

COAL CITY AREA CLUB

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Erik Frederiksen at 7PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. Roll Call - Members Present:

Brainard, Frederickson, Gabehart, Halliday, Jacovec, Mack, Mallaney, Melvin, Noffsinger(Arrived at 7:06PM), Pogliano, Shannon, Stiles, Trotter, Uerkwitz, Uzzardo

3. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included approval of meeting minutes and a **text motion related to fish approval**, required due to the **March meeting cancellation**.

- **Motion:** Approve the Consent Agenda
- **Motion by:** Trotter
- **Seconded by:** Jacovec
- **Vote:** Approved

4. Comments from the Floor –

A. A Conservation Police Officer (CPO), Officer Wessel, attended to clarify state requirements:

- **Boat Registration:**
 - All **motorized boats** must be registered, even on **private waters**.
 - Registration cost noted as approximately **\$36**, valid for **three years**.
- **Fishing Licenses:**
 - Required for fishing on private lakes.
 - Clubs are **not exempt** under Illinois law.
- **Fishing Limits:**
 - Statewide fishing limits apply.
 - Clubs may impose **more restrictive rules** but **cannot exceed state limits**.
- **Permits for Fish Removal:**
 - Possible only through **special netting or electrofishing permits**, not member harvest.

Outcome – Ericksen will drafting a **clarifying bylaw language** requiring boat registration per club rules, to eliminate confusion and protect members. Boating Committee will review the narrows on the west end for safety.

B. Area Club Grounds & Infrastructure Discussions

Excavation and Dirt Handling

- John Trotter recommendations were shared to improve excavation efficiency using larger buckets and coordinated loading.
- Clarification provided that **west-side dirt work** was outside the original bid.

C. Claypool Drainage & Water Level Management

Extensive discussion focused on **lake water levels**, drainage tiles, and dam elevation. Current lake level approximately **18 inches to 2 feet below normal**. It was proposed to temporarily install a **2×12 board** in the culvert to raise water levels ~8–10 inches.

It was thought that historical dam structures allowed for **greater water retention** Frederiksen to **contact Claypool Drainage** to confirm permission, ensuring water is not held above **full pool elevation**.

5. Violations – None

6. Action Items –

A. Legacy Membership - Tabled

B. Membership & Waiting List

- Uzzardo reported that the membership count is below the **2,600 cap**.
- **42 available openings** identified.

Motion: Remove up to 42 individuals from the waiting list

- **Motion by:** Jacovec
- **Seconded by:** Stiles
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously

C. Bids – Beach & Concession Stand Siding

Multiple bids presented for **fascia, soffit, and siding** work.

- One bid included **post-and-beam wrapping** contingencies not listed by others.
- Concerns raised that this item had **not been reviewed by the appropriate committee**.

Uerkwitz discussed repairing the swim beach patio by Chicago Crew

Action:

Item **tabled** for further committee review.

No motion to approve at this time.

D. 2026 Budget Review & Approval

The Board reviewed committee budgets and the overall **2026 Area Club Budget**.

Key discussion points:

- Beach budget historically exceeded.
- Proposal to **double Beach Committee budget from \$2,000 to \$4,000**

- Overall budget reflected a **projected deficit**, offset by reserve balances.

Motion: Approve the 2026 budget with amended Beach budget (\$4,000)

- **Motion by:** Jacovec
- **Seconded by:** Trotter
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously

E. Special Event Application for LA 64 – Assumption Church

Application submitted for:

- **Date:** June 14, 2026
- **Attendance:** ~50 people
- **Activities:** Picnic, fishing, games, inflatable slide (no alcohol)

Conditions discussed:

- Catch-and-release fishing only.
- Insurance required for inflatables.
- Pavilion use clarified as first-come, first-served.

Motion: Approve special event application

- **Motion by:** Gabehart
- **Seconded by:** Noffsinger
- **Vote:** Motion carried

7. Committee Reports (Highlights)

A. Area/Farming/CRP - Nothing

B. Beach Committee

- Lifeguard hiring underway (15 returning, 6 new).
- Early start authorization approved for prep work.
- Plans for sand placement and rock removal discussed.

C. Boating

- Discussion regarding shallow spots at the narrows
- May put buoy at narrows if water level remains low

D. Budget - Nothing

E. Bylaws - Nothing

F. Camping

- Electrical inspection identified multiple **code deficiencies**.
- Recommendation to engage engineering firm for **schematic and phased upgrade plan**.
- Safety and campground electrical capacity prioritized.

G. Docks

- **13 docks identified as needing repair.**
- Certified letters to be reviewed; docks not repaired after notice may be removed.
- Dock numbers and visibility emphasized as safety requirement.

H. Equipment - Nothing

I. Fishing Committee

- Fish stocking completed (bluegill, crappie, perch).

- Proposal to enhance fish habitat using **cedar trees, pallets, and Christmas trees.**
- Encouragement for member participation.

J. Gates and Security

K. Hunting

L. Safety

Discussion on improving emergency readiness and AED equipment

Decision (by consensus):

- Purchase **two additional AED units:**
 - One for the **maintenance shed**
 - One additional unit (location to be coordinated)
- Install appropriate signage.
Estimated cost acknowledged (~\$1,000 per unit).

M. Seasonal Activities/Winter Sports/Picnic - Nothing

8. Manager's Report – Nothing

9. Operation Manager's Report – Nothing

10. President's Report -Nothing

11. Enter Executive Session

Motion: Enter Executive Session

- **Motion by:** Trotter
- **Seconded by:** Noffsinger
- **Vote:** Approved

12. Exit Executive Session

Motion: Exit Executive Session

- **Motion by:** Trotter
- **Seconded by:** Noffsinger
- **Vote:** Approved

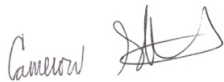
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECAP. Contracts were reviewed and salary increased approved.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: To Adjourn at 9:23PM

- **Motion by:** Brainard
- **Seconded by:** Jacovec
- **Vote:** Approved

Signed:



Recording Secretary

