

Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

8:00 AM | The Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center

Call to order: Forrest Schraufnagel, Vice President - Forrest called the meeting to order at 8:00.

Introductions: Each person will introduce themselves and what business they're representing

Treasurer's Report: Mark Olson, Treasurer - Mark shared the financial report.

Executive Board Report: Michelle Martin, Secretary - Michelle reviewed the minutes from yesterday's board meeting.

Old Business:

- Chamber Connections Events:
 - July 14 - Tim Reedy State Farm - Celebrating 20 year anniversary in Spooner from 11-1; come for brats and hot dogs!
 - August 17 - WI Canoe Heritage Museum
 - September TBD - Railhouse Junction
 - December TBD - The Dock Coffee
- Text Message Communication Program - Sign up via the attendance sheet or email info@spoonerchamber.org to participate in the text reminder program.
- Spooner Semiquincentennial Update - Reading of Declaration of Independence at 5 pm tonight at Railroad Park (Front Street, under the arch); October 17 will be the Liberty Ball (all funds raised will go to Spooner PD, Spooner Library, SAYHA and Spooner Fire Department); Meeting coming up at the end of the month (7/31 at 5 pm)

New Business:

- Welcome New Members: Inter-County Cooperative Publishing Association

Committee Reports:

- Marketing Committee (Kelsy) - Marketing committee met last week and worked on website.
- Membership Committee (Bryanna & Lisa B.) - Membership committee met last month and discussed ways to recognize board and staff, discussed first dollar visits and chamber connections events. Beginning next year, there will be a sign-up form for chamber connections.

Upcoming Events:

- Jack Pine Savage Days (August 7-8, 2026) - Downtown shopping, music, etc. Great event so be sure to check it out!
- Jack O' Lantern Festival (October 9-10, 2026) - Pumpkins have been lined up for carving and pumpkin roll; Friday will be more adult-themed and Saturday will be geared towards families
- Ladies Night (November 23, 2026)

Other Business:

- First Dollar Visits: If you know of any new businesses or businesses that have changed hands, please let Bryanna & Lisa know so they can schedule a First Dollar Visit. They do not need to be chamber members to qualify for a First Dollar Visit.

Member Updates:

- Spooner Health - Health Screening Week is August 3-8 (Free cholesterol profile, blood glucose, blood pressure and pulse ox check); WashCo Bike Fest is Sunday, July 19 - Spooner Health giving away bike helmets from 1-2:30, or until supplies last, at Spooner City Park.
- Spooner Advocate - Staff are there even though the front is locked, feel free to come through the back or call.
- Railhouse Junction - Asked about location of farmers' market and fireworks. Discussion was had on why those two events aren't located downtown.
- Lakeland FRC - Duck Race fundraiser is Jack Pine weekend - buy tickets online or from Lakeland - looking for more sponsors for prizes; Parent education workshop coming up on child development in July.
- Neighbor to Neighbor - Starting a cash raffle this Friday, fundraiser for seniors and adults w/ disabilities - get your tickets from board members or stop by Neighbor to Neighbor; Supper Club is back at Hunt Hill this fall
- City of Spooner - Pickleball court blacktop was installed and should be painted soon.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:32 am.

2026 GENERAL MEETINGS:

January 7 – Classrooms A&B

February 4 – Classrooms A&B

March 4 – Classrooms A&B

*April 8 – Classrooms A&B (Changed due to Spring Break for Spooner)

May 6 – Classrooms A&B

June 3 – Classrooms A&B

July 8 – Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center

August 5 – Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center

September 2 – Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center

October 7 – Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center

November 4 – Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center

December 2 – Depot Room at Spooner Civic Center