WML Fishing Club Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Attendees:

Name
Benjamin Peretto
Frank Bianchi
Jeff Wadleigh
Keith Small
Ken Trickilo
Lauren Bianchi
Marty Sweinhart

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 8:06 p.m. in person in the Trophy Room at the WML Clubhouse. We had a moment of silence for Gerry Primavera.

1. December 2025 Minutes approved.
2. Old Business:
    - Cash Tournament Letter: We provided Lake our cash tournament letter in May 2025 and have not heard any updates since. We would like to have information before the 2026 Fishing Season starts. Representatives of Fishing Club will attend the February Board Meeting and read the letter during Good & Welfare.
    - 2026 Contest Calendar reminder:

2026 Contest Calendar ***Excludes Carp**

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April 1-Sept. 30	**Adult + Kid**	**Carp Rodeo**	**Carp**
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3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Distribution List was updated to active members (attended at least 1 meeting in the past 12 months).

- Meetings will now be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm. Next meeting is February 25.

4. Discuss Trout Stocking
    - Qty of fish and sizes-Fishing Club agreed to spend about ½ the Gamefish budget on trout (similar to what we did in previous years). We want to order:
        - One 21-23" tagged trout
        - 200: 12"-14" trout
        - 50: 14"-15" trout
        - Delivery and tax
    - Potential dates for Stocking Event-Will request **March 28, hopefully Mucky is available.**
    - Logistics of Stocking Event
        - Suggestions for improvement include: Post NO FISHING signs before the event. Put sponsor request in the newsletter. Try and get a donation of bagels for 2026 (otherwise WMLFC will pay from budget line). Have more cocoa, less coffee. Buy munchkins again, Give a raffle ticket to each kid in attendance and raffle off prizes. Request photos from parents to include in the newsletter.
    - Volunteers needed to call Sponsors for 2026 Trophy Trout. We currently have 14 companies/ people on the Sponsor List. We average about 5 sponsored trout per year. We will also have a standing sponsor request in the newsletter. Cost is $150 and pays for a trout and a $50 prize.

5. 2026 Kid/ Adult classes-need to discuss dates to get it into the calendar
    - Clinic to teach casting-will reach out to Cubscouts for date/ time
    - Lure selection-TBD
    - Tying knots-TBD
    - Lure making-May 30 or 31 at Beach 3 gazebo. Put in Newsletter (March, April, May)
    - Fly fishing-TBD
6. 2026 Potential Club Activities
    - Group fishing trip to Lake Hopatcong
    - Group Fishing Trip to Delaware River
    - Mid-year evening fishing and hangout
    - End of year party-trophies for kids who won contests
    - Field trip to Musky Trout Hatchery

7. Lake Committee January updates briefly discussed.
8. Other Topics-How can we increase membership in Fishing Club?
    - Organize different fishing trips
    - Offer cash prizes for contests
    - Have contests that require fish to be weighed in. Members voted to spend budget money on a scale.
    - Create a WMLFC Facebook page for active Fishing Club members to join.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes written by Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is: February 25, 2026

_____Letter to Lake Committee_____

Date: May 29, 2025

Dear Lake Committee,

In an effort to enhance participation and foster friendly competition, White Meadow Lake Fishing Club proposes implementing an entry fee for our fishing contests. These fees would be used to cover the cost of an official to oversee weigh stations and fund a cash prize for the participant who catches the heaviest fish.

Previously, WML Fishing Club was advised that charging entry fees could be considered gambling, which is prohibited under New Jersey Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) regulations and could potentially jeopardize our liquor license. However, according to the NJ ABC Handbook (page 33, section on gambling), the prohibition does **not** apply to tournaments in which skill is the determining factor.

To ensure compliance with this provision, WML Fishing Club proposes adopting a rule similar to the NJ Bass Federation's official tournament regulations, prohibiting the use of live, dead, or prepared bait. By requiring participants to fish exclusively with artificial lures, the outcome of our contests would be determined solely by an angler's knowledge and skill, including lure selection based on weather conditions, water temperature, fishing techniques, and targeted fish species.

