

COAL CITY AREA CLUB MEETING MINUTES JULY 14, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Coal City Area Club was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Coal City Area Club meeting room.

2. ROLL CALL

Brainard, Frederickson, Halliday, Jacovec, Mack, Mallaney, Melvin, Noffsinger, Pogliano, Shannon, Uzzardo

ABSENT: Gabehart, Stiles, Trotter, Uerkwitz.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Meeting Minutes – Corrections/Questions – None noted.

b. Financial Report – Corrections/Questions – None noted.

c. Disbursements – Corrections/Questions – None noted.

d. Membership Report – Corrections/Questions – None noted.

JUNE

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

FROM WAITING LIST 7

CERTIFICATES RETURNED 3

CHILDREN UNDER 22 2

DIVORCE 0

APPLICATIONS TO APPROVE 2

LOCAL – 1324 (213 SRS) NON-LOCAL – 1251 (138 SRS) TOTAL 2575 AS OF 07/31/2026

e. Text Motions – None noted.

f. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOTION BY JACOVEC SECONDED BY BRAINARD TO APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA. APPROVED

4. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - NONE

5. VIOLATIONS - LW317 – Leaving their camper unattended overnight. The member addressed the board and explained there was a family emergency and had to leave. He apologized and understood the rules now. Frederickson stated that this will be addressed in the executive session.

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

a. Watercraft Rules and Regulations Bylaw Update

The board reviewed updated language regarding powered vessel registration requirements. Discussion focused on ensuring all powered vessels display proper Illinois registration documentation and that members understand acceptable proof of registration while awaiting decals from the state.

WATERCRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All boats and boat operators shall comply with the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act and the rules and regulations stated below:

(ADD) A. All powered vessels must have an Illinois Certificate of Number (registration), expiration decals, and Certificate of Title to Operate your vessel legally

MOTION BY Melvin SECONDED BY Mallaney TO APPROVE THE BYLAW CHANGE FOR WATERCRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING POWER VESSELS AND REGISTRATION. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Speed Boat Bylaw Update for review– Jacovec

The boating committee presented a request to consider allowing a modern jet-drive powered boat. Discussion included the history of the bylaw prohibition, concerns regarding erosion, propulsion systems, possible future enforcement issues, and comparisons to other watercraft currently permitted on the lake. Several directors expressed interest in gathering additional information before any bylaw proposal is considered. No action was taken.

SPEED BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

6. Open boats only. All other boats (cabin cruisers, racing boats, ~~jet boats~~ or pontoons) are prohibited from obtaining a speed boat permit.

c. Pontoons and Parking – Melvin/Pogliano

Discussion occurred regarding long-term pontoon parking near the campground shoreline and increasing kayak storage demands. Directors noted that the area is intended primarily for temporary camper boat parking and reported complaints of members claiming ownership of public docking areas.

Questions were raised regarding parking along Lakeshore Road. The board clarified that no bylaw currently prohibits parking in the discussed area, although space limitations can create congestion.

Uerkwitz will need to patrol and check on the pontoons and Frederiksen will check into signs for boat parking.

d. New Membership Report – Uzzardo

Uzzardo reported that 42 have been contacted, we have 11 accepted and 14 pending waiting for a response. Others have expired and will start calling more on the list. The letter gives them 3 weeks to respond. Frederiksen addressed issues with post office. Suggested that we hold those in case someone comes back and has confirmation they didn't receive the letter and were eligible. He recommended that they be held until the end of the year.

Conscious was to retain those that didn't get confirmation until the end of the year and if have proof can be put back on the list at the top for the next time the list is used.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Area/Farming/CRP – Frederickson, Trotter, Shannon

Frederiksen talked with Trotter and the Wakefield acreage has been harvested and replanted in beans. Trotter is going to check with the CRP for renewal. Discussion included renewal of the current farm lease for an additional three-year term. CRP requirements were discussed, including mowing windows, habitat requirements, and pending clarification from program administrators regarding future maintenance expectations.

Brainard said from August 1 and October 1st it can be mowed. Discussion continued and Trotter will get confirmation.

Mallaney reviewed the overview of what is going to be done for the electrical that included

\$154,100, equipment needed, new transformers, subpanels, plugs 2-50 amp 2-30 amps and 110 outlets, rewiring, conduit, and a main disconnect, this would shut off the club electric for major issues at a cost of \$4000. This would start at the Lake shore campground and inside the horseshoe campground. Suggested sending out for more bids and Mallaney will care for. Discussion continued regarding future projects and how to fund the projects.

