

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
MAY 14, 2007

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

Dave Landis welcomed everyone and began by stating the crux of the meeting will center on the Pontoon Tour of Homes scheduled for this coming weekend, May 19. 350 tickets have been sold and a waiting list is pending the procurement of other pontoon boats and drivers.

- Stan Jones interjected that by tomorrow he may have one boat available.
- Roy Parker also offered the use of his deck boat to a 'safe' driver. It can hold 8 people.

Pat Wendling advised the minutes had been approved and posted on the website. A reminder was given that changes and approval need to be given within 2 days or the assumption of approval would be made.

Tom Ruple presented the balance sheet showing growth in revenue with an overall total of \$21,880.20. This growth was due to \$1,745 in dues, \$9,150 in Tour of Homes sales with additional monies from donations, dock signs and Ladies Day on the Lake. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Dave Landis announced that the New Board Member Orientation would be rescheduled in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The First Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for September 17th will have a committee meeting on Tuesday, May 29th. The site will be determined at a later date.

LMA hosts LWASC: Joy Downs

A very successful and enjoyable LWASC meeting was hosted by LMA at the Quarterdeck at Lighthouse Marina. LMA provided box lunches. Five (5) Lakes were represented.

- Ben Turetszy of Lake Keowee was elected chairperson, as he had been an elected delegate at the Chicago Convention.
- Rich Locke from Lake Lanier in Greenville County was named the new treasurer due to his math and accounting skills.
- Mike Massey of Lake Hartwell was elected Chairman???
- Joy Downs became the secretary.

Joy feels there is a benefit for all of the lakes to have a vehicle to share their problems and ideas and SC Lake and Watershed Assn. seems to work best. There is also strong treasury, which will enable scholarships and attendance at important conferences.

Note: The group decided that rather than pay \$250.00 per year to LWASC as we had in the past, they voted that the large organizations will pay dues of \$100.00 per year and small ones \$50.00 to help fund the conference fees, etc.).

Lexington Quarterly Meeting Report: Dave Landis

The April 24th Lexington Meeting was informative and well received as speakers John Quebbeman from Kleinschmidt and Rebecca Haines DHEC presented valuable information. Several positive comments have been received from those in attendance.

Clarity was given regarding misconstrued comments by Jim Landreth's at that meeting. He had been quoted as giving a "promise" that the lake would not go below 354'. In actuality, Mr. Landreth was consistent in his statements that every effort would be made to maintain a 354' minimum level. He 'promised' to do his best to meet that goal. The re-licensing will reflect the min/max levels of the lake in the future.

Tour of Homes Finalization: Ginny Landis

We are ready is the key phrase from Ginny. The Home Owners are excited and cooperative, the tour guides are prepared, more pontoons are trying to be secured, signs are made, publicity has been excellent, ticket sales have been consistent and the weather promises to be 80 degrees and sunny. All is good.

- Those with jobs at Lighthouse need to bring a chair.
- Flyers are being prepared to encourage lunches at the Quarterdeck after the tour.
- Flags, balloons and signs for the homes will be set up on Friday evening.
- Lighthouse assignments and finalization will be Friday at 6:30 to have all in place and ready for Saturday morning. This will be a run-thru with Stan Jones. 20 cases of water will be taken there for the boat captains to have on board. (Donation jar suggested)
- Concern with 30 plus people on stand-by waiting for more pontoons to be secured.
- Piggly Wiggly is donating crackers and 30 gallons of sweet tea and some dip-not sure who is picking this up.
- Gifts for the Home Owners have been ordered- a glass ice bucket with their initial and the LMA logo engraved on it from Parkers.
- Tom Ruple is making the nametags for all working the Tour.
- Dock Hands are the Sea Cadets who are trained in First Aid, CPR and emergency responders. This is a non-profit organization consisting of both male and female teens from all walks of life that follow navy standards. They will have walkie- talkies to stay in touch with Lucy and their Captain. Aleda Anderson made a motion to have a donation of \$250 ready to present to them the day of the Tour. All approved it. Louise Love will get a "fake Check" for a photo op prior to the event (8:00 am) to be used for the after-action report.
- Bobby Lavisky, Roy and Joy will be taking photographs of all areas to use as promotional pictures and on the web site.
- NO SMOKING and NO CELL PHONES in the homes...they are to leave cell phones on the boat or in a basket outside the houses. This is a security issue and not negotiable. This discussion will begin at check-in, continue on the boats and then be reiterated at the homes.
- A suggestion was made to ask TV stations and magazines to do a follow up on the day's success. A letter to the editor will be written and information will be posted on the website at the conclusion of this 3-hour tour.
- Accolades were given to Ginny and all who have worked on the Tour of Homes for the excellent job in all phases of this major event.

- One humorous antidote is that 2 groups of 2 couples showed up at Lighthouse Marina for the Tour of Homes this past Saturday. Stan advised that it was the right place, wrong time! At least there is excitement about the tour!
- Roy Parker is in charge of parking and was advised of the names of his help and that signs are ready for him.
- Extra copies of the Lake Link and a brochure about the Sea Cadets will be at the check-in table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ladies Day on the Lake: Ken Fox

Right now everything is in place for Ladies Day, June 14. There are 11 participants signed up to date. The trainers from DNR and Wilkee Power Sports are on board. Ken will be sending Chuck a write up to have posted in the Lake Murray News. He will CC Joy.