We would still allow a non-entry aspect of each contest, where the contestant can send photos and compete for a WML fishing club prize.

We kindly request that the Lake Committee confirm this interpretation with legal counsel. Upon receiving approval, we would like to proceed with instituting a nominal entry fee for our fishing contests.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your guidance on this matter.

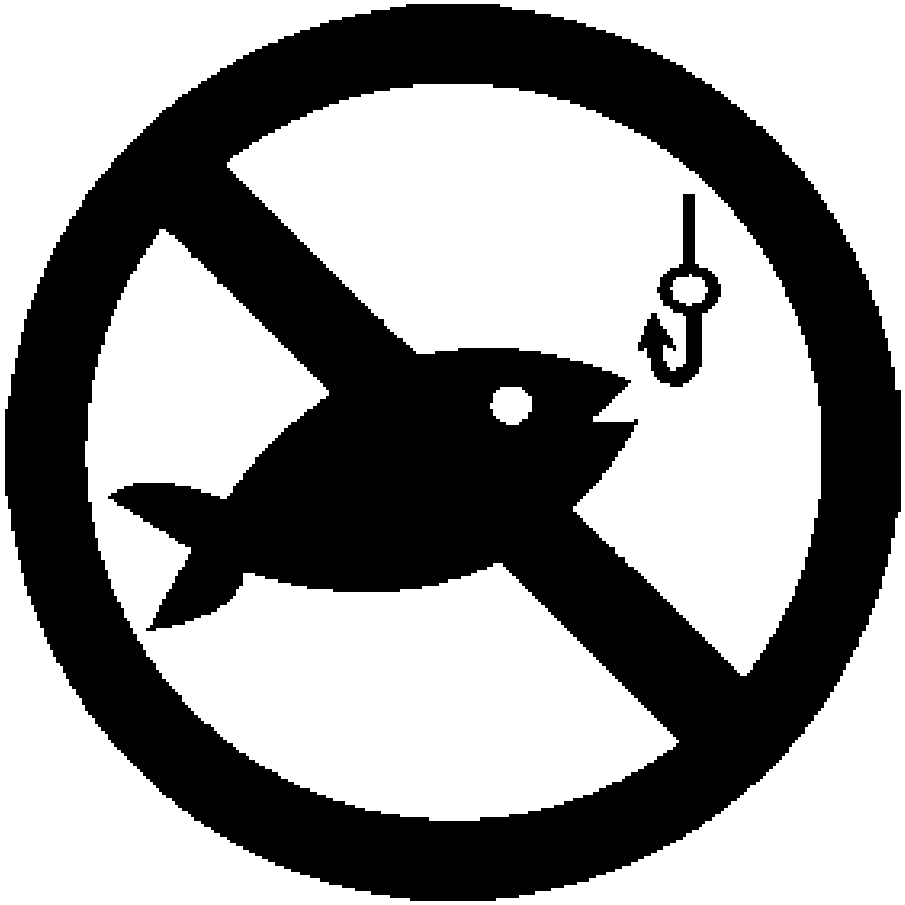
Best Regards,

White Meadow Lake Fishing Club

NOTICE

MARCH 28 until April 1

NO FISHING



April 1until APRIL 3

NO TROUT FISHING

If trout are caught, release immediately.

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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John D
Keith Small
Ken Trickilo
Tom Grobleski

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:05 p.m. in person in the Trophy Room at the WML Clubhouse. Thank you, Keith for running the meeting tonight!

1. January 2026 Minutes approved.
2. Old Business:
    - Cash Tournament Letter: Discussed the fishing tournament fee. Not sure which event, but this came up years ago (not fishing) and it was knocked down because of our 501 nonprofit status. We will bring to March Board Meeting (March 18) to read the letter during Good & Welfare. A response is not expected, but will be requested.
    - 2026 Contest Calendar reminder:

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3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Reminder: Meetings will now be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm. Next meeting is March 25, 2026.
    - Sponsored Trout-We need to give Musky the final quantity by March 18. Ben P will give an update to Lauren.

