

**LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2008**

Dave Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Lexington, SC. The meeting began with a prayer by Ralph Crafton.

The minutes had been approved and posted on the Web site.

Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report. We spent \$2241.43 (-\$1117.77) We collected \$970.00 in dues and earned \$1123.66 this past month.

- A question was asked about the \$90.00 ticket expense for the boat show. This was for tickets to give volunteers who are working the booth. We bought 30 tickets @ \$3.00 each.
- It was further noted that the \$744.29 for the Lake-Link mailing is in line with what spent in the past. In the past, we had to do a lot of work and this was done for us. It seems to be a wise investment.

The treasurer's report was approved and second.

OLD BUSINESS:

Web-Site Mike Kletter: Mike has requested the original artwork for the LMA Logo- Tom will send him what he has. Discussion ensued on the video Mike created for the Boat Show. He will be bringing his 32" TV to use at the Boat Show. He will be there on Thursday to help set up.

Newberry Meeting: Dave Landis

All felt that there was good attendance. Due in part to Lee Barber going on the WKBK 1240 Radio Station to advertise the meeting. Speakers included BioGator, Stan Jones and SCE&G.

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Show-January 17-20: Dave Landis

This is an event LMA participates in to publicize who we are and to recruit new memberships. The expectation is for all Board Members work the show. Bobby has sent the sign up sheet out. Dave recruited help for areas short of workers. A badge or ticket was given to those working the show.

- The slide show Mike K. created will be used. Those setting up will meet at 2:00 on Thursday. Request for a DVD player- after much discussion, Mike K. will purchase one for \$30 from Radio Shack.
- Dress should be business casual- encouraging Red, White or Blue colors to be uniform.
- (2) Folding chairs have been purchased by Tom for the booth. Dave will also bring a couple of folding chairs to have on site.

- The Board approved the purchase of a life vest (\$150 max) to give as a door prize. Ken Fox will buy it. It was suggested we use a mannequin to display the vest...Dave will see if he can get one. Those who sign up or renew membership will be eligible to win the Life Vest.
- The focus will be to inform the public about LMA and to get new or renewed memberships. *We will have a roster available to determine if dues are owed. We can take Credit Cards (Visa, MasterCard). We will use the Old Lake-Links with the membership form on it to give to those who want to think about it.
- Suggestion made to put signs about LMA in booths with Boat Dealers. Stan Jones will have LMA information in the Marina booth.
- Thought given to have the Boat Dealers give a membership for 6-months free to those who purchase a boat to then encourage them to continue as paying members. This membership would be coded. This same practice may be extended to Real Estate Agents for homes sold on the lake.

Saluda Meeting, February 19, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Hollywood Ruritan Club:

Dave Landis

Speakers will be BioGator and working on acquiring LMA members to speak on Water Testing Program, the upcoming Tour of Homes and Re-Licensing information. We will run the LMA video using a 19" TV at this meeting.

Tour of Homes: This is being co-chaired by Ginny Landis and Lisa Fields. The date is May 17th. Discussion on homes to be used or pursued: 1) Carollette Turner needs to be confirmed; 2) Saliby home being pursued; 3) Swayze home. and 4) another special home will be pursued. Talk of approaching the Home-Wrecker House Boat owners to see if there is interest. If there is interest to then pursue the logistics of using it. They goal is to have 4 homes on tour.

- Concern mentioned that we make it clear that there is a lot of walking and steps to contend with when advertising the tour. Last year they had wheelchairs and older people who were unable to make the tour...or would have to rest first and then wanted to take the tour and they held up the groups.

Mapping Project: Kemble Oliver

Kemble asked to give information on a possible speaker. Bill Blythe (GPS Director) has organized an informal group of scuba divers to collect an historic survey of the bottom of Lake Murray. They are collecting photos and pinpointing homes, graves and discoveries of what is on the bottom of Lake Murray. Kemble will email all the information to learn more about them. It was suggested that once the information is evaluated perhaps we could provide a link to them on our website.

