

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
April 14, 2008

Dave Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. in Lexington, SC. The meeting began with a prayer by Ralph Crafton.

Dave extended our well wishes to both Ralph Crafton and Lee Barber for a fast recovery from their surgical procedures. There was relief they had not been in an altercation.

The minutes had been approved and posted on the Web site. Pat requested and reminded all to write back their approval or changes once they receive the minutes.

Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report. We spent \$1703.11. We collected \$625.00 in dues and earned \$700.64 this past month. The over-all net worth is \$21,025.60.

- After Tom suggested we buy the \$24.75 in knives, it was suggested we write it off or give the knives as gifts. No definite action took place.
- It was noted that several board members owed their dues to Tom.
- Unusual money spent for rent on our storage facility and PO Box plus money for tickets for the Tour of Homes.

The treasurer's report was seconded and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

LMA Position on Jim Ruane Model: Roy Parker

Refresher on Background: Jim Ruane, employed by SCE&G and Kleinschmidt, has been brought in as an "expert" on scouring Lake Murray. His proposition is that the water quality of Lake Murray 'may be' improved by periodic winter draw down to the 350 ft. msl to increase sediment scouring in the vicinity of water inflows feeding the lake. His *hope* is to elevate levels of dissolved oxygen to reduce the incident of fish kills. His suggestions are *theoretical* and not based on *any* collected data from Lake Murray or a lake of equal size. Jim Ruane's information is based on a reservoir- not a large lake and that this is quite a difference. In our opinion he has no data to support his observations and theories.

Roy contacted John Haines, Limnologist & aquatic specialist @ Clemson to discuss Ruane's model. He forwarded the website to John and they will meet to discuss. Once his position is noted, Roy will make a decision on how to proceed at this time.

Projector Purchase: Dave Landis

Mike Kletter has offered to lend his projector when needed and will have it at the Lexington Meeting for use. This kind offer will save us the money at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tour of Homes: Ginny Landis

The Tour is scheduled for May 17th from 9:00-6:00 pm. It will be run out of Stan Jones's Lighthouse Marina. To date, there are four homes secured: Peppy Rivera on Tapps Road and Jim and Margaret Morris on Salem Church Road and Gene Brantley on Shuler Road and Dr.s Burpee/ Bassinger on Jones Road. In the spirit of the Tour these homes show a love of lake living.

- April 16th will be a Tour Guide meeting at Lisa Field's House. *Lisa is donating the snacks for all ticket holders this year. These will be served at 2 different homes.
- April 26th, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. At the Lake Murray Marina will be the Shake Down Cruise on the Southern Patriot. They will include the tour guides, boat captains, Sea Cadet Leaders, homeowners and other helpers on TOH. Please advise if you are going, as numbers are limited.
- Sea Cadet Tour will be held later to show them the needed procedures at assigned homes.
- Russ Jernigan will pick up lunches organized by Lisa Field (subject for approval) and distribute them.
- Gretchen and Rachael Parker will be displaying their artwork for sale the day of the event.
- Publicity will include all print media, TV, Radio, flyers and LMA website plus an LMA email to all members.
- Ralph Crafton is selling tickets. He has sold 62 of the 400 available. He will screen whether or not they are members and the results may encourage us to offer reduced price to members in the future. He will also encourage joining at this time.
- Boat Captains: This is being organized by Rich Kidder and Don Pertl. They need 22 pontoons and drivers and have secured 15 to date. If anyone knows someone who can help, please call Rich (803-892-6539) or Don Pertl (803-781-2077) if you can help. *Ed Thomas will contact a couple boat dealers (Klepper) to see if they will donate a boat/driver for the day.
- *Bobby Lavisky will be asked to have the Fast Boat there for the day, should help be needed quickly.
- Tour Guides for the homes are still needed. If anyone wants to help, please call Ginny Landis (803-957-8744).
- Ginny Landis will be taking pictures of the event.

