

Donnell Lake Conservation Club – Meeting Minutes

Date: July 9, 2026

Recorder: Lori Allen, Secretary

Board Members Present: Gerri Sly, Lori Allen, Jeremy Wassner, Kevin Cartwright, Sherry Krask, Kim Barnbrook, Jason Bay & Garrett Libertowski (remote), Pat Frame,

Board Members Absent: Gina Bergstrom, Debbie Chris, Doug Hertel

Community Members Present: *Lauren Hodges, Miriam Cartwright, Brad Robertson, Mark Nelund, Kelly Wassner, Nancy Frank, Jeff Corey, Jim Barnbrook, Dan Foley*

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Donnell Lake Conservation Club Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of June Minutes

The June meeting minutes, previously distributed electronically, were approved.

III. Open Issues – Upcoming Events

- Corn & Sausage Roast: Dave Bergstrom will oversee the food portion. Additional event volunteers continue to be recruited. Miriam is coordinating fundraising items. All board members asked to contribute a basket and seek donations.
- August Movie Night: Lauren agreed to assist with hosting and transition planning.
- Football Tailgate planning will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Band Night preparations were reviewed. Volunteers, bar service, and event logistics were confirmed.
- Poker Run preparations continue. One additional volunteer is still needed for check-in at the island.

IV. Member Communication and Engagement

- Discussed improving outreach for upcoming events through email and Facebook.
- A members-only Facebook page will be promoted through an email campaign and community page.
- DLCC merchandise updates were reviewed, including possible sales at upcoming events.
- Board discussed creating a more formal welcome process for new residents and property owners. This will pick back up at the end of this summer season.

V. Subcommittee Updates

- Fish habitat installation is pending state approvals.
- General lake conservation activities continue to be monitored.

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VI. Financial Update

- Membership stands at approximately 217 member households, including new members.
- The July 4 Pancake Breakfast was reviewed and considered a successful fundraiser with strong attendance and positive financial results.
 - Ideas for improving future breakfast operations were discussed.

VII. New Business

- Motion approved to authorize seasonal mosquito treatment at the clubhouse by Aardvark for \$250.
- Extensive discussion was held regarding weed management governance and future oversight.
 - Motion approved to establish a five-member Weed Management Subcommittee to work with Progressive, review recommendations, and report back to the Board.
- Jason Bay agreed to lead clubhouse maintenance efforts, organize repairs, and obtain estimates.
- Fireworks display concerns were reviewed. No payment will be issued until the Board completes its review and determines an appropriate resolution with the vendor.
- Board positions up for renewal were reviewed. Board member expectations and recruitment for upcoming elections were discussed.

VIII. Public Comments

Public comments were received regarding lake management, event planning, and community involvement.

IX. Board Comments

Board members discussed strengthening volunteer participation, improving communication, documenting event procedures, and establishing clear expectations for board service.

X. Next Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Action Items

- Finalize and distribute Corn & Sausage Roast communications. Advertise using Mega Phone and or Banner on side of pontoon?
- Continue recruiting volunteers for upcoming events.
- Launch and promote the Members-Only Facebook page.
- Weed Management Subcommittee to meet with Progressive and provide recommendations.
- Continue negotiations with the fireworks vendor before authorizing payment.
- Finalize board election ballot for the August meeting.
- Need to finalize date for band night with an alternate date. This year 7/11/26
- Discuss with Jason repairs needed to club house