- Ken T brought in the trout check from Cafe Navona $150,00. Keith to bring it to the office on Thursday.
- Lake would like us to revise the NO FISHING from March 28-April 3 and close the full lake for any fishing. Unanimous to keep the lake closed to ALL fish until opening day. Signs will be made and posted.
- Scale to weigh fish at designated contests, lure making kits, and raffle tickets for the trout stocking event purchased. The cost for these items is $74.63 from Line 521.06.
- New Fishing Regulations go into effect February 17. The 2026 Freshwater Fishing Digest is available online. Some updates include: Official Opening Day of Trout Season is the 2nd Saturday in April going forward (I don't know if that is applicable for this year or begins next year), Removal of pre-season closure on trout-stocked lakes and ponds.

4. Trout Stocking
    - On March 28, we will have the Trout Stocking Event. Setup is at 7:30 AM on the lawn next to the Boathouse Ramp. Women's Club will have activities for the kids after the stocking. HOWEVER- If Lake is frozen, Kurt will open the lake with the Kubota if needed AND if the lawn is still snow covered refreshments can't be outdoors due to the electric cords. We will ask the Office if there is room inside as a contingency plan. That Saturday is also when 2nd boat spots are scheduled.

    - We have ordered:
        - One 21-23" tagged trout-sponsored by WMLFC
        - 200: 12"-14" trout
        - 50: 14"-15" trout

The cost is $2,927 from line 521.03 and motion passed at the February Board Meeting.

5. Other Events-We need to discuss dates at a future meeting to get it into the calendar-
    - Clinic to teach casting-will reach out to Cub scouts for date/ time-Sent a text, but no response.
    - Lure Making-There is a new system to request locations and times. It opens March 7. At that time, we will reserve Beach 3 for Lure Making on May 30 or May 31.

6. 2026 Potential Club Activities
    - Field trip to Musky Trout Hatchery-Jeff said we are welcome to visit the hatchery in May or June-ROAD TRIP!

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

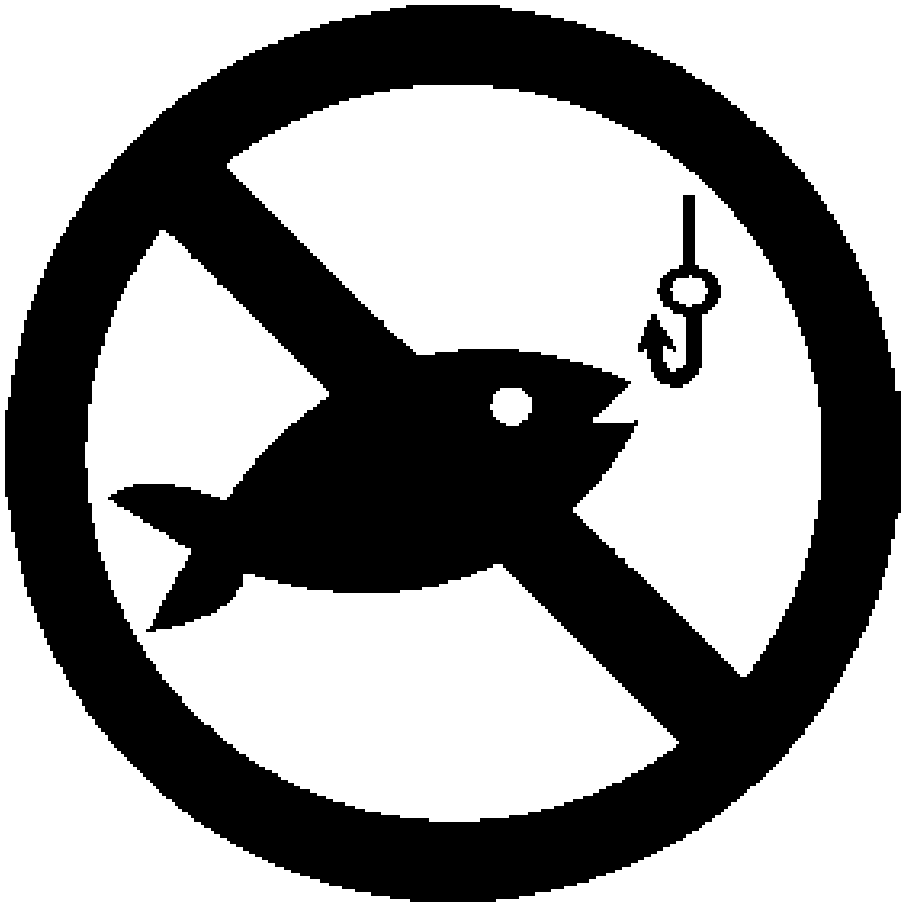
Minutes written by Keith Small and Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is: March 25, 2026

