully cleared. Turkey hunting produced one gobbler, only the six or seven harvested the previous spring.

Seasonal Activities / Winter Sports / Picnic – Halliday, Jacovec, Trotter, Gabehart

The committee reported a strong year of events. The kids fishing derby was successful, approximately 60 kids participate, and sunset yoga continued for its third year with about 30+ members participating. Plans are underway to expand community-driven activities in 2026. Sandcastle Competition attracted 20+ creations, there was a large crowd for the Venetian Night, and the Night Swim was a success with the DJ. The Oregon Trail boat won 1st prize. Rose's concession stand was very helpful. The club hosted the largest annual free veterans' picnic in Illinois. The rib cook-off had eleven entries despite a wedding the night before and Nick got 2nd place. The Spooky Sunday Funday & Pumpkin carving had a very high turnout; a pumpkin wall was created and thanks to Josh's wife for the straw bales. The event drew more than 400 attendees and hundreds of pumpkins, with hot dogs selling out in twenty minutes. Trick-or-treating was added for the first time. Movie night was successful due to favorable weather. Trail maintenance continued throughout the year, and new trails were created. The archery range became usable and is expected to be fully completed in 2026.

Safety – Noffsinger, Surman

The committee reiterated concerns about gate-area safety and the need for protective measures such as bollards.

5. Manager's Report

Contractors are providing pricing for roof repairs on the middle pavilion and pump house. The drinking water tank, last cleaned about 5 years ago, is due for evaluation. Cleaning would require fully draining the tank, and further discussion continued.

6. Operations Manager's Report

Financials were fully reconciled. The membership list is nearly complete, with only a small number of entries requiring clarification. Speedboat programs and docks were in good order at year's end.

7. President's Report

The president expressed appreciation for the strong year of participation and volunteer work. Events were successful, and the club experienced a renewed sense of community. Projects such as the archery range and drainage improvements progressed well. Records and financial documentation improved significantly over the year.

8. Election Results

A total of 458 ballots were counted, with 29 disqualified due to procedural issues such as missing envelopes or incorrect member information. The results were:

- Kenny Mack – 140
- Don Pogliano – 136
- Cameron Stiles – 133
- Monty Shannon – 133
- Dean Melvin – 126
- Laura Surman – 123
- Jim Bolker – 122
- Georgette Vota – 97
- Brian Moore – 37

Newly elected members will be seated at the next regular meeting.

9. Adjournment

A motion by Brainard to adjourn and seconded by Jacovec. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Signed by: *Cameron Stiles*

Recording Secretary