LAKE KEOWEE: Rich Kidder

The Meeting to learn how this FOLKS association makes money is Wednesday-they will be going in a van together and will return by 6:00 that same day. A motion was presented by Tom Ruple to approve the money for the van rental and lunch. It was

second and approved unanimously. Ken Fox, Bob Keener, Dave Landis, Joy Downs, Roy Parker and Rich Kidder will be attending.

4H2O PROGRAM: Rich Kidder

This is a kid's program that is scheduled for the 2nd week of June. Rich asked for (2) pontoons to help with the classroom on the 9th and the 11th. Dave Landis and Lee Barber have volunteered with Stan Jones as a back up for a pontoon. Rich will be taking pictures.

Lexington Meeting, April 22 @ Lexington High School. Dave Landis

Our speakers will be:

- Holly Jones, from the Zoo, who will present a program on reptiles using live reptiles, power point presentation and discussion. She will use the projector from Mike Kletter.
- Mike Massey from the Lake Hartwell Association. He has concerns over protecting our "water" now and in the future. He will be discussing (2) Bills in Congress- part of the SC Statewide Management Act (H4393). These are in regard to surface water and Inter Basin Transfer. There are disputes in the Charlotte area now and some contention with GA about water rights. The goal is to consolidate all areas of this issue in one place so that there is one central person in charge to deal with any issue. This would allow control and protection for SC. One person would allow resolution of issues more easily. There are too many loopholes in the bill, i.e. if the amount of water involved in a dispute is less than 3 million cfm it goes under the radar and loss of water can escalate without any warning bells. *We all need to pay close attention to water rights or we may lose our water to Industry in other states.
 - *We will be inviting our senators and representatives to be present. Nathan Ballentine, Ronnie Cromer, Chip Huggins, Jake E. Knott's, Joe Wilson, James Mettze, plus the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.
- Publicity: flyers are ready for Board Members to distribute. Kay Gordon has notified the print media. Lexington has a cable line that provides information on upcoming events- will ask that someone contact them with the information on all upcoming programs and events.

SCE&G QUARTERLY MEETING: Joy Downs/ Dave Landis

Concern is building about the power and influence of ESWN in diverting power and control of the lake to be dictated by the downstream conglomerate. They have lobbyists and lawyers on board to control the flow of the water from Lake Murray to meet the "needs" of the Congaree (swamp) National Park. They ultimately want the run of the river. *The Broad River provides 70-75% of the flow, not Lake Murray. This leaves 25% of the Lakes water influencing the river. The group has no historical data that will determine what "normal" flow is to help the Cyprus trees grow or to have a specific flow when they want it to be there. Nature, weather and other factors influence the water flow, not just this group. There is a meeting on the 21st to hear what they have in mind.

- Lake Murray Association will prepare a statement that will show statistics that state the numbers that are affected/ influenced by Lake Murray compared to the

numbers involved in anything downstream. There are 50,000 docks, several recreation areas, wildlife preserved areas and islands used for camping and families, as well as businesses around the lake that stimulate the economy that should be of prime concern to FERC.

PERSON OF THE YEAR: Miriam Atria of Lake Murray Country

Miriam Atria has been selected as the LMA Person of the Year for 2008. She will be the first woman recognized. Miriam was instrumental in getting money for the Power Squadron to put in the reference lights, organizing the annual July 4th fireworks on the lake and other noteworthy accomplishments that will be highlighted at the Lexington Meeting on April 22nd. Our Congratulations to Miriam and thanks for all she has done for Lake Murray and those who love the lake.

- Miriam did express a concern over the cut in her ½ million dollar budget this year and is hopeful she can get the money she needs to continue her work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Bill East

Bill presented a slate of proposed officers to be accepted individually:

Dave Landis- President

Ed Thomas- 1st Vice President

Tom Ruple- Treasurer

Joy Downs – Corporate Secretary

Pat Wendling- Recording Secretary

- It was also noted that Ken Fox did an outstanding job as 1st Vice President last year. Ken filled in as President on many occasions as Dave Landis dealt with family issues. His efforts and diligence have been appreciated.
- Mike Murrell was 2nd Vice President and also did an outstanding job in serving in this position. No job was too big or too small and Mike always came up with creative ways to accomplish any task. His efforts and service are appreciated.
- A resounding Hip-Hip- Hurray was given to both men! You are both wonderful additions to LMA.

