

Camp Liberty Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 · 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/puo-kpxz-wuv>
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I. Call to Order and Welcome to Guests & Board Members.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.
Guests attending were Terri Madden and Ed Madden

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call and Certification of Proper Notice and Quorum to Conduct Business

Board members in attendance: Jay Truchan, Harry Krass, Larry St. Antoine, Chad Fires, Allan Lutes, and Craig Pearson.
Rick Briggs Absent
Melinda Schwyn, CLI Executive Director, also participated.
Proper notice was provided, and a quorum was present as required by the bylaws.

IV. Review and approve the board meeting minutes for February 2026

Harry motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented, and Craig seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. President's Report

Larry has been in contact with Blue Star Service Dogs, and they will come to our Fall Festival.

VI. Vice President's Report – Jay

a. Legacy Land Conservancy Update. Meeting held the week of March 2nd, still in discussions.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Allan

Donations increased by 43% in 2025 over 2024.
The amount of money spent to support/benefit our Veterans increased 61%.
Admin cost decreased 52%. Admin expense is only 11% of our spend.
We had a \$4000 surplus in 2025.
Have raised \$14,000 year to date.
\$9,900 expenses year to date.

VIII. Director's Report – Melinda

a. Pheasant Hunt - March 14th.
22 hunters are scheduled for the Pheasant hunt

- b. Detroit Area Marine Corps Foundation Fundraiser March 14th. Melinda will attend to accept the donation.
- c. Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - March 15th.
72 Veterans and Volunteers registered for the event.
Due to the overwhelming demand, we are renting a tent.
- d. April Turkey Hunt - April 22nd-26th.
- e. Summer Fundraising event - Golf Outing update.
Melinda, Terri, and Jay are meeting Ken Gauci @ Gauci Golf on Thursday, March 11th, to discuss the golf outing. We will have more information on the schedule, etc., after that meeting.
- f. Fundraising Opportunities and Consulting - Update on a candidate for grant writing and fundraising.
Melinda has been speaking with Wes Wicker, and there are a couple of options for grant writing. Melinda will send out details of the options.

IX. Committee Reports - Melinda will send out before the meeting for your review.

No questions

X. Old Business

- a. Flag pole on the Columbia School District Property in honor of the USA's 250th birthday.
Chad will get the approval from the School District for this.
Jay motioned to purchase a flag and flag pole, and the cost of installation on the Columbia School District property, with the funds donated from a 2025 committed donor. Chad abstained. Craig seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. The 1932 Winchester Pump Shotgun. Worth approximately \$500-\$700.
Larry motioned to sell the shotgun. Chad seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

XI. New Business

- a. Charity Ride (Melinda). Pat June of the Forbidden Wheels Riding Club is having a charity ride and would like to end the ride at Camp Liberty. Melinda will work with Pat to determine an appropriate date.
- b. Banner flyover (Craig). Craig motioned to pursue Banner flyovers during MIS weekend and the 4th of July. Jay seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Flyovers / Military Vehicles for events (Craig). Craig needs to know what, when, and where for flyovers and military vehicles. Need advance notice.
Need for golf outing (June 20th) and Fall Festival (September 26th).
Craig motioned to have an air flyover, a jeep, and military vehicles, a power parachute glider, with a cost of \$600 total for the flyovers.
- d. Flag folder for events (Memorial Day). We need an additional flag folder.
- e. Banners for sponsors. Harry motioned to get banners for continuous sponsors with our logo on. Jay seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- f. Jay would like to get an email account with the Camp Liberty domain. The cost is \$27/month.

Allan to check with our web hosting and Google Suite if there is an additional cost.

XII. Upcoming Meetings & Events

- a. Board of Directors – Wednesday, April 15th (moved from April 8th), Wednesday, May 13th.
- b. Pheasant Hunt – Saturday, March 14th
- c. Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Event – Sunday, March 15th
- d. Turkey Hunt April 22-26

XIII. Jay motioned to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Closed session of the Board preceded. Allan abstained.

2026 Camp Liberty Event Calendar

March 14	Pheasant Hunt - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
March 15	2026 Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Event
April 22-26	Veterans Turkey Hunt
May 16	Spring Conservation Day
June 20	Summer Fundraising Event – Golf Outing @ Gauci Golf Resort, 8421 Sports Park Dr, Onsted, MI
August 22	Fall Conservation Day
September 11-13	Liberty Disabled Veterans and Youth Deer Hunt sponsored by American Legion, Post 46, Ann Arbor, MI
September 26	Fall Event and 5K Trail Run / Nature Walk
October 15-18	Independent Disabled Veteran Hunt
November 18-22	Veterans Firearm Deer Season Hunt
December 5	Veterans Pheasant Hunt