

**LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – March 13, 2006**

February Meeting Minutes and March Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.
V. P. Ken Fox called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS

USC Geography Class – Joy Downs

A geography class from USC sat in on a recent Research Conservation Group meeting held in conjunction with SCE&G's relicensing process. The possibility of this class assisting with LMA survey stats is being reviewed.

SELMS Meeting – Roy Parker

Roy reported on his attendance of the SouthEastern Lake Management meeting and emphasized what other groups who attended are concerned with; specifically maintaining interest and community involvement in their local environmental objectives and programs. Individuals met at the meeting will provide valuable resources for future information as LMA's water monitoring program gets underway.

Saluda Public Meeting- Dave Landis

Program was well received and featured Jim Landreth of SCE&G, Ken (Mr. Osprey) Fox and Roy Parker. Thanks again to our Publicity Chairman, Ed Schnepel for his part in assuring the success of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers Russ Jernigan

The following officers were elected: Dave Landis, President; Ken Fox, 1st V. P.; Joy Downs, Corporate Secretary; Mike Murrell Recording Secretary; Tom Ruple, Treasurer

Tour of Homes – Joy Downs

It's looking good for this year's tour to be held in Timberlake with cooperation with one or more realtors in featuring homes listed for sale. Don Tyler will check on availability and suitability of Timberlake facilities for our use and Ken Fox will check on Dreher Island as our "staging" area. At this time we are still without a Chairperson although the homes are being lined up by Joy

Coalition Stakeholders Meetings, TWCs, RCGs – Joy Downs

We have a concern that some groups want to publicize that buffers are "public" property. LMA has the position that buffers should not be available for public use and certainly not announce that they are available for public use..

Lexington High Meeting in April – Ken Fox

Water quality monitoring will be featured on the program. The entire Board of Directors is encouraged to be there for as much personal contact with the community as possible.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental – Roy Parker

Application has been made for 10 wood duck boxes from a special Governor's Program. A "grant" application has been made to WalMart for support of our water monitoring program. At some point the success and continuation of this program will depend upon our ability to qualify for grants and other monetary support. Input on the selection of coves to be monitored has been good from the public. Water sampling locations will be identified via GPS.

Membership – Pat Wendling

157 letters sent for membership renewals. It was agreed that LMA needs to update literature distributed to the public.

Newsletter – Bob Keener

The deadline for news stories in the next issue is March 24.

Safety – Bill Mathias

The RCG on Safety has concentrated their attention on the Lower Saluda downstream. Lexington County services to the public will answer calls from all 4 counties around Lake Murray. LMA has a number of issues and concerns which we will send by letter to the TWC on Safety.

Projects – Ken Fox

Ken plans to survey all 15 nests this summer and may need some help. New nests will be located at Holly Creek and Hollow Creek. Two additional nests will be placed next fall.