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Attendees:

Name
Benjamin Peretto
Frank Bianchi
Jeff Wadleigh
Keith Small
Ken Trickilo
Lauren Bianchi
Michael Lynch
Tom Grobleski

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 8:02 p.m. in person in the Trophy Room at the WML Clubhouse.

1. February 2026 Minutes approved.
2. Old Business:
    - Cash Tournament Letter: Discussed the fishing tournament fee. Not sure which event, but this came up years ago (not fishing) and it was knocked down because of our 501 nonprofit status. We will bring to March Board Meeting (March 18) to read the letter during Good & Welfare. A response is not expected, but will be requested.
    - Letter from Gerry's wife regarding a fishing book. I tried to call, but no answer. Keith will reach out.
    - 2026 Contest Calendar reminder:

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3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Reminder: Meetings will now be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm. Next meeting is April 22, 2026.
    - Sponsored Trout-We ordered 7 from Musky. Thank you to our Sponsors: Lynch Power, Café Navona, Dave Kudelko, ARG (Almost Retired Guys), WML Fishing Club, Lenny's Bar, and Joanne Machalaba.
    - NO FISHING from March 28-April 3 Signs will be posted from March 26.

4. Stocking
    - On March 28, we will have the Trout Stocking Event at 8 am. Setup is at 7:30 AM on the lawn next to the Boathouse Ramp. Women's Club will have activities for the kids after the stocking. That Saturday is also when 2nd boat spots are scheduled.
    - We need to start thinking about 2026 stocking. Zetts said the prices are about the same except fatheads increased to $425 for 5,000. For this year, maybe crappie and fatheads, but we need to wait a bit longer before determining the species and quantity. Perch spawn is unbelievable (seems to be as good as in the 90's) and there are a lot of baby crappie. We are hopeful our stocking around the perimeter of the lake will pay off this year.

5. Other Events
    - Fishing Clinic with Cub Scouts: April 6 at 6 pm on the Clubhouse Lawn.
    - Lure Making-May 23 from 10-11:30 am at Beach 3.
    - TBD fly fishing lessons with Tom G.

6. 2026 Potential Club Activities
    - Field trip to Musky Trout Hatchery-Jeff said we are welcome to visit the hatchery in May or June-ROAD TRIP!
    - NJ DEP Wildlife Management Area to have a tournament.
    - Party boat on Lake Hopatcong (for Musky?)
    - Delaware River

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes written Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is: April 22, 2026

WML Fishing Club Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Attendees:

Name
Benjamin Peretto
Frank Bianchi
Jeff Wadleigh
John D
Keith Small
Lauren Bianchi
Michael Kilgallen
Tom Grobleski

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. in person in the Trophy Room at the WML Clubhouse.

