

**LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2007**

Dave Landis, President, was called out of town by a death in his family. Ken Fox called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Lexington, SC. He promised to move the meeting along.

The meeting began by a prayer by Ralph Crafton.

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

Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report on brightly colored paper- to catch our eye. Our total expenses surpassed our income. He pointed out that we are up 200 members from last year at this time. The Treasury Report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Golf Tournament: Ralph Crafton and Louise Love- Mike Murrell**

1. Ralph deferred to Mike Murrell to present the signs that will be created by Fast Signs. They are 18x24 and very professional with spectacular graphics. He had samples of Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. We are bartering with Fast Signs.
  - They will provide (2) Banners and Signs with Multiple Listings for our sponsors. (The signs attach with “a spiky thing” to stay firm in the ground.)
  - Signs will be made for \$100 and \$500 sponsors to be posted on the golf course.
2. Ben Arnold is providing the vodka, Bloody Mary Mix, glasses and a bartender. He will be set-up under a 10x10 tent for the day and will serve all day long.
3. Needed:
  - Someone to watch the holes-in-one to verify a winner.
  - Items to put in the grab bags for golfers- crackers etc.
  - Need prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and for various awards. (Suggested money or Gift Certificates.)
  - Need donation of chips, nuts or snacks for the Bar area.
  - Need someone to pick up the Salad @ Kendall’s and the Meat @ Sticky Fingers...both will be ready at 9:30 on Friday morning. (Logo’s for both have been sent to put on their signs.)
  - Need any Logo’s of companies donating sent by Friday this week.
  - Need teams to sign up quickly so they can determine the handicap- try to have in by next Wednesday at the latest.
  - Need sign up sheets for those volunteering to help.
  - Need all to promote the tournament and to call for sponsors.
  - Need a beer supplier to help donate some beer to sell that day.
  - Need a place to put Boat to draw in teams- Lexington or Chapin?

4. No coolers on the carts. There will be a cart driving around the course that day
5. Information will be posted on the Web-site and a list of sponsors will also be posted- so we can let our sponsors know to look there
6. Bill East brought in a \$500 and \$100 sponsor and a team in one day. YEA
7. Publicity: Print in Irmo News, Lake Murray News, Cayce...  
Radio- WVOC and any other station  
Stan Jones has a meeting on Sunday from 1-6 at the Marina

The First Annual Golf Tournament date is September 21<sup>st</sup> Friday. There is a need for everyone to work diligently on securing both teams to play in the tournament and to secure sponsors and donations. The Format of the tournament allows several signs to be place on the Tee Box and the Greens.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **September Meeting, September 18, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Ken Fox**

Note the change in Location this year from Irmo Elementary School to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on St. Andrew's Road. Ken Fox will be at Irmo Elementary School to direct anyone who may go there in error. The change was made to better meet our needs.

- Stan Jones, Manager of Light House Marina will be speaking on their new Pump Out System at the Marina. He will also discuss winterizing your boats. He will have a Power Point presentation and will need a projector.
- Holly Jones, Herpetologist at Riverbanks Zoo will present information on Critters in Lake Murray (Turtles and Banded Snakes) She will have a Power Point presentation and will need a projector.
- Jim Landreth of SCE&G will address the position of SCE&G and how the Re-licensing is coming along. The lake was down to 354' today.

ALL Board Members are to attend the meeting wearing their nametags. A reminder will be sent to the Board members to encourage their attendance on September 18.

\*Reminder given that November 20, 2007 will be the Newberry Meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Environmental: Roy Parker**

Roy presented his findings from the August water testing. He had the samples taken to two labs this time: SCE&G and Data Resource to do a comparison of results. Data Resource seems to have a more sensitive testing procedure, but the results are not dramatically different. The testing procedure used may be a perception issue with the tester performing the test.

1. The trend is similar from both labs. It shows that Phosphorous is highest at entry levels from tributary. Phosphorous is lower this year due to lack of rain.
2. Phosphorous contributes to low DO (Dissolved Oxygen) which affects fish kills and promotes algae growth. When the algae dies it then sucks oxygen out of the water. It can also damage boat hulls and docks.

Wood Duck Box owners are asked to write a report and send it to Roy to determine the Duck activity generated by the boxes. Roy will ask for 10 more duck boxes, because Ken Fox is unhappy that Pat Wendling “took” one of his boxes (even though she had signed up for one 6-months earlier!).

October water testing will be next Thursday. This will be the final test of the year. Roy has distributed all bottles and necessary equipment.