Quarterly Re-Licensing Meeting 10:00 am and 7:00 pm @ Saluda Shoals

Environmental Building on Thursday Jan. 17th: Dave Landis/ Ken Fox

This meeting is to provide an update to the process of the Re-Licensing of the Lake. All are encouraged to go to make sure you are aware of what has been sent in the 1st draft of

the application. Ken Fox stressed the importance for all to make the effort to go so he won't be mad and disappointed in the attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker

Roy has applied for 10 Wood Duck boxes from the Governor's Office. Though the request was not confirmed Roy feels that the request will be honored. They should be available in February.

Bill East had sent a note reminding the Board that LMA had influenced the use of Grass carp in the lake in March of 2003. He noted that the last report taken by SCE&G (Cindy Alback) shows there is NO more Hydrilla in Lake Murray. The carp have reach about 20-30 lbs and do not eat all of their weight each day any longer, but still do a good job on the 48,000 acres in the lake. They have efficiently taken care of the Hydrilla that had caused such a problem in the lake for everyone.

Government: Joy Downs

Joy discussed a question regarding the LMA positions taken on issues in the re-licensing.

- LMA is very clear and firm on 354' being the lowest level in any year.
- LMA is committed to keep good water quality in the lake and we are involved in testing.
- Concern is a "last minute" model presented by Jimmy Ruain, who is recognized as an expert, coming in with a model to improve water quality. This requires the pushing of sediment from the upper level of the lake where the phosphorous levels are high. This would require lowering the lake every two years. We need a rebuttal expert and have no time to secure the expert. Many feel this is an unfair addition at the 11th hour and should not be entered into the application without further study.
- There is also a group who wants to use 50% of the 110 miles of underdeveloped land for recreation. In the process there has been value given to different area around the lake. LMA unsure of their feelings on this request.

Publicity: Kay Gordon

Kay will write a news release for the Saluda Meeting. This will be sent to the local papers with directions and details. Ken Fox will deliver this to Saluda paper. She will help create a flyer for the Tour of Homes with both Ginny and Lisa. This may be available at the Boat Show?

Membership: Kemble Oliver/ Ed Colie

Kemble has created four (4) templates to use for membership applications. He can send those to everyone so they will have immediate access to print off an application. These include a pre-printed envelope. These will be sent to Tom for approval. This is a wonderful addition to our tools for recruiting!

Newsletter: Bob Keener

Bob has requested that we have a confirmed date with Lexington High School for the April Meeting. This next newsletter will include a list of new members and a slate of officers.

In February, Bob will have a roster of articles due to him. He felt the printer did a good job on getting the Lake Link out last time.

Bob encourages anyone to submit an article of interest to him with pictures if possible.

Nominating: Aleda Anderson/ Bill East

Six (6) Director's terms will expire. Aleda asks for them to advise of their intent to run again and asks for any names of interested parties who would like to be on the Board.

These names need to be to her or Bill East by January 25th.

Safety: Ed Colie/ Jay Schabacher

Jay had written an article on speeding and speed limits for the Lake Linc to draw attention to this issue. Jay had two responses to his article on speeding. The response was sent to Jake Knotts and Jake responded that he would work to establish responsible speed limits on the lake. Jay requests that Board Members send their positions to him in writing.

* He had advised that several lakes have already imposed this regulation.

Special Events: Mike Murrell

Refers to discussion on Boat Show.

Projects: Ken Fox

Ken will be replacing six windsocks. They last 14-15 months on average. The #1 windsock was by the dam and he needs to work out the logistics with Tommy Boozer. #5 was on a site that is now private property. We need to find a site in that area to have a windsock.

Ken is also working on the Osprey Metal Platforms. He has installed seven this year.

1. (2) @ Hollow Creek
2. Timerlake
3. Plantation Point
4. Holly Key
5. Lake Murray Marina
6. Salem Church

Ken states we are ahead of schedule on the installation of Osprey Nests. Ken does a great job of following and maintaining both the windsocks and the Osprey Nests.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby/ Mike Kletter

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm with thoughts of meeting at the Boat Show this weekend. As always we continue to work for our members and are always looking for both new board members and new members to join LMA.