

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2007

Dave Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on a stormy night in SC. The meeting began by noting a ray of sunshine inside the Board Room as Curtis Hipp was welcomed back after a prolonged illness.

Dave Landis welcomed everyone and introduced an observer in attendance, Mike Kletter, formerly from NY. Mike is semi-retired from his partnership with a NY pharmaceutical Health Care Video Co. He is a strong proponent of the interests of caring for Lake Murray and is considering becoming part of the Board of Directors.

Pat Wendling noted the minutes had been approved and posted to the Web.

Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report as our funds are increasing nicely. Highlights were \$130 in donations, \$3907.74 in income.

OLD BUSINESS:

Golf Tournament: Ralph Crafton, David Kinard, and Louise Love

The First Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for September 17th was discussed. There will be a two-sided flyer included in the Lake Link. One side will have a letter about LMA and the tournament; the other side will include a registration form. There will be extra 300 flyers available after the Lake Link printing. This information will continue to be fine-tuned as we approach the tournament date. It has been suggested that we be clear that LMA has 501 C3 status.

- The Registration form includes a place to list a Handicap so that the teams can be flighted and equalized to allow more winners.

The committee is developing a plan of action which includes: getting donations from businesses, to get sponsors, to get teams signed up to play and to get company sponsored teams signed up to play. A suggestion was made to have a training meeting ½ hour early to give details to anyone interested in helping with the golf tournament.

- Ed Thomas has a Car that will be donated for a Hole in one and is working on getting a Boat donated.

The Format of the tournament allows several signs to be placed on the Tee Box and the Greens.

Tour of Homes Report: Dave Landis

The Tour was a great success and thanks and appreciation was expressed to all who participated in the event.

4-H2O Report: Rich Kidder

LMA teams up with DHEC to present a program to 19 kids, ages 10-12 years of age to prepare them to be the future stewards of Lake Murray. They learn some history of Lake Murray; receive information on water pollution and safety issues; they swim, fish and ride on pontoons for 5 full days. The overall summary of the program was that both the kids and adults had a blast.

- Shakespeare provided fishing rods for them to use and then allowed them to keep them at the end of that day.

- On an inclement day they went to Goat Island and discovered Red Clay is great for decorating their bodies...creativity at its best.
- DNR was unable to demonstrate electroshock fishing this year that would allow them to do a species count as their boat was disabled.
- Bob Keener, Ken Fox, Mike Murrell and Rich Kidder were the lead adults for this program. Thanks to each for their dedication and time to make this a success.

Orientation: Dave Landis

Scheduling an orientation to new Board of Directors is paramount to provide structure, background and to clarify the goals of LMA. An email will be sent out to pick a day and time for this important event.

NEW BUSINESS

Person of the Year: Dave Landis

LMA encourages recognition of a Person of the Year. This person should be an ambassador and demonstrate a positive contribution to Lake Murray in some facet. It can be either a paid or volunteer position, but “going the extra mile” is the important factor. Two names have been brought before the Board for consideration. Other names are welcomed and encouraged but they should be accompanied with a bio describing the reason for that choice

Membership Chair: Dave Landis

Dave announced that Kemble Oliver has agreed to chair the Membership Committee. He will receive training from Pat Wendling ASAP. Sharon Miles, Ed Colie, Aleda Anderson will be on his committee. They will determine how they want to help the membership grow.

Ladies Day: Ken Fox

Ladies Day on the Lake is a hands-on program specifically for women. It will be held at Lighthouse Marina on Thursday, June 14th. The goal is to teach women several skills: how to back a boat trailer and put the boat in the water, how to drive and dock a boat, how to safely operate and ride a Sea Do, gather information on equipment and safety issues connected with boating. Mike Murrell is getting the lunches- Ken is asking for any other help that can be available that day.

The course is full with 32 confirmed participants. They will be divided into (4) groups and will complete each group by days end with a lunch provided in the middle.

- DNR provides 9-10 officers from around the state to teach backing trailers, docking boats and driving boats.
- Power Sports brings (4) Sea Dos and teaches how to ride and safely operate this equipment.
- Elaine Price, Vice Commander of the Power Squadron and Allison Rosenberg will have lessons on safety issues on equipment and operations.
- It has been suggested that we find a way to host two (2) of these programs next year- the concern is securing DNR officers.

September Meeting Site: Joy Downs/ Bill East

Complaints and dissatisfaction with Irmo Elementary has prompted a search for a new site for the September Meeting for the Irmo side of the lake. All are open for suggestions with the goal to have a site to use for the long term that can accommodate 200 or more people, have good

acoustics, use of sound and projections, use of the foyer for a membership table and rented at a reasonable price with minimal work.