BALLOT: New Board Members Bill East

Bill further noted that the ballots had been collected from the Newsletter and all were voted by the membership. New members are Jim Valek and Del Jenkins. There are also 6 current Board Members who have been approved to stay on the board: Joy Downs, Ken Fox, Don Tyler, Roy Parker, Dave Landis and Lee Barber. Congratulations and welcome to all!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker

Basically discussed this in New Business.

Government: Joy Downs

- Joy advised that there are several protected areas around the lake. The areas are called ESA (Environmentally Sensitive Areas). There had been a moratorium on one area where they had seen wood storks, which are protected animals. After 2

years of investigations, they noted that the wood storks have left the area. SCE&G has requested from the FERC that this area be returned to the category of “future development”. It is available for comment.

Publicity: Bob Keener for Kay Gordon

- Kay is ill. Bob reported in her absence that she has advised all print media of a calendar of events thru June. She is working diligently from home. Our thoughts and prayers go to Kay during her battle with infection.

Membership: Tom Ruple for Kemble Oliver/ Ed Colie

- Tom Ruple advised that he would be sending out about 130 members to receive notice of money due. He has received 30-40 memberships for March.

Newsletter: Bob Keener

Hearty congratulations were given to Bob for the excellent Newsletter this past quarter. Many felt the diversity was good; that it read easily. Many compliments were given to Jay for the chart that was included in the newsletter. (Kudos to Jay!)

- Bob received an over-abundance of articles that he will use in the next newsletter. He even had to reduce the font to get everything included.
- He encourages pictures. Articles are due May 30th for the next newsletter.
- It may be large due to the Tour of Homes pictures.

Nominating: Aleda Anderson/ Bill East

Already discussed.

Safety: Ed Colie/ Jay Schabacker

Jay posted his chart and noted that the lake level of 358.7 is a first at this time of year. He will update his chart and frame it for later use. He mentioned that there is a new warning system being devised for the Lower Saluda. There are more sirens and strobe lights to advise people to move out of the water. The downstream warnings have always been a part of the safety area of the license.

- Lee Barber asked that there be a regular Safety Meeting to discuss lake safety with DNR, Deputy Sheriffs, Power Squadron etc. This safety meeting had been initially discussed as being inside the FERC license. It now has been placed outside the license.

Special Events: Ken Fox

*Reminder that more pontoons and drivers are needed for Tour of Homes.

Ladies Day on the Lake is June 17th. Ladies Day is for women only (☺) and teaches them to back a trailer, launch a boat, drive a boat, safety issues and to drive a SeaDo all with lunch included. This event fills up fast and is limited. There are 5 registered to date.

Projects: Ken Fox

. No report.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby/ Mike Kletter

10,868 hits to the website this past month. This is an all time high and the areas of interest were the lake level, Ladies Day and Tour of Homes. Dave Landis would like to know if they would be meeting with the Webmaster in his lifetime...☺

- **Additional Comments:**
- Bob Keener suggested that the price of TOH be raised \$5 next year and that we offer a \$5 discount to members.
- Lee Barber expressed concern that the focus on safety and other issues in re-licensing seem to be concentrated on the Lower Saluda of late. There are many accidents and safety concerns on the lake that are not being addressed. It was stated that the purpose of the Dam was not to create the run of the river. Mention was made that Lake Murray provides a great benefit to the state and local economy and that the needs of lake users should not pale in comparison to those downstream.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm with thoughts of finding more tour guides, more pontoon boats and help for the Tour of Homes, advising the public of the benefits and advantages gained by Lake Murray and its users, praying that the rain will continue over the summer and as always we continue to work for our members. We continue to build our membership and awareness of all that concerns Lake Murray.

Thanks and good-bye.