



Oak Harbor Conservation Club

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Minutes of Membership Meeting 8/10/2026.

Present; David Witt, Don Hunter, Troy Overmyer, Mike Gargac, Keith Kralik, Jason Destatte, Chuck Yarletts and David Roepke.
Members - 45

8:14 PM President David Witt called the meeting to order, members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes: Jake K. made motion to dispense with the reading of the notes from the Trustees & Officers meeting and previous members' meeting, 2nd Keith Kralik motion carried.

Financials were handed out.

David Witt – Presented a slide show and spoke about the subject matter.

Mike – Is Gordon Rd and the Darr one club? What about financials?

David Witt – Yes, we are one club.

John Fowler – We have Gordon Rd a C-4 and the Darr a C-3

John Duncan – Nothing wrong with a C-4 supporting a C-3 but a C-3 can't support a C-4. The C-3 was created to accept donations. Do we check where the money goes?

Troy Overmyer – We have an audit committee consisting of Mike Gargac, Scott Storer and myself, which was appointed by Terry Rudes.

John K – When new members join, they don't understand this two-tier system in the membership.

John Duncan – C-3 created to accept donations. We bought 112 acres of land, and the club was supposed to be self-supporting.

David Witt – Where did we get the money from?

Mike Gargac – The license fees.

Keith Kralik – The bird hunting cost are paid for by the Wild Game Dinner and hunting fees. The Darr has block funding that was created by Terry Rudes, and the Darr has not gone over that budget.

Old Business:

David Witt – Move the member meetings to 7 p.m., and the Trustees & Officers following, but is to start no later than 8 p.m.

Discussion followed. A vote called
28 in favor and 21 opposed. The required two-thirds majority was not obtained to implement a temporary Constitutional & Bylaw change.

Jim Biro – Two appraisers did not want to perform appraisals because both properties are too unique to obtain an accurate appraisal. However, I did find one person willing to appraise each property for \$1,200, for a total of \$2,400.

Jason Destatte – Lawyers fees could be \$5,000 to \$35,000 for a split.

Terry Rudes – Property is owned by OHCC, and we'd simply be separating the properties.

Mike Gargac – Then Insurance cost would go way up.

New Business:

Terry Rudes – Up to \$3,000 for the new pad from line 10-10. Use Capital improvements, line 10-40, it has \$8,900 in it. Troy Overmyer 2nd motion carried.

Terry Rudes – There is free dirt a couple miles away, and we need more dirt for the ranges. It's free dirt at the Malow ditch. Maybe Dave Kodack, Norm Witt, or the Darr members could truck the dirt.

Troy Overmyer – The dirt might be free, but there's trucking cost involved, so it isn't free. A truck can haul about 22 yards. I'll check on it.

Terry Rudes – Volunteer hours should count towards the Darr, whether they are performed at the Gordon Rd or not.

Charles Yarleets – I would like to thank Mr. Witt that the Darr excels. You should be applauded.

However, members are completely different. Charles then read from paper. I move to separate the Darr and Gordon Rd (went into more details) and have this be part of the annual meeting. 2nd Terry Rudes

Vote 26 – Yes and 21 – No

Don Hunter – Please provide me that motion so that I'll have the details that you read off

David Witt – Facebook group operated by Mrs. Rudes has anonymous post that are offensive.

Good of the Order: Don Hunter – There is a free clay shoot at the Darr tomorrow 6 to 8 p.m. 12- and 20-gauge shells provided. It is open to public you and everyone is welcome.

Motion to Adjourn: Troy Over, 2nd Mike Gargac carried 9:30 pm.

Secretary Don Hunter

President David Witt

Presentation from members meeting follows

CONSTITUTION AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

OAK HARBOR CONSERVATION CLUB

What is the mission? What was the main objective?

CONSTITUTION PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

- 1. To foster and promote friendship and fellowship among lovers of the outdoors; to promote understanding and harmony between sportsmen and landowners; to encourage the teaching of constructive conservation in our schools; to propagate and preserve wildlife and fish and to aid in the restoration of proper habitat for them.
- 2. To lend its influence to a strict observance of the fish and game laws of Ohio, to assist constituted authority in the enforcement thereof, and to insist on elimination of unfair means in the capture or destruction of Ottawa County wildlife and fish.
- 3. To encourage and support legislation along accepted practical lines; to eliminate agencies destructive to wildlife and its habitat; to inaugurate a campaign of education having for its purpose reforestation of suitable areas, control of erosion and elimination of pollution of streams (pollution of air, littering) to encourage and cooperate in measures and methods to replenish our coverts and waters with wildlife and fish.

1. How have we implemented the these first 3 objectives?
2. Obj 1 We provide food prior to the Darr Chairmans meetings. We build duck nest for ducks, plant food plots for the wildlife
3. Obj 2 We work with WRP and the Ottawa National Wildlife agents
4. Obj 3 Recently the WRP Agent offered to plant Trees on various portions of the Darr

CONSTITUTION PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

- 4. To create a fraternal spirit among the sportsmen of the county; harmonize their interests, unify their actions, and establish understanding and a spirit of friendship between sportsmen, landowners, and farmers.
- 5. To promote the wise use, conservation, and restoration of our natural resources in all forms.
- 6. To develop, promote, and support a comprehensive educational program; technical research for the advancement of conservation of wildlife and other natural resources.
- 7. To cooperate with other conservation and wildlife organizations.
- 8. To instill a sincere regard for the rights of all citizens.

Obj 4 The Wild Game dinner bring 300-400 people to socialize.

Obj 5 We are always improving habitat at the Darr

Obj 6 Hunters education classes talk bout the conservation of wildlife.