1. March 2026 Minutes approved.
2. Old Business:
    - Read letter at Good & Welfare- March 18 Board Meeting Waiting for a response form the board.
    - Letter from Gerry's wife regarding a fishing book. I tried to call, but no answer. Keith will reach out.
    - 2026 Contest Calendar reminder:

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3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Reminder: Meetings will now be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm, but need to change for May. We will have the meeting on May 13. The newsletter lists 2 dates by accident.

- I got yelled at by the DEP for submitting the permit application too late. Going forward we will apply with the requested amount before Lake and Board approve.
- 3rd Annual Trout Stocking Event, which took place on March28. Three raffle numbers called-one picked up their prize. 23596 034, 23596 040, and 23596 004. For next year, we will try and hold the event indoors until the truck comes.
- We stocked 7 tagged trout, measuring between 21"- 23". THANK YOU to our sponsors for their generous donations this year!
    - Lynch Power
    - Joanne Machalaba
    - Café Navona
    - Dave Kudelko
    - Chuck Sevek
    - ARG (Almost Retired Guys)
    - Lenny's Bar
- April 4 we hosted the Larry O'Rourke Opening Day Fishing Contest -beautiful weather! Thank you to maintenance crew for having the tables, coffee, and condiments ready and thank you to Ken Trickilo for donating bagels and cream cheese! Winners to have their name engraved.
    - Due to technical difficulties, the online submission form was unavailable. If you fished from a boat and did not bring your catch to the Gazebo for measurement, please email me at wmlfishingclub@gmail.com. Jeff Wadleigh informed Michael Kritz caught the sponsored trout on Opening Day. Lauren to confirm and inform the office.
    - From the shore, anglers reeled in 4 carp, 2 bass, and one catfish. (Carp were not eligible for submission.)
    - Congratulations to our Contest Winners from Shore
        - Vince Romayo – 12"; catfish (first fish caught in the contest)
        - Ben Thompson – 12.5"; largemouth bass
        - Sasho Zdraveski – 18" largemouth bass
- Replenished contest prizes from Budget Line 521.06; 9-$25 gift cards for Adults, 10-$20 gift cards for kids.
- We need to start thinking about 2026 stocking. Zetts said the prices are about the same except fatheads increased to $425 for 5,000. For this year, maybe crappie and fatheads, but we may need to wait a bit longer before determining the species and quantity. Revisit in May meeting.

4. Other Events
    - Fishing Clinic with Cub Scouts: April 6 at 6 pm on the Clubhouse Lawn. CANCELLED due to weather. Trying to find a new date.
    - Lure Making-May 23 from 10-11:30 am at Beach 3. Need to put on Facebook.
    - TBD fly fishing lessons with Tom G. for adult members of Fishing Club only. Might use some Fishing Club funds to purchase materials for training.

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- NJ DEP Wildlife Management Area to have a tournament.
- Party boat on Lake Hopatcong
- Delaware River-maybe July, Aug, or Sept. Need to watch water levels and weather. Kayaks and canoes.

6. Other topics
    - Need to figure out the date for the Night Catfish Contest. End of July/ early August looks like the best time.
    - Suggestion to have an all-festival weekend cumulative fishing contest. Most fish caught between Thursday to Sunday at 7 pm. Adults and Kids separate. Winners announced over the loudspeaker.
    - Unanimous vote to make White Meadow Lake Opening Day of the Fishing Season to follow NJ's opening day of trout season on 2nd Saturday of April going forward.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Minutes written Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is: May 13, 2026

WML Fishing Club Minutes

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Attendees:

Name
Benjamin Peretto
Bob Van Bodegon
Dave Kudelko
Frank Bianchi
John D
Lauren Bianchi
Tom Grobleski
Richard Raposa

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 8:03 p.m. in person on the back deck of WML Clubhouse, then moved inside to the Trophy Room due to rain.

