

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

May 27, 2026

- **Call to Order:** 7:03PM
- **Pledge of Allegiance / Conservation Pledge**
- **Recognition of Deceased Members**

A moment of silence was observed in honor of: Gordon Garten and John Shep.

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering at the club July 19th for Gordon. Bring a dish to pass. A Notification Blast will be sent. Hunters Insight will be donating an XDN 10mm for a raffle. Proceeds donated in recognition of Gordon.

- **Roll call Officers and Board Members:**

Present; Michael Graham, Michael Stoutenbeg, Rob Bauer, John Borth, John Brundage, Enrique Castillo, Todd Koko, Ed Keiser, Jan Kramer, Ron Krantz, Matthew Martinec, John McCarthy, Steve Mets, Jeff Novak, Ron Hall, Victor Veprauskas, Candi Cariveau, Steve Mets, Mike Stailey, David Rath, Jerry Morlewski, Dale Verhey, Scott DeShetler, Ali Eghbalian, Doug Hughson, Ron Krantz.

Absent Excused; Bill Klym, Tomos Christen.

Absent Unexcused; Kristy Bechard, Jessica Botha, Tim Chilton.

Motion: To approve acceptance of excused members: 1st Alex DeShetler, 2nd Jim Kalmbek. **Result:** **Approved**

- **Approval of Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April General Membership Meeting as published. 1st Wayne Johnson. 2nd Howard Christen. **Result:** **Approved**

- **Approval of May Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May Board of Directors Meeting as published. **Discussion;** David Rath. The motion to fund the Archery parking lot paving was in question. Money can be moved to cover this from other accounts, but this will require strong financial management and care for the rest of the year.

Matt Martinec made a **Motion:** I Move that the General Membership reject the Board of Directors motion authorizing the expenditure of \$89,000 or more for the paving of the Archery parking lot on the grounds that it is detrimental to the best interest of Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, and that the motion be referred back to the Board of Directors for reconsideration. 1st Al Jacobs. 2nd Walter Kowalaki. **Result:** Show of hands: Yea 41, Nay 54 **Defeated**

Show of hands to approve the May Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. **Result:** The Yea's have it, and the minutes are approved. [This means the Motion to approve the monies to pave the Archery parking lot have been approved.]

- **Reception of new members:** 37 new members.

- **Treasurers Report – David Rath:**

For April. Income: \$117,172.78. Expenses: \$136,892.50 Net: -\$19,454.15.
In the Bank: \$441,555.79.

- **Communications and Bills:** None
- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business: Report of Officers**

- **Club Manager – Paul Bidiger:** “Magic Bus” is coming up. We need volunteer workers for splitting wood for meeting nights and other events, so if you need some hours, come see me. New progressive game fundraiser. Tickets in bar. Wednesday, half-slabs of ribs on the smoker. Let him know of any members “passing” by email. Notes just handed to him may be forgotten too easily. Swap meet tables pretty much all gone. One rule that day: No concealed carry in the swap meet building. Leave them in the car. No ammunition in the building either. \$5 to get in. June 20th. Campground is free to members. Check in at office, no longer than 14 days.
- **Fishing Club - Candi Cariveau:** I only have 2-pontoons for the Ladies Adventure Day, and need one more, so if anyone has any kind of boat they can use, we’d appreciate it.
- **MUCC - Dave Budnik:** MUCC 3 things. 1. Sad thing, the Board voted to dissolve MUCC. RIP. 2. Interesting thing, the Natural Resources Commission met and voted on deer regulations. Rifle zones are gone. Any weapon anywhere. No season into January. December now called the December firearms hunt. (Muzzleloader, youth & independence are combined.). Next year, Michigan becomes a “one buck State”, 4-points each side minimum. 3. Two bills 5801 & 5802 commercial fishing, to “deregulate” much of the commercial fishing industry. Allowing 30% of the take going to commercial fishing. Takes all fish. A bad idea. Write your congressmen.

Comment from Eric Larson that we need to keep Dave as our Conservation voice.

- **D.R. Wilson - Al Jacobs:** 5-gun raffle tonight. Steel Challenge State Match June 5, 6, & 7th. Need help.
- **Archery - Ron Gerchow:** Article put out in magazine. Michigan Bowhunters hosted their shoot. May 30th the range will be closed for the Ladies Adventure Day. Traditional shoot June 12 & 13th and followed by a flashlight shoot on the 13th. June 14th BBQ shoot.
- **Shotgun: None**
- **Muzzleloaders: None**
- **Aluminum/Pull-tabs:** July 12th. Sub-club against sub-club for the most weight. Will have a scale and truck in the parking lot. (Before the General Membership meeting.)

- **Motion to adjourn:** 1st Matt Martinec, 2nd Candi Cariveau. **Approved @8:05 PM**

Submitted by: Robert Bauer