Obj 7 Work with Whitetails Unlimited, Pheasants Forever

Obj 8 We are all pro second amendment

CONSTITUTION PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

- 9. To remember that this is a club whose interests are in conservation and the shooting sports.
- 10. To develop, promote, and support a comprehensive educational program for juniors to teach basic firearm safety and use, to teach and promote marksmanship, and provide competition opportunities in shooting sports.
- 11. To develop, promote, and support educational opportunities for juniors in hunting, fishing trapping, and conservation.
- 12. To develop, promote, and support a comprehensive educational program for the public in firearm safety, firearm use, and to encourage lawful exercise of firearm use.

Obj 9 Do all our members have an interest in conservation and all shooting sports?

Obj 10 We have junior programs at the shooting ranges and youth & women's hunts.

Obj 11 Youth hunts and the fishing derby

Obj 12 We have junior programs at the shooting ranges and youth women's hunts.

How do you implement all 12 of our clubs' objectives?

I am going to talk about the club financials. Since 2020 has the club ever ended a year with a balance smaller than the previous year?

FINANCIAL HISTORY SINCE 2020

Year	Bank Checking	Bank Savings	Financial Money Market	Financial Investments	Total Assets
2020	\$116,696 GR \$37,904 Darr	\$112,199 Missing accounts info			\$266,799 ~\$475000- \$480000
2021	\$145,369 GR \$ 39,388 Darr	\$112,464 Missing accounts info			\$297,221 ~\$477000- \$485000
2022	\$166,791 GR \$43,488 Darr	\$112,545 Missing accounts info			\$322,824 ~\$48000- \$487,000
2023	\$181,272 GR \$23,518 Darr	\$112,750 \$172,374			\$489,9143

1. From 2020-2023 the club made \$551 in the Money Market account. See bank savings. **This money should have made many thousands of dollars. (estimate \$56,000)**
2. From 2020-2023 the club missed out on well over \$100,000 in investment income.
4. From 2023-2026 we lost another \$100,000 because of a poor investment strategy.
5. On average how often should your investments double if you are properly invested in the stock market? **Answer-Every 7 years**
Between 2020 and 2023 we made a few thousand dollars on over \$400,000 in assets.

FINANCIAL HISTORY SINCE 2020

Year	Bank Checking	Bank Savings	Financial Money Market	Financial Investments	Total Assets
2024	\$204,035 GR \$27,829 Darr	\$113,315		\$180,648	\$525,827
2025	\$215,756 GR \$38,801 Darr		\$92,539	\$194,893	\$541,989
2026	\$124,541 GR \$45,620 Darr		\$167,218	\$212,750	\$550,129
Current	\$89,666 GR \$76,757 Darr		\$170,640	\$218,219	\$555,282

1. The clubs insurance cost the club around\$14,000/year. That is \$36 per membership fee.
2. What fundraisers are performed by club members? Whitetails Unlimited Banquet, NRA Banquet, Wild Game Feed
3. Who has helped at a club fundraiser? Look around the room.
4. How much did the fundraisers make in 2025? **\$11,046.50 donations for hunting, ODNr grants \$13995.50, Wild Game Dinner profits \$12754.03**
- 5 The club has never spent more than they have taken in? **No**
- 6 How did the club obtain such a significant savings account? **Sales of Hunting and fishing licenses, sale of a portion of the Darr property and WRP payment**

**\$6800 DONATION JULY 2026
FOR VETERANS HUNT.**

FENWICK MARINA FUNDRAISER.



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- Amendment to change to club dues that was proposed.
- Raise Hunting fees from \$140 to \$300 for 2027 and to \$400 in 2028
- Raise Spouses fee from \$140 to \$300 for 2027 and \$400 in 2028
- A \$50 range fee is being proposed that can be worked off.
- What is the mission/objectives of the club?
- There have been between 6-10 constitutional amendments presented to the trustees this year. WHY?

Are we trying to discourage members from being hunting members?
This contrasts with the objectives of the club.

There was a proposed 2027 Gordon road budget of about \$149,000.
Why are the membership fees not going up everyone? **Note: This budget is not approved by the budget committee or the trustees.**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- 2025 We had 418 members
- 2026 We have 393 members

Why the decline in membership?

Maybe because we do not treat people with respect and dignity

Maybe the internal fighting

We are one team and we need to start acting like it.

2021 = 495 members

2022 = 478 members

2023 = 431 members

2024 = 410 members

We have lost 20% of our members since 2021.

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVE OVERVIEW

The main objectives of our club are:

Conservation

Hunting

Fishing

Trapping

Shooting.

1. If you do not support the clubs objectives, there are clubs out there that are strictly for shooting such as Issac Walton and Lake Erie Arms. Camp Perry is going to build an indoor range.
2. If you don't support the clubs mission and objectives you should not be a leader or trustee. You do not represent the clubs values. You can belong to the club and just come here to shoot but you should not be on our leadership team.
3. The hunting ground support all 12 objectives. We are not going to sell or split up any portion of club that supports all of our objective.

CONCLUSION

- Fellowship and teaching, Conservation, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Shooting, and passing these on to future generations are the mission of this club.
- Our financial assets continue to grow year after year
- Leadership must carry out all objectives of the OHCC—not just the ones they personally value.
- If you do not believe in the mission/objectives of the OHCC , you're in the wrong club.
- If you want to sell or split up this club, you're in the wrong club.
- We support every objective as ONE TEAM, united in purpose and committed to the future of our traditions.

The founders of this club did not create just a shooting club.
If we are going to split the club up how is the shooting portion going to fulfill objectives 1-8?