- Stan Jones has offered to put a Ladies Day information sheet in with his 500 invoices he mails out this month. He requests the information be on 1/3 a sheet of letter size paper
- Ken is asking for the help of 3-4 people for that day. Tom may want to check the names of volunteers from the Membership Application to secure names and phone numbers for Ken.

Pontoon Tour of Homes: Rich Kidder

Rich handed out the information sheets to all Captains present at the meeting detailing their responsibility on the day of the Tour of Homes, including having a cooler with ice, their float plan and cell phone numbers needed that day.

- Rich is asking for at least 2 more pontoons to be able to accommodate those on the waiting list for the tour this year. He is assuming there will be 10 per boat, but there are a couple of 21' boats that can only accommodate 8 people. Dave wants to be sure we have the boats before making a commitment to anyone who is not already registered for the tour.
- Captains Choice will be contacted in hopes they will have another boat for our use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker

The first samples were collected from 12 coves on May 9 and taken to SCE&G for testing analysis. No results as yet. They are testing for Total Phosphorous, Ecoli and Fecal Coliform. The day of testing was a windy choppy day and since no one fell in, it has been deemed a Good Day overall!

Government Liaison: Joy Downs

Joy advises that attention be paid to Interbasin transfers as it will soon be upon us and we need to work toward developing a water plan.

- Concerns are over the general Grandfathering without consideration of implications in the future. Joy suggests we need to look at the big picture carefully. Greenville, with all their industry, is engaging in taking a great deal of water. We may see our water being sent to Savannah.

- House Bill H4023, which is presently in committee, will cut the stocking of striped bass in Lake Murray by 57%. Fish will be given to other lakes in SC. At first glance, it seems that everyone needs to contact their Representative and their Senator to advise against this passage. LMA will take a hard look at this bill and do some research before we take an official position.

Publicity: Chuck Wimberly

Chuck has submitted an article to go into the July issue of Lake Murray Magazine on Wood Duck Houses.

- Chuck has done an outstanding job with the publicity in general and specifically for the Tour of Homes.

Membership: Ralph Crafton

Ralph discussed how Lexington Chamber of Commerce is going to provide a membership card to all the Directors that will allow discounts to businesses in the chamber. Ralph would like to have our membership card reflect discounts as well. He is working to see if we can put their logo on our card or if we can secure our own businesses for LMA.

- It was suggested that we copy the Associate Program that the Lexington Chamber of Commerce uses to develop a large volunteer base within our organization with an avenue to work up to becoming a Director. This idea is of great interest and the membership committee will pursue instituting an ambassador program utilizing the information on a database Tom Ruple has gathered from membership applications.
- It was further suggested by Ed Collie that LMA information be posted on a large sign at all LMA events with membership forms copied from the website available. Ed will be working to create this sign.

Newsletter: Bob Keener

Bob passed out a schedule of articles due to him for the rest of the year. The articles for the next Lake Link are due to Bob no later than June 1st...

- Pictures are welcome and encouraged. Dave Landis, President, will have his picture next to his article this next issue. Excitement abounds!

Nominating: Bill East

Pass

Safety: Lucy Wingard

Lucy has secured both Coast Guard and DNR approvals for the Tour of Homes and needs copies of each on site on Saturday.

- There will be an inspection of all pontoons by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday morning.
- Jay will do an article on Safety.

Special Events: Mike Murrell

Pass

Projects: Ken Fox

Ken will take pictures and gather totals of the occupied Osprey nests for next newsletter.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby

Tom advised that we continue to get hits on the web site. The most hits are for the Tour of Homes and Ladies Day on the Lake. It continues to draw new members, which is important to our organization.

New Board Members: Dave Landis welcomed the new board members and gave them an opportunity to speak about themselves.

Ed Colie: Originally from Mystic, CT...Captain on Square-riggers...involved in many aspects of sailing, strong safety concerns and many stories. He will serve on both Membership and Safety.

- Observed that we'd overlooked a significant source of new members from the Columbia Sailing Club, the Windward Point Sailing Club, the Lake Murray Sailing Club, and the Lake Murray Racing Association. He volunteers to post a large sign on premise of any meeting of the above.
- Will create a large sign to post at all LMA events with membership forms copied from website on hand.
- Advised most dangerous thing on the lake are plastic bags...

Stan Jones: Manager of Lighthouse Marina...Captain ...water taxi...diving instructor, US Marine...wishing more time to play on Lake Murray. He will serve on Special Projects and Safety committees.

- Suggested that we pursue an "Adopt an Island" program (Doolittle Island) in the fall with a dinner back at the marina after clean up...or a River Sweep of the shoreline. These ideas will be explored.

Sharon Miles: Originally from Charlotte...Water Lover from very young...Cerebral Palsy encouraged love of water...attends all meetings...concerns with the environment. She will serve on the Environmental Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.