1. Nominating Committee information
2. June 2026 Minutes approved.
3. Old Business:
    - No response from the Board regarding cash tournament approval.
    - No "Auxiliary Fish Enforcement" update.
    - WhiteMeadowLakeopoly. Will look into making a board game to sell to community members past and present. Will try and cut costs by designing ourselves (maybe with AI?) Then contact places and get written permission to use their names and logos.
    - Carp Discussion-Highland Lakes paid a company to remove the carp. We can do the same, but it costs money. Does anyone want to volunteer to contact Highland Lakes?
    - 2026 Contest Calendar reminder:

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4. Fishing Club Updates and information
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- Next lure making event scheduled for October 10 at Beach 3 Pavillion from 10-11:30. Coloring pages and crayons, as well as additional supplies were purchased.
- Festival Weekend
  - Tanks were a hit again. Will repeat next year. Need to fix the pump. Part is missing-may cost $20 or less.
  - Requested Festival Committee to NOT allow Carnival to give away fish as prizes. Found open bags in the lake.
  - Several people commented about how much they enjoy the WMLFC Facebook page. I had to remind people that it is not our page. Looking into making our own or even a full webpage. Would appreciate if anyone would like to volunteer talking with the owner of the page to hand over admin rights.
- Need to reimburse Bianchi for cost of filter and worms used at Festival Weekend. Total is $58.62 from line 521.06.
- Festival Weekend Fishing Contest:
  - 29 fish caught in total between 8am-10:30am
  - Bluegill-19
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- **Night Catfish Contest Date** is **August 8.** Fishing Club will supply hot dogs for bait and eating and buns. Meet in the middle of the lake at 7 pm. Longest catfish wins.
- Budget
  - Fish Study: Received quote. Unanimous yes vote by all members in attendance to request balance of money from Lake to conduct the study this year OR add $12,000 to budget for next year. (If this year, it needs to be done between August and November).
- 2026 Summer/ Fall stocking approved by board. Total is $11,248.94.
  - LINE #__521.03_____ $ 1,252.84 (Gamefish Line)
  - LINE #__522.17_____$ 9,996.10 (Lake Line)

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100,000	Fathead Minnows	522.17
1,000	Golden Shiners	522.17

5. Other Events

- Fishing Club Members only; Fly fishing lessons with Tom G. date TBD-a poll will go out, but location will most likely be A-Field.
- Delaware River- Aug 16

6. 2027 Potential Club Activities
    - Party boat on Lake Hopatcong: 4 hr trip 8 people $700.
    - Groupon has deals on Miss Belmar for stripers ($90 per person).
7. Lake Updates discussed
8. Other topics
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Minutes written by Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is August 27, 2026

WML Fishing Club Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Attendees:

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2. Old Business:
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    - "Auxiliary Fish Enforcement" group. Next security meeting is July 1. Ben volunteered to bring Fishing Club's concerns up at that meeting.
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3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Meetings are on the last Thursday of the month at 8 pm. **Next meeting is July 30.**
    - Unanimous vote to spend about $90 + tax from Budget Line 521.06 for Lure making supplies. Advertise another one in September for October.
        - Make 30 kits
        - Buy at least 5 jewelers' round needle nose pliers
        - Buy a set of 100 treble hooks
        - Buy 100 - 4 mm split rings
        - Have crafts while the kids wait for their hooks to be added.
    - May 30th some members took a road trip to Musky Trout Hatchery
        - Pequest Hatchery has self-guided tours Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. If any interest I can try and book a group tour.
    - Spruce Run Reservoir-Can fish the shore or from a boat for Hybrid Striped bass, Musky, Smallmouth, among others. It might be fun to go as a group and fish one day.
- June 13 **Contest for a**ny fish, except carp. for longest fish caught in adult and children categories.

