

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
March 10, 2008

Dave Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. in Lexington, SC. The meeting began with a prayer by Ralph Crafton.

Pat Wendling introduced Jim Valek, a guest and interested potential Board Member. Pat Wendling has nominated Jim. He is married and has 3 children. Jim has lived in Columbia since 1965. He attended USC, worked in education and retired from education as an administrator from Irmo High School. He is presently a general manager of an erosion control company. He co-owns a house on the lake and may soon co-own a boat with one son. We welcome Jim and look forward to his active participation in LMA.

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

Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report. We spent \$1856.86. We collected \$340.00 in dues and earned \$401.70 this past month.

- A statement regarding the \$1000 expense was to renew our Trademark and Service Mark. This will be good for another 10 years.
- It was further noted that following the financial committees recommendation, we bought two CD's to let our money grow for us. We kept \$7661.19 in our checking account.
- It was mentioned that we would soon have to pay for our Liability Insurance.

The treasurer's report was seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Saluda Meeting Hollywood Ruritan Club Dave Landis

This was held on Tuesday, February 19th @ 7:00 pm at the Hollywood Ruritan Club. The meeting was well attended.

- The presentations by Stan Jones and Wallace Hubbard were excellent and well received.
- The Q&A by Jim Landreth, Bill and Randy was informative and well accepted. It was felt that several fears regarding the lake were put to rest. Jim had agreed that they would include our statement refuting Jim Ruane's findings in the Re-license.

Thanks to the many Board members who were in attendance.

NEW 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 winder 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. Ed Colie stated that 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 made two calls to garner input from other experts.

1. Dr. Wm. Hallar who has expertise in weed control and is out of the University of Florida. Dr. Hallar indicated that we would be better off letting the sediments and sledge form a delta. This is the natural progression.
2. Dr. John Haines is a Limnologist. His conversation advised that he felt there was no data to support that a draw down of 350 is better than leaving the lake at 354'

Discussion ensued:

- Roy Parker feels that having our statement in the re-licensing is good and that we may just want to take a wait and see attitude.
- Russ, Dave, Bob and others feel pretty strongly that we need to have a written statement from an expert included in the document because the end reader will be FERC. The feeling that we need to make a very strong, dynamic case against this proposition is our way to best support our members and all lake lovers who count on us to help maintain a higher lake level.
- Lee felt that there were leanings in SCE&G that encourage Ruane's draw down. Some note there are supportive feelings for a draw down in order to develop habitats for fish and to get rid of weeds without using the grass carp. He advised that Water Willow is a viable alternative to developing fish habitats around the lake. We could encourage the use of the Water Willow.
- Following discussion a unanimous vote was taken for Roy to approach these two gentlemen for a written statement. He is authorized to spend money but he is encouraged to first suggest they use this as a write-off with our 501C3 status.
*Ed Colie is willing to create a video and document our findings.

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.
- 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 cfs 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.

*Suggested we invite our senators and representatives to be present

and note our concerns.

TOUR OF HOMES: Ginny Landis

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

*They are seeking a 5-6000 Sq foot home to add to the tour, if possible. Louise and Dave will work on this and have confirmation by the end of next week.

- Ralph has already sold tickets but wants to offer the availability to tickets to members first before we go public.

WOODLEYS: Joy Downs "I have a dream..."

In an effort to educate people on how to landscape to prevent run-off and on how to use easement land, Woodleys was approached as a partner in this venture. They have expressed interest in helping to develop a model in connection with DHEC.

- Rebecca Haynes Spratlin is the new watershed Management director and has great interest in working on this project. DHEC now has grants available that may work to aid in developing areas that have impaired water. The Saluda watershed is in the spotlight. Our interest is in phosphorous, but there are grants working to eliminate fecal coliform...we need to take advantage of available money.
- Stan shows interest in getting a grant to supply "doggy bags" for marinas and public areas.

