

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
October 13, 2008

Dave Landis, President, pounded the shoe and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in Lexington, SC. He explained the absences of many board members who are traveling, ill or entertaining out of town guests and welcomed all present.

The minutes had been approved and posted on the Web site. Final minutes were emailed (and given to Curtis) that day and all were encouraged to put them in their book for any references. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Tom Ruple was absent but the Treasury Report was passed around. We spent \$2,247.65. We collected \$1,080.00 in dues and Dock Signs and BBQ income. We have our CD's and other assets and the over-all net worth is \$24, 508.69. The treasurer's report was seconded and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC MEETING: Dave Landis

This was held on September 23, 2008- Tuesday, 7:00 @ St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The meeting was well received by the 100 people in attendance. The BBQ Social was presented by the BBQ Committee, giving information and encouragement to all. A power point presentation was given by Dave Landis summarizing the license activities to date. SCE&G I presented an overview of the license, the mechanics and the procedures to date. They answered questions regarding how this may impact all lake users.

- Raffle Tickets were available for the BBQ Appreciation Social event and many sold.

BBQ APPRECIATION SOCIAL: Pat Wendling, Don Pertl, Del Jenkins and Stan Jones

An update was given on the Appreciation BBQ Social "Celebration" event at Lighthouse Marina/ Rusty Anchor on Sunday, October 26 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The invitation is extended to all LMA members and their families, Corporate Sponsors and everyone interested in the preservation and protection of Lake Murray. A postcard was sent out to all members and there are more blank ones that all could take to mail to a friend.

- Enthusiasm is growing. Kay Gordon is doing a spectacular job of getting the word out to TV, radio, and print media. Ben Tanner will promote it during the week leading up to the event for an example.
- Del passed around a sign up sheet for Board members to sign up in different areas that day. They are also needed to mingle and have fun with those who attend.
- Don passed around a sheet allowing people to take to sell raffle tickets. Those interested signed them out with Don at the end of the meeting. All money and

tickets are due back to Don by Saturday, the 25th so they will be put into the drawing. *Pat will email the list of prizes for them to use to sell the tickets.

- Stan encouraged all to participate and help in any way that day.
- Invite your Sunday school class, your co-workers, neighbors, organizations etc.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE: Pat Wendling

The membership brochures that were approved last month were in a box for all to take to have in their car to encourage membership. 3 boxes are stored in the LMA Shed and Kemble will take home this box to use for membership.

LIP MEETING: Dave Landis

The next meeting of this group has not been called. This is a recap just to keep it fresh in our minds.

** **RECAP:** As SCE&G prepares to turn in the proposed license at the end of this month, (which will be in place for 50 years), there have been numerous meetings to put in writing the terms of this license. Many agencies and lake interest groups have been meeting to determine the outcome of the license. One major area of concern has always been Lake Level for LMA in their quest to represent the Lake Murray users and lovers.*

The Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) that has been proposed at this time is not acceptable to LMA and communications via a Focus Group remain in process to find an acceptable compromise. The basic issue concerns the amount of water released to the Saluda River. What is now written as protocol is a guaranteed minimum of 400 cfs released every day (Released 200 cfs Jan., 200 cfs Feb., 220 cfs March, 500 cfs April, 330 cfs May, 530 cfs Jun and 500 cfs July now). In our opinion, this would not be an issue if we were in a normal rain cycle, but we have been in a drought situation for 7 of the last 10 years and the license will be set for the next 50 years. There is no written caveat or leeway to allow for drought situations. Point in fact is that if this protocol had been followed this summer, we would already be below the 354' agreed minimum lake level. The model relies on water input and output circumventing lake level as their basis. The down river's prime concern is to provide a cool down place for the fish after they spawn. LMA's prime concern is to consider all facets of the lake's value driven by the lake level.

LMA feels that respect must be given to the economic impact and % of usage on the lake vs. the river economic impact and % of usage on the river. LMA feels this discrepancy is huge and needs to be part of the formula used to determine what happens on this lake for the next 50 years. Considering all of these things (evaporation, commercial and municipality use, % of use and economic impact) weigh heavily in favor of LMA's point of view. No studies are available to support this premise because the only studies done were for the river point of view.

**To demand a consistent minimum number of cfs to be released each day irregardless of the impact on the economy, the ability to generate needed power and negatively affecting the majority of the 'users' is more than irresponsible, arrogant and selfish, it is unreasonable, negligent and intolerant. The license demands that all comments must be considered, proportionately in this decision. Since these rules are being established to*

safeguard Lake Murray in the future then the regulations need to be consistent with that goal. The will of a few should not dictate to the majority. Consensus requires compromise on BOTH sides.