  The winners are: Adult-Michael Carlucci with a 18.5" bass; Kid-Ryan Hartmann with a 5.5" sunny

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- All-festival weekend cumulative fishing contest will NOT be advertised to avoid any misunderstanding that our lake is open to non-members. Instead, it will be a friendly competition between fishing club members. Most fish caught between Thursday to Sunday at 7 pm. Winners announced over the loudspeaker.
- Unanimous agreement to move the **Night Catfish Contest Date** to **August 8** to better accommodate schedules of different members. Need to notify Lake and the Board and make sure it is in the newsletter so residents know why there are boats on the lake after dark. Fishing Club will supply can of corn and hot dogs for bait.
- Fish Study: Need to get a quote and info on mortality rates.
- 2026 Summer stocking will combine with Fall stocking. Zetts sent a quote.
  - Walleye are SOLD OUT, he suggests to replace with 50 bass 7”-9”.
  - 1000 Golden Shiners
  - 100,000 Minnows

  Budget Line: 522.17: $4,924.73

  Budget Line: 521.03: $699.73
- Carp Discussion-Highland Lakes paid a company to remove the carp. We can do the same, but it costs money. Investigation will begin.
- Fishing Report-Fishing seems good so far!

4. Other Events
   - Fishing Club Members only Fly fishing lessons with Tom G. date TBD, but location will most likely be A field.
5. 2026 Potential Club Activities
   - Party boat on Lake Hopatcong: 4 hr trip 8 people $700.
   - Groupon has deals on Miss Belmar for stripers ($90 per person).
   - Delaware River-maybe July, Aug, or Sept. Need to watch water levels and weather. Kayaks and canoes.
6. Lake Updates
7. Other topics
   - Several dead trout seen in the creek by Beach 2. Suggestion to stock larger trout in less quantity. Stocking event is becoming popular and do not want to reduce too much since the residents enjoy the event.
   - WhiteMeadowLake-opoly. Will look into making a board game to sell to community members past and present.
   - Festival Weekend Fish Tanks will be setup. Volunteers are welcome!

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Minutes written by Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is: July 30, 2026

WML Fishing Club Minutes

Thursday, Aug 27, 2026

Attendees:

Name
Benjamin Peretto
Jason Van Eeuwen
Dave Kudelko
Frank Bianchi
Jeff Wadleigh
Ken Trickilo
Lauren Bianchi
Marty Sweinhart
Michael Kilgallen
Tom Grobleski
James Gleason

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 8:02 p.m. in person in the White Meadow Lake Trophy Room due to rain.

1. July 2026 Minutes approved.
2. Old Business:
    - No response from the Board regarding cash tournament approval.
    - "Auxiliary Fish Enforcement"-Jeff attended the Security Committee meeting and the request was denied. As a White Meadow Lake member, we can question anyone about their status, but we cannot represent WML or the POA. Other suggestions include connecting with local resident police officers to help enforce or follow what Lake Parsippany did in the past where the lake would pay a resident to call the police and press charges/ appear in court.
    - WhiteMeadowLakeopoly. Will look into making a board game to sell to community members past and present. Will try and cut costs by designing ourselves (maybe with AI?) Then contact places and get written permission to use their names and logos.
    - 2026 Contest Calendar reminder:

2026 Contest Calendar ***Excludes Carp**

Date	Type	Name	Species
April 1-Sept. 30	**Adult + Kid**	**Carp Rodeo**	**Carp**
20-Sep	**Adult + Kid**	**Ray Shanahan Bass Contest**	**Bass**

3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Meetings are on the last Thursday of the month at 8 pm. **Next meeting is September 24.**
    - IMPORTANT DATES- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

- September 9-at 8 pm-1st Annual meeting. Talk through each line of the budget.
- September 17- 6 pm-? Cub Scout Casting Class
- September 19 around 12 pm--Combined Stocking.