Trotter has see for the front and will work in the fall since it was so wet.

b. Beach – Halliday, Brainard, Trotter

Halliday reported about 80-90 kids registered for swim lessons. There were some allegations that kids were getting sick, and that the last water sample was not supported due to where it was taken. The beach was closed for 2 days to confirm there are no issues. Uzzardo will take a test on Thursday and will get the result on Friday. Discussion continued for contingency plans for swim lessons and events.

c. Boating – Stiles, Mack, Pogliano, Jacovec -

Report given. Topics included boating safety, paddleboard life jacket requirements, member education efforts, and additional signage. The committee recommended increased awareness through Facebook notices and posted informational flyers.

d. Budget – Frederickson, Jacovec, Trotter

Report given. Financial conditions remain stable. The board reviewed a certificate of deposit renewal with the Bank of Pontiac with a 4% return and elected to leave funds deposited with the current institution due to favorable interest rates for the next 6 months.

e. By Laws – Stiles, Frederickson, Shannon - Nothing

f. Camping – Mallaney, Gabehart, Mack, Halliday

Report given. Directors discussed playground mulch and maintenance projects approved during prior meetings. Frederiksen will follow-up with Uerkwitz regarding project completion.

g. Docks – Melvin, Noffsinger, Pogliano

Report given. Fifteen docks have been repaired and re-inspected. Remaining dock owners must complete repairs by August 15 or will lose their dock. Discussion included shoreline vegetation maintenance, dock owner responsibilities, liability concerns, and possible future bylaw revisions to clarify maintenance obligations. Discussion continued how to clear out the dock area with the maintenance crew. Frederiksen will address this with Uerkwitz.

h. Equipment – Jacovec, Mallaney, Trotter

Mallaney reported about the equipment inventory, chainsaw maintenance, blower repairs, batteries, and tool replacement needs were discussed. Several pieces of equipment have been serviced and returned to operation. The old truck went in for repairs and Dillion explained it just needed a new battery. Mallaney will be looking for new equipment.

i. Fishing – Gabehart, Stiles, Brainard, Melvin

Brainard reviewed the annual children's fishing derby. Approximately 85 children participated, representing a significant increase over the prior year. 16 fish were tagged and 9 of the 16 got caught. Committee members reported favorable fish stocking results, strong participation, and successful prize distribution.

j. Gates and Security – Noffsinger, Mack, Shannon

Noffsinger reported that the speed bumps were ordered but are on back order. Discussion took place on where they should be placed. Cones have been installed. The committee continues developing traffic calming measures near the guard shack.

k. Hunting – Frederickson, Mallaney, Brainard, Stiles

Mallaney discussed blind changes.

l. Safety – Noffsinger, Pogliano, Mack – Nothing

m. Seasonal Activities / Winter Sports / Picnic – Halliday, Gabehart, Jacovec, Melvin

Halliday reported that the preparations are underway for the annual Sandcastle Competition and Venetian Night activities. Due to ongoing water quality concerns, the Sandcastle Competition may be postponed. Plans remain in place for the evening beach party and Venetian boat parade, with participants instructed to assemble near the docks before the event. Concession stand will be open until 10P and Uerkwitz will have the sand delivered. Updates will be put on facebook if there is a cancellation. Discussion took place regarding the tree that was downed for safety.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager was absent. No report provided

9. OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Uzzardo reported continued work processing waiting list applicants and membership paperwork. Membership packets and decals are substantially caught up following earlier administrative delays. Currently, there are 80 non-payment membership and waiting list processing were reviewed. Discussion also occurred regarding handling waiting list positions in divorce situations and maintaining fairness in future membership offers. Consensus was to allow them to both get a membership as long as they are eligible, but it would come in as a “split” membership. It will be noted on their application.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President provided an update on the manager hiring process. More than thirty applications were received, with over twenty candidates meeting minimum qualifications. Five finalists were selected for interviews. Discussion included plans for site visits, candidate reports, additional interviews, and possible August presentations before final selection.

11. MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY NOFFSINGER SECONDED BY SHANNON TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION. APPROVED.

MOTION BY NOFFSINGER SECONDED BY SHANNON TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION. APPROVED.

Executive Recap – LW317 suspended the camping privileges for one month from the meeting.

MOTION BY Brainard SECONDED BY Mallaney TO ADJOURN AT 8:34P. APPROVED.