We will be kept apprised of any new information on the LIP.

SEA CADETS: Dave Landis

Notice that the check was finally sent to the Sea Cadets. It had been delayed.

NEW BUSINESS

NEWBERRY PUBLIC MEETING: Dave Landis

This will be held at Macedonia Church on November 18, Tuesday. There will be clarification on the dock situation presented to this area that is affected by the changes. LMA will do another power point presentation as well. Water Testing results will be presented.

*Note: Discussion digressed regarding the Windward Point Docks that had been out of compliance. Jim Leslie, owner, had written to FERC to ask for permission to keep his docks as they were. Mr. Leslie did not want to move them or to meet the date of needed compliance from SCE&G. (Compliance that everyone was asked to follow.) FERC told him to move the docks or get in compliance- he did neither. SCE&G removed the 12 docks with the Corp of Engineers agreeing that he acted without permission and was out of compliance.

- This brought up a discussion that the license needs to have language that defines a public marina. If a private marina sells their property and it is to become public, it needs to have the license pulled and to begin the process again. The regulations for private should not be transferred to public. They are not the same. Everyone should be required to meet all regulations. Congratulations to SCE&G for making accountability count!

VICE PRESIDENT: The appeal is out there for someone to step up and take the post of Vice President on the Board. We noted the silence...

ANTIQUA BOAT SHOW: Stan Jones

Lighthouse Marina hosted the First Annual Antique Boat Show over the weekend with the Blue Ridge Chapter of Antique Boat Society and it was deemed a great success. They had a cruise in of antique cars on Sunday. The lack of diesel fuel in Atlanta diminished the number of boats participating but the history behind the boats was fascinating in the first annual event.

- *Notice given that there will be a Nautical Swap in the spring at Lighthouse Marina.

TOUR OF HOMES: Ginny Landis

Ginny Landis has agreed to head the Tour of Homes again this year. Her appeal was to find 4 houses and secure them by the November meeting. Discussion and suggestions

were given and it became evident, at this point, we will not be able to focus the tour on the Lexington Side of the lake. In November, we will see how many houses we have and their location to determine the launch site for the tour. The challenge has been issued to help secure homes for this year's Tour of Homes. It will be scheduled on the Saturday following Mother's Day (May), if possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker/ Ken Fox

The year's final water testing will be this Wednesday. The results of the testing will be presented at the Newberry Meeting. *One member asked to have their cove tested and Ken will see if he can work this out and provide the results to the member.

Government: Joy Downs

Joy expressed concern that the paid Lobbyist/Attorney for the Congaree Swamp, Vicki Taylor, is working to have control over water flow as well. Though they have not attended the LIP meetings, they are pressuring SCE&G and FERC to hear their demands. We need to pay close attention to them.

Publicity: Kay Gordon

Kay has been working very hard to promote the BBQ Appreciation Day. She will run a story after the event in the Lake Link and local papers. It will keep our name out in the public.

She is doing an outstanding job keeping us in the news.

Membership: Kemble Oliver/ Ed Colie/ Aleda Anderson

- 24 new members joined LMA this month.

Newsletter: Sharon Miles/ Bob Keener in absentia

- Sharon Miles, our new Newsletter Chair, has sent out the next assignments via email. ALL are encouraged to meet the deadlines and help her to be successful in her new position.

Nominating: Aleda Anderson/ Bill East/ Dave Landis in absentia

Wallace Hubbard was nominated, seconded and approved unanimously to fill the remaining days in the spot left by Ed Thomas. Wallace has interest in working on the Golf Committee and will be introduced at the next Board Meeting.

All are encouraged to nominate people who are willing to work and serve on the Board.

Safety: Ed Colie/ Jay Schabacker

Jay is writing an article for Lake Link and asks for any ideas of Safety Concerns from the Board or members.

Special Events: Mike Murrell/ Ken Fox

- LMA will be manning a booth at the Boat Show in January 2009 in the Cauty Building. We need to gather ideas for the booth, prizes etc. next month so we can organize the event. If you have any pictures of H2O, Tour of Homes, and the upcoming BBQ Social- please send them to Mike.
- Information was sent to us to participate in keeping the Midlands Beautiful. It is sponsored by SCE&G and organized by Heidi Johnson. Stan Jones is interested in taking charge of this event.

Projects: Ken Fox

- Louise Love will present the information on items to sell thru LMA at the next meeting.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby/ Mike Kletter

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with thoughts of the BBQ Appreciation party. We continue to look for new members; new ideas to build our membership and to promote awareness of all issues that protect and preserve Lake Murray. Thanks and good-bye.