Qty	Species	Budget Line
100	Walleye (6"-7")	521.03
50	Bass (7"-9")	521.03
100,000	Fathead Minnows	522.17
1,000	Golden Shiners	522.17

- September 20-Ray Shanihan Bass Contest 7 am-12 pm. Longest and Most for Kids and Adults.
- October 10—10-11:30-Lure making Beach 3 Pavillion
- October 11-12 pm-2nd Annual Meeting-Budget Vote-12 pm

- People need to make sure they are submitting the photos properly using the QR code or link.
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- **Night Catfish Contest Date** on **August 8.** 5 participants. **Winner was Dave Kudelko with a 20.5" Channel Catfish.** Bianchi reimbursed for hot dogs/ buns used for both bait and food for 521.06. Definitely will do it again-lots of fun!
- Kayaking on the Delaware Trip was Sunday, Aug 16. Thank you to Tom for making the arrangements and acting as the guide. Four Participants. We will definitely go again-many smallmouth bass caught.
- Lake Committee voted and agreed to subsidize the cost of the Fish Survey. The plan is to conduct it this year so we can use the data for future year stocking. It needs to be a motion for the September Board Meeting.

4. Other Events
   - Fishing Club Members only Fly fishing lessons with Tom G. date TBD for 2027. There isn't enough light after work.
5. 2027 Potential Club Activities
   - Party boat on Lake Hopatcong
   - Kayak on the Delaware
   - Deep Sea Fishing
6. Lake Updates
7. Other topics

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes written by Lauren Bianchi

The next meeting is: September 24, 2026

WML Fishing Club Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Attendees:

Benjamin Peretto
Dave Kudelko
Frank Bianchi
Jeff Wadleigh
John D
Lauren Bianchi
Marty Sweinhart
Michael Lynch

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. in person in the White Meadow Lake Trophy Room.

1. Aug 2026 Minutes approved WITH ONE CHANGE: "**Night Catfish Contest Date** on **August 8.** 5 participants. **Winner was Dave Kudelko with a 20.5" Channel Catfish.** Bianchi reimbursed for hot dogs/ buns used for both bait and food **FROM BUDGET LINE** 521.06.".
2. Old Business:
    - No response from the Board regarding cash tournament approval.
    - WhiteMeadowLakeopoly-No Updates
    - Official WML Fishing Club page under construction.
3. Fishing Club Updates and information
    - Meetings are on the last Thursday of the month at 8 pm. **Next meeting is October 29.**
    - IMPORTANT DATES- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**
        - September 17- Cub Scout Casting Class postponed to October 10 on clubhouse lawn from 11:45-12:45.
        - Stocking moved to September 27 with arrival between 10-10:30 am at F Dock Boat Ramp. Combined Stocking.

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1,000	Golden Shiners	522.17

        - September 20-Ray Shanihan Bass Contest rescheduled due to rain. Several dates will be provided via the Fishing Club Chat group to select from.

- October 10—10-11:30-Lure making Beach 3 Pavillion (then cub scout casting class from 11:45-12:45 pm on the Clubhouse Lawn)
- October 11-12 pm-2nd Annual Meeting-Budget Make sure you come out and Vote! 12 pm meeting starts
- Nov 2-Last Day to remove boats

- Board approved the Fish Survey and contract was signed. Schedule is TBD-3 days in October or November. Will contact Space Farms to see if they are interested in picking up the carp to feed their animals.

4. Other Events
    - Fishing Club Members only Fly fishing lessons with Tom G. date TBD for Spring 2027.
    - Spring 2027-Party Boat on Lake Hopatcong-"Rippin' Lips". John D to arrange. 22 ft pontoon for 3 hrs-$450.
    - Kayak on the Delaware Kayak on the Delaware-Tom G to arrange in Spring 2027
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5. 2027/ 2028 Potential Club Activities
    - Deep Sea Fishing
6. Lake Updates
7. Other topics
    - Suggest to pick 1 or 2 contests next year and make it a 2 day tournament.
    - Bass Pro Shops opening in Sayreville, NJ-supposedly the largest single level Bass Pro store in the USA. Maybe a Fishing Club Field Trip!

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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The next meeting is: Thursday, October 29, 2026