

**Camp Liberty Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

Monday, April 20, 2026 · 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
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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, Dave Loop, Wes Wicker, James Hutson, Dylan McCormick, Mickey Worzniak, Rob Clark, Kelly Irick, Nick Pulver, Kenrick Haran, Wayne Blank, and Mike Kraft.

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.

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 March 2026.

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

V. Guest Speaker - Dave Loop, 2nd District Commander for Lenawee County - Check Presentation - Voiture 40/8 997

Dave Loop and Nick Pulver from the 40 and 8 organization presented Camp Liberty with a \$10,000 donation. The 40 & 8th organization is a spinoff of the American Legion, founded in 1920, and is committed to charitable and patriotic arms.

VI. Guest Speaker - Wes Wicker, Columns Fundraising - Fundraising Strategy and Grants - Letter of Intent

Wes presented to the Camp Liberty Board last year. He proposed a 6-month contract with his firm at a highly reduced rate of \$1,000/month to complete a feasibility study on raising \$1.5 million for Camp Liberty. This would include a donor search review, including our personal and corporate donor base. The analysis will be conducted, and they will work with the Executive Director for continued assistance and guidance moving forward. Also, Mr. Wicker will be available for the monthly Board meetings for further discussion of options and potential resources.

VII. President's Report

Larry wanted to thank Rick Briggs and Jeremy Briggs for everything they have done for Camp Liberty.

VIII. Vice President's Report – Jay

Nothing to report

IX. Treasurer's Report – Allan

a. Financial Report

First Quarter finances overall are running close to budget.

Donations are above budget, In-kind donations below budget, but this is to be expected as we typically get in-kind donations for the big events later in the summer and the fall.

Events and Programs are \$250 over budget, but not significant.

Balances - \$163,000 cash (\$19,000 in Bank of Ann Arbor, and \$143,000 in Investment Account, which consists of 90-day CDs and money market funds)

Harry motioned to accept the Financial Report, Mickey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Director's Report – Melinda

- a. Recap of the Pheasant Hunt Success
- b. Recap of the Open House/Appreciation Luncheon
- c. Turkey Hunt - April 22nd-26th
- d. Conservation Day - May 17th.
- e. Summer Fundraising event - Golf Outing update
Callahan's Coffee Cafe will sponsor a hole as well as the Brooklyn Airport.
- f. Charity Poker Ride benefiting Camp Liberty is on August 22nd. The ride will end at Camp Liberty. They will have Food Trucks. This is the same day as the Camp Liberty Conservation Day, but it will not interfere, as it will be at the end of the conservation day.
- g. Fundraising Opportunities and Consulting
Melinda has turned in a couple of grants to the Jackson Community Foundation, Henry Ford Hospital, and the Worth Repeating Organization in Manchester.

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

XII. Old Business

- a. Flag pole. Chad has reached out to Columbia High School to see where the flag pole will be located and is waiting to hear back.
- b. Still need a flag folder for Manchester on Memorial Day
- c. Tips Up for Troops - June 7th. We need to either send a donation or send volunteers. Melinda will reach out to the Outdoor Recreation Committee members.

XIII. New Business

a. Sub-Committee Candidates / Appointments

Several new Sub-Committee Appointments were presented:

James Hutson - Outdoor Recreation (hunting) and Community Outreach
Rob Clark - Outdoor Recreation (hunting and fishing). Also, industrial safety.
John Hummer - Community Outreach
Dylan McCormick - Outdoor Recreation (Hunting) and Community Outreach
Kelly Irick - Community Outreach
Mike Kraft - Outdoor Recreation (Hunting) and Community Outreach
Kenrick Bahan - Outdoor Recreation (Fishing)
Wayne Blank - Community Outreach

Allan motioned to approve the above appointments, and Harry seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Board Member Nomination / Appointment

Jay announced that Rick Briggs had resigned from the Camp Liberty Board. Jay thanked Rick for his several years of service to Camp Liberty.

Jay nominated Mickey Worzniak to fill the open Board position left by Rick. Harry seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

XIV. Upcoming Meetings & Events

- a. Board of Directors – Wednesday, May 13th and Wednesday, June 11th
- b. Turkey Hunt April 22-26

XV. Adjournment. Larry motioned to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Chad seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Closed Session

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 @ Gaudi Golf Resort 8421 Sports Park Dr, Onsted, MI
August 1	Vet Fest - Washtenaw Community College
August 22	Fall Conservation Day
August 22	Charity Poker Run
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