PROJECTOR PURCHASE: Dave Landis

Due to the number of times we have been in need of a projector, the suggestion was raised for LMA to purchase our own projector.

- Mike Kletter will advise the type of projector he feels we need.
- Aleda will then see if District Five will allow us to purchase this projector with their discount. Kemble will also explore a source for pricing.
- It was moved and unanimously approved to spend up to \$1000 for a projector to be purchased and received before the April 22 meeting at Lexington High School.

BALLOT: Aleda Anderson

The next Newsletter will contain a Ballot for Board of Directors. We have two new members Jim Valek and Del Jenkins running. There are also 6 current Board Members who are willing to run again: Joy Downs, Ken Fox, Don Tyler, Roy Parker, Dave Landis and Lee Barber. All 8 candidates will be on the ballot to be voted on by the membership. Aleda moved that we accept the ballot as proposed. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker

Basically discussed this in New Business.

Government: Joy Downs- Lake Levels

- Joy advised the lake is at 357.27 and hopes that Bill A. of SCE&G will not think of letting the water out. More rain is expected this week. We are in good shape for the spring. There was concern regarding a spike last week. They said it was due to a tornado sighting.
- Greenwood is letting out water.

Publicity: Kay Gordon

Kay reminded us of the news releases sent for Saluda and thanked Ken Fox for taking care of Saluda as well. She will also advertise the Lexington Meeting.

As a reminder, Kay has advised that Vicki Davis of the Lexington Life Magazine is interested in stories about LMA. She further mentioned that the LM Magazine has an old friend from The State as the new editor.

- She asked for more information on the H2O program from Rick Kidder.
- She also asked and was granted time to get information from Stan Jones on his marina.

Membership: Kemble Oliver/ Ed Colie

Kemble has advised that all LMA members will have access to all the discounts given to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. They have 128 discounts listed on their website. The hopes are that we will also add to that list of discounts through our efforts and share them with the Chamber. This is value added to our membership.

- Kemble and Ed are working to have a membership booth at all Regatta's to encourage and build membership.
- David Tuttle, of Hallmark Homes, is willing to purchase a membership for all homes he sells on the lake.

Newsletter: Bob Keener

Bob reminded all that articles are due to him by Friday, March 14th. Please use the specific format he gave to everyone. It is his sincere hope that he does not have to call anyone on Saturday to get his or her article! There will be 12 pages this time. The center will be the graph showing the lake fluctuations that has been designed by Jay Schabacker. This could be a saver!

Nominating: Aleda Anderson/ Bill East

Already discussed.

Safety: Ed Colie/ Jay Schabacker

Jay has written 1-2 articles for the Newsletter. In the future he will cover safety issues for the Tour of Homes.

Special Events: Mike Murrell

Ladies Day on the Lake is June 17th. We may offer this to members first before opening it up to the public. *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. Lee shared that there was one woman who asked if they would learn how to yell at their husband...comments noted that this was a natural instinct...

Projects: Ken Fox
. No report.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby/ Mike Kletter

9240 hits and 1239 special visits to the website this past month. A special visit records the same person to the website only once.

Additional Comments: Stan Jones/ Dave Landis

- Stan advised that Lighthouse Marina has added a LMA link to their website www.lighthousemarinasc.com. He encourages all to check it out.
- April 12 will be a 'Sock Burning Party' at Lighthouse Marina. It is the soft opening of summer and will have hot dogs and soft drinks as you replace your socks with flip-flops.
- May 5 will be a Lexington Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Lexington Country Club. See details on their website.
- April 5th is a Gala at the Radisson Hotel (black tie) for the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.
- A continued appeal to anyone who is interested in serving as Vice President next year. Please advise quickly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm with thoughts of finding another home for the Tour of Homes, turning articles in on time to Bob Keener, praying that the rain will continue over the summer and as always we continue to work for our members. We are also in need of help *from* our members with the Tour of Homes and in continuing to build our membership.

Pat Wendling
Recording Secretary