



3 January 2026

Meeting Kickoff and Attendance 9:00 via Teams

Members in attendance

Scott Ross, Mark Kelsey, Todd Stone, Patty Heermann, Karen Bergman, Dan Chase, Tom Dempster, Keith Rounds

Excuse Joel Mohlenhoff

Absent Wally Grogan,

Agenda was presented and approved

November minutes were presented and approved

Financial Status and Approval

Financial Status and Committee Updates

Financial Updates

Opening Balance	\$47,387.49
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$47,387.49

*Detailed synopsis available upon request

Three checks totaling \$1,010.20 in November, ending balance of \$47,387.49.

No checks issued in December; balance remains at \$47,387.49

Scott Ross requests and receives approval for the financial status report.

Scott Ross records the notes and confirms the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.



Golf Tournament

Joel is stepping back from chairing the golf tournament this year but will still be involved.

Scott volunteers to take over the role, with others offering to assist.

Discussion on delegating tasks and the importance of having someone to gather information and facilitate.

Scott Ross will organize the tournament and hand out tasks to others.

Local Government information

Scott Ross suggests someone to do a local government update, gathering information from the County Commission. Position will provide information to Karen and Scott so they can place in the Newsletter and member's email.

Patty volunteers to take on this task, and Scott appreciates the offer.

Update on the combined groups Website

Scott Ross updates on the website, mentioning Lydia's willingness to maintain it and the need to decide on a name for the web page.

Agreement on the name "**Our Lake Poinsett Community**" for the website.

Lake Management Plan

Scott Ross mentions the lake management plan and the need to finalize it before moving forward.

Discussion on the lake management plan and the need to finalize it before prioritizing implementation.

Fertilizer Discussion

Discussion on offering discounts for zero phosphorus fertilizers and the challenges of finding such products.

Todd S. suggests working with local businesses like Hamlin Building Supply.

Mark K highlights the importance of education on proper fertilizer use and the potential negative impact of nitrogen on the lake.

Further discussion on offering modest incentives for proper fertilizer use.



Membership Drive and Incentives

Mark K proposes a membership drive with a \$700 smoker as a door prize to encourage attendance. This should be highlighted in the May newsletter

Scott Ross supports the idea and appreciates Mark's donation of the smoker

Further discussion on offering modest incentives for proper fertilizer use.

Soil Sample Kits and Education

Scott Ross requests information on soil sample kits for the next meeting to educate members on proper fertilizer use.

Mark K suggests providing education on proper watering and mowing practices instead of promoting fertilizers.

Discussion on including soil sample kits in the membership drive to educate members.

Scott Ross agrees to include the information in the next meeting's agenda.

Meeting Conclusion and Future Plans

Scott Ross confirms the dates for the lake-wide cleanup and rummage sale

Karen Berrgman requests the dates to be included in the minutes for everyone's reference

The meeting concludes

Deliverables

Join/renew letter to be sent out pending address information from Barb.

Draft President's letter for the directory

Membership drive and directory pickup event around May 16th.

Open Questions

Exploring incentives for low phosphorus, low nitrogen fertilizers.



Action Items

- Organize and chair the annual golf tournament (gather information, coordinate helpers, and act as facilitator for event planning)
 - Get Golf Tournament information from Joel (Scott)
- Proceed with building/maintaining the joint community website under the chosen name (Our Lake Poinsett community) and coordinate with Lydia on website maintenance and updates. (Scott)
- Send Borns (printer) and Lydia contact information to Karen so she can coordinate newsletter formatting and printing logistics. (Scott) **Completed**
- Send the drafted join/renew letter to Borns for mailing once Barb provides updated addresses (prepare for mailing and printing coordination). (Scott)
- Distribute the lake management plan to board members, provide hard copies, and arrange a strategy session to prioritize implementation once the final plan is received (expected within about a week). (Tom)
- Provide educational content on fertilizers and lawn care (for the May newsletter), including recommendations of what to use/avoid around the lake. (Mark K)
- Research availability and sourcing of soil sample/test kits and prepare information about obtaining them to present at the next meeting (so the association can consider offering or ordering kits). (Mark K)
- Monitor County Commission and local government online updates and forward relevant items to the association (send timely items to Scott or Karen for newsletter/information distribution) (Patty)
- Complete Water Quality Testing Training **In progress** (Todd)

2026 Calendar

9 May Beach Trash Bash 9 AM – 11 AM

16 May 2026 Open House 9 AM – 11 AM

June Coffee Chat with an Expert (TBD)

19 -20 June Lake-Wide Rummage Sales Weekend

22-23 June Lake-Wide Garbage Cleanup Sponsored by Sanitary Dist.

1 August Annual meeting

1 August LPA Family Fun Day

22 August 4th Annual Golf Tournament (TBD)