

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2005

OLD BUSINESS

Paradise Cove – Lee Barber, Joy Downs

Public meeting scheduled for Nov. 29th. LMA Directors encouraged to attend. Letter to be sent to DHEC emphasizing potential effects of marina on water quality. Concern for lack of public meetings expressed to SCE&G. If the funnel development concept is adopted widely, the impact on the lake could be significant.

Surveys – Lee Barber

Approximately 1,000 have been returned out of about 3,000 distributed. Several surveys included concerns voiced by lake users. It was suggested that surveys be distributed at boat shows in January. Tom Ruple is entering survey data as they are received. Directors having copies of survey are encouraged to get them distributed.

LWASC – Joy Downs, Dave Landis

Main Speaker was hydrologist for the state of S.C. The meeting was held at Lake Keowee.

NEW BUSINESS

SCE&G Relicensing – Joy Downs, Lee Barber

Research Conservation Group (RCG) Meetings are planned for Nov, Dec. and Jan. These seven groups offer stakeholders a significant opportunity to assist in the modeling and writing of the document that will outline the way Lake Murray will be operated for this and the next generation. LMA has multiple representation on all seven groups. Early indications are that these meetings will be well organized and include the right people from SCE&G. As these groups move forward, meeting notes and summaries will be available on line. Anyone with special expertise in almost any area within the scope of these groups is encouraged to become actively involved.

Boat Shows – Lee Barber, Dave Landis

A motion was passed to participate in both boat shows. As in past years, staffing of booths presents the challenge of having the right number of booth workers to coincide with the size of the crowds which vary during time slots and different days. Dave Landis will organize our participation and staffing. Directors and LMA membership will be needed January 19,20,21,22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental – Roy Parker

First RCG's water quality meeting has been held. Main objective to assess current situation and to determine standards for the future. Where are we currently with water testing? To what extent does LMA want to play a future role? This is thought to be a long term project that would require considerable expense. Does LMA want to take it on? Can other outside resources for funding be identified? Committee will research costs of sampling and formulate a plan for LMA's involvement in January.

Shoreline Mgmt Plan will be studied by the Water Quality RCG in the coming months.

Publicity - Ed Schnepel

Newberry Public Meeting was given excellent coverage by newspapers and the civic TV channel. The chairman suggested for the Board to consider joining some local Chambers of Commerce as an additional means of letting people know who we are and to show support for individual communities. Costs were to be researched before proposal would be made. The mayor of Irmo was contacted for future publicity on their civic channel.

Membership – Pat Wendling

A variety of new approaches are being evaluated with appropriate contacts being made. LMA memberships due to expire in December are being solicited for renewals. Applications for membership are now available at West Marine. Realtors are being contacted to provide LMA memberships to new homeowners at the realtors' expense. There may be some boat dealers willing to offer Boat Show "specials".

Newsletter – Bob Keener

Next Newsletter in March; Hydrilla/Primrose status will be feature article. Working to provide color photos on website.

Projects – Ken Fox

The Chairman plans to build two experimental design osprey nesting platforms using metal fabrication. If practical, others would be replaced as needed. He is considering contact of local high school shop classes to see if they might be interested in being involved.

No reports from Gov't Liason, nominating, safety, special events and website committees.

Next Meeting – January 9, 2006