

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – January 9, 2006

Opening Remarks – Bill East introduced his guest, Charles Floyd who has a science background and is active in the Night Harbor Homeowner's Association. His wife is active in the Homeowner's Coalition. LMA shares many of their concerns and welcomed Charles' comments. November minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Paradise Cove – Lee Barber, Joy Downs

LMA sent a letter to DHEC listing documentation that marinas can and often do have a negative impact on water quality. The issue of water quality is one they can act upon if proper evidence is presented. The Corp of Engineers has denied further hearing on this topic. SCE&G is not part of the approval process. There are now 5 new similar developer- projects on the drawing board. * A copy of the letter to DHEC is attached.

501-C (Non Profit) Status – Bill East

The change in status offers numerous opportunities. Those opportunities need to be identified and developed to contribute to the growth and future of LMA. Joy Downs reported that \$600.00 in donations has already been received. Dues paid after March 10, 2005 are tax deductible. Membership applications will include this information.

The Board of Directors recognized Bill's extensive efforts over a long period of time to achieve our new status.

Surveys – Joy Downs

About 1500 surveys have been tabulated to date out of approximately 3000 distributed. The Board is reminded to either complete the distribution of any blank surveys they have left (there is no cut-off date) or turn them in for use by others and for distribution at the Boat Shows.

NEW BUSINESS

SCE&G Public Re-licensing Meeting- Joy Downs

The next quarterly meeting for the general public is January 12 at Saluda Shoals. Anyone may attend either of the two meetings scheduled for 10AM and 7PM. Anyone who has not attended previous meetings is encouraged to do so.

Boat Shows –Bobby Lavisky, Dave Landis

Booth workers are reminded to be familiar with the information outlined on the "Talking Points" outline. The scheduling of manpower for both boat shows has gone very well so far. Some time slots have not yet been filled. Bobby Lavisky reviewed the current openings and will update the Board via E-mail as needed. Any Board member having LMA signs, banners, displays or handouts from previous events (or knowing the whereabouts of same) is encouraged to contact Dave Landis. Clipboards and pencils will be available at our booths for visitors who will take time to fill out applications and surveys. LMA logo pens will be provided for distribution to visitors AFTER they have filled out surveys or listened to a few of our "talking points". Booth workers are asked to be early for their shifts and to bring a "smile" and their name tag. **This is our biggest opportunity to "meet the people" who should be the most interested in the future of Lake Murray.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental – Roy Parker

An update on the status of water quality monitoring was presented. Preliminary contacts with certified laboratories have been made and preliminary costs have been discussed with vendors. Pres. Lee Barber encouraged this committee to put together a plan to proceed for review by the executive committee and presentation to the Board at the February meeting. DNR was contacted regarding duck carcasses and trash dumped from the bridge near Wise Ferry and Beechcreek.

Gov't Liaison – Joy Downs

FERC has extended the deadline for SCE&G's Shoreline Mgmt. Plan to June 28, 2008.

LMA's position on the 75 ft buffer is that it should not be publicized as being "public" land.

Research Conservation Groups (RCGs) are continuing their activity with meetings for the 7 groups scheduled over the next several weeks.

Publicity - Ed Schnepal

Current activities include our participation in boat shows and our status as a 501-C corporation.

Advertising plans for the February 21 LMA public meeting in Saluda County were reviewed. Newberry County media will be included in meeting publicity.

The Board acknowledged Ed's efforts publicizing the Newberry meeting citing the extensive coverage it received from media and the resulting record turnout. Thanks again, ED.

A previous suggestion to research possible Chamber of Commerce membership(s) by LMA is outside our resources. However, other opportunities may exist for our mutual benefits.

Membership – Pat Wendling

Contact is being made with former members who have let their memberships expire. There will be some Boat Show "specials" LMA will publicize at our booth. Review this information as you begin your shift.

Newsletter – Bob Keener

Next Newsletter in March; E-mail on articles due will be sent on schedule.

Nominating – Russ Jernigan

Six terms expire in April. Those Directors need to contact the Chairman regarding their plans to continue.

Safety – Bill Mathias

Next RCG meeting on safety is Jan. 10th.

Projects – Ken Fox

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Next Board Meeting - February 13.

LMA Saluda County Public Meeting – February 21 (All Directors are encouraged to attend.)

Minutes by Mike Murrell, Secretary