### **Government: Joy Downs**

The issue at the moment is Dissolved Oxygen levels (DO), as downstream users will be pushing for more water to maintain the river habitat.

Buffer Zones are also back on the radar in the Recreational and Safety committees. There is talk of using the unsold property as recreational areas. This could be land in front of homeowner’s land and would be distressing. It is hoped that land owned by SCE&G will be put aside to be designated as recreational property, rather than allow any free use of buffer zones. LMA wants Buffers to be responsible development.

There is concern with hazards surfacing in the lake. LMA states that should the lake remain at 354’ year round, it would diminish the fluctuation and likewise the marking of the hazards in the lake. This is a DNR concern. (Note: It has been noted that fluctuation in water level is the biggest issue with shoal markers, and run-off, and algae. It is noted that at the RCG on Safety Col. Alvin Taylor of SCNR boaters indicated that boat drivers are ultimately responsible for what they are doing on the lake and that shoal markers cannot replace good boating practices. The shoal markers placement is being addressed in the re-licensing.)

### **Publicity: Vacant**

No Report.

### **Membership: Kemble Oliver/ Aleda Anderson**

Kemble stated that he would like to investigate the ability to sell memberships over the web site. He also encouraged selling items over the web, if the web was secure.

- Tom Ruple commented that the Web site is presently secure and that we are able to take Credit Cards. He further commented that selling over the web has been tried in the past with little success, but that it is possible.
- Tom reported that because we now also represent the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and two new Homeowners groups our representation reaches about 4,000.

**Newsletter: Bob Keener**

Bob praised several articles in the latest Lake-Link: Jay for his Safety article, Pat for the Sea Cadets article, Kemble for his membership article and Ed for his sailing club article- they all added diversity and interest to the newsletter. He encourages all to be thinking of other articles for the November Newsletter as this one is used at the Boat Show. That deadline will be Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> for articles to be completed and sent to him.

Bob discussed the difficult and time-consuming process of assembling the Newsletter each month. He had investigated using a service to assemble them. It would cost \$100 with postage remaining about the same. Bob asked for permission to try using the service one time to see if it was worth changing. Discussion ensued: Joy noted that the price of mailing had gone from \$.25 to \$.33 sending it in full- page format. Joy learned that should the newsletter be folded in half, it would decrease the mailing to \$.15 each. Next, we discussed that the shell of the newsletter would need to change format and we have many shells in stock. Tom suggested we Table this discussion until Bob has an opportunity to do more research on cost differences with various scenarios. Bob then withdrew his motion to allow this discussion to be tabled...it was getting way too confusing at this point. It may be worth replacing the shells if we saved money on the postage- BUT that is the goal of Bob's research, to better direct our decision. This will be reported next month...WHEW.

**Nominating: Joy Downs/ Aleda Anderson/ Bill East**

Kay Gordon and Don Pertl have been nominated and unanimously approved by the Board to be on the Slate for Members. The results of the votes for the full slate will be announced at the September meeting.

**Safety: Jay Schabacher**

Jay posted a huge graph, which shows the lake levels to date. He proposes to do a graphic of what is happening with the lake levels noting the hot points. He will gather information and work to digitize the information. He would like to write an article revealing all he has learned.

Safety has become an issue in the news of late since the boating disaster resulting in the deaths of two people. They were speeding at night on the lake. Both bodies have been found, but much fear and emotion results from this accident.

There was discussion whether or not LMA should take a stand on the issue supporting enactment of a law to set speed limits on the lake. Some felt there should be a law on speed limits from sunup to sundown. Boats are going 40-60 MPH recklessly and within that time span they should be held to 20 knots. Others felt there may be anger now over the boating accident, but questioned if statistics supported a law? Following standard procedure, the Safety Committee has been charged with gathering all pertinent information regarding this issue. They are to present a report of their findings to the board. LMA will then decide if they want to become involved in

pursuing Legislative action on the issue of speeding on the lake. More information is needed; they need to have all of their ducks in a row and be very clear on what they want to do. Once you go down this path, you need to follow it to fruition. \*It was noted that the legislature is conservative and tries not to infringe on the rights of people.

**Special Events: Mike Murrell**

See information on the Golf Tournament.

**Projects: Ken Fox**

Windssocks have been replaced at Lake Murray Marina, Dreher Island and #5 has been taken down as it is now on private land. Tommy Boozer will be contacted to see about reinstalling the windssock #1 at the SCE&G Park.

**Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby**

The website is working smoothly.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with thoughts of the Golf Tournament in their heads. The countdown has begun....