Goat Island Clean-Up/ Beach Sweep: Joy Downs/ Bill East

Following up on a suggestion to have a Clean-up day sponsored by LMA resulted in a suggestion to clean up the mess on Goat Island. The over-all idea is to have an official platform encompassing a broad scope program to include as many lake users as possible in a general lake clean up program.

- Discussion included concern for going on private property for a clean-up program.
- Suggestions to have several groups choose an area to clean up on a specific day to tie in with our concern over water quality and a clean, safe environment.
- Questions on what laws are involved in this decision and are there guidelines established.
- Final conclusion was to have the Executive Board explore this idea and to make further decisions that may result in an Ad Hoc Committee to work out the details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker

May 9th was the first water sample taken this year. It followed a dry period and the results on fecal coliform and ecoli showed none or low readings. Phosphorous was high in (3) coves at the upper end of the lake in agricultural areas. These were not as high as last year.

The next sample will be taken this week, after a rainfall. Bottles, labels and chain of custody forms are to be picked up from Roy before leaving the meeting.

Jay asked if it would be possible to test water in the Public Beach area, as there are cows nearby who go into the lake on a regular basis. No decision or motion was made on this request.

Government: Joy Downs

House Bill H4023 that wants to limit the number of fish stocked in Lake Murray has been stopped for this year. You may read about it on a link on our website.

- Bob Keener mentioned that Daisy Harmon will print information regarding LMA and the lake in "The Chronicle".

Publicity: Chuck Wimberly

Publicity is doing such a great job that we see other organizations fighting for a piece of the spotlight. It has been decided to have a full court press with the media and to advertise everything that we do with pictures and catch phrases to let the public know who we are and that we have the interests of ALL lake users in our agenda.

- Pictures and write up on a follow-up to the Tour of Homes in the paper and on the website can help reaffirm the fun and support attained.
- 4H2O program needs to follow up with pictures and anecdotes from the kids helping all to see what they learned and that we are training future stewards of the lake. Make use of the Website as well as the local media.
- Ladies Day on the Lake is another opportunity to advertise LMA with pictures, anecdotes and activities on the Web and in the newspapers etc.
- Membership opportunities can be part of an ad that we run both on the Website and in the papers.

- Water Quality testing should have pictures- cute stories and results posted in various places.
- Promotion of the Beach/ Island Sweep, upcoming Golf Tournament, and any anecdotes and support for the SCG meetings would keep a positive spin on what is occurring.
- Explanations on why 354' minimum year round is a sound idea would help explain our goals with well thought out logic, backed with facts.
- Pictures and information on the Osprey Nests and number of Osprey around the lake is always of interest...may bring in information on the Duck Boxes and other wildlife seen around Lake Murray.
- We should have information in the news as often as possible so there is no confusion as to who we are, what we stand for and who we represent.

Membership: Kemble Oliver

Kemble and Ed proposed they would be working to tap into an untouched area for members.

Newsletter: Bob Keener

Bob reported that the Lake Link is at the printers and they will be finished this week. He is having 300 extra Golf Tournament flyers printed on Blue paper.

- He noted there are several outstanding contributions this time- Ken Fox has a survey of the Osprey Nests with pictures; Jay Schabacher has a full page article on Safety; Rich Kidder has an article on the history of the dam and Bill East has a gentle reminder of our 501C3 status and the need for contributions.
- Bob says there are more pictures this time, including one of our President, Dave Landis.
- Bob would like the Board to entertain the idea of adding another 4 pages to the Lake Link moving forward. There was agreement on the need, but no formal action was taken at this time.

Nominating: Bill East

Bill advised that come September, terms for 7 Board of Directors will expire. He will be calling each personally to encourage their serving another term. Aleda Anderson, Ralph Crafton, Russ Jernigan, Bobby Lavisky, Ed Schnepel, and Chuck Wimberly will be offered this option.

- All are encouraged to provide him with names of any interested, hard working people to serve on the Board. They must be a paid up member and willing to serve. Please advise your recommendations by August.

Safety: Jay Schabacher

Jay reported that there were zero mis-haps on the Tour of Homes, which is an excellent record. (Did have someone fall at the Murrell home.) He has created a chart tracking the water level in Lake Murray and is working up an article and will be working to formulate a graph.

Special Events: Mike Murrell No Report

Projects: Ken Fox

The first osprey nest ever put up has fallen. It was graced with a plaque "In Memory of Bobby Andrews". This platform and plaque need to be replaced. It was suggested that Joe Agnew be contacted to see if he has the plaque for Bobby Andrews. Ken will investigate and take the appropriate action.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby

Tom noted that the site is attracting a lot of Spam. Hits are still being received as well as requests for applications and mail.

Dave Landis reminded everyone that there will not be a Board of Directors Meeting in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Thank you and goodnight.