



## LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES September 14, 2009

Dave Landis banged the gavel and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in Lexington, SC. Ralph Crafton began with a prayer of guidance.

Dave welcomed our new board member, Ryan Westmoreland, to the meeting. Ryan has been appointed to the Membership Committee. Dave mentioned that Ryan has already emailed him with ideas. (Way to go Ryan!) We look forward to working with Ryan.

**Minutes:** The minutes had been read by all and approved following the last meeting, with a few changes. The changes had been made and then forwarded to Tom to post on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report. The income total for March was \$840.00. This was comprised of renewals and a \$10 donation. We had one shirt returned for a loss of \$20.00. The Lake Link cost us \$905.26 to run and mail. Our total expenses were \$1,730.10, most were normal expenses. The treasure's report was approved unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **REPORT ON SEWER PROBLEMS:** Roy Parker

Background is that Roy had received a call from Murray Lindler Road on the Chapin side of the lake in regards to a sewer problem. The sewer runs adjacent to the lake on the roadway and it has broken and was dumping raw sewage (490,000 gallons) into a cove. It is considered a small spill, but because it is concentrated in a cove with no washing action, it smells and is a mess. This is the 5th time this has happened to this cove in 3 years.

Roy followed up on this incident and was there when (2) DHEC people were there assessing the problem. Johnny Johnson had put in the sewer originally (20 years ago) and was also out there willing to replace the line. Roy contacted Wayne Stockes @ DHEC and Wayne was willing to expedite approval of the sewer installation permit. They are replacing an 8" pipe with a 12" thicker pipe right now. They have run into

some serious rock, cable and challenges, but the work is in progress. Roy took pictures to show the work and progress.

Congratulations were given to Roy for his ownership of this problem and for seeing it to resolution. Excellent results were the result of his tenacity.

**LETTER TO FERC:** Dave Landis

When we signed the license, LMA also applied for Intervener Status. A letter stating our position on the 1 foot trigger will be sent to FERC. The letter will be finished this week. Dave read what they have developed to date and noted it will be refined and tweaked more. To get to this point:

- A meeting was held with SCE&G for strategy and guidance on what to include in the letter. SCE&G is basing their recommendation on the 1 foot trigger with facts that counter each opposing position from DNR. SCE&G states the 1' trigger is the right thing for the lake.
- We will be stressing the impact on the economy noting how we have worked for four years to represent the stakeholders both upstream and downstream and that we have been willing to compromise. There is a \$64 million dollar impact on the lake with business, users and visitors with another \$46 million brought in with fishing tournaments. LMA has shown flexibility in that we really favored the 6" trigger, but were willing to work with the needs of all concerned. It will be noted that DNR is getting 100% of what they had originally asked to have and are inflexible and now holding out for more.
- The next step is that letters will be written by all agencies, each will have the opportunity to read each letter submitted to review. Each group will have an opportunity to rebut and then the process will be done and FERC will make their decision on how the license will be implemented.
- Thanks to Dave, Roy, Joy, Bob and Don for all of their unselfish time given to fight for the Lake users with this intervention letter. They are truly appreciated. Thanks to all the board members who gave, unselfishly, for the past 4 years on committees in every area of re-licensing to have representation for all lake users. It was quite a commitment and is deeply appreciated!

**BBQ ON OCTOBER 11:** Louise Love

The goal of the BBQ is to show appreciation to our members, sponsors and all lake users and not to make money. It is also the kick-off for our membership drive. Louise passed around letters that will be sent to the politicians on a mail out. She asked for help with the BBQ and passed around a sign-up sheet. Ryan, our *new* board member was the *first* to sign up! Help needed: (6) at the ticket table (4) selling raffle tickets (4) helping serve food (4) set up volunteers (4) at the membership table (all) for clean up duty.

- We will make use of all the information and presentations used at the Boat show at different spots at Lighthouse Marina.
- A history of the Lake Murray Association will be presented to let people understand who we are, what we have done and our future goals that show a need for them to join us.
- All were asked to take flyers to pass out to encourage people to come.

- Suggested that you notify those at your church, work or other organizations to make this a success.
- BBQ meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 @ Lighthouse Marina- all interested are welcome to join us.
- On the day of the BBQ- be there by 11:00.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC MEETING SEPT. 22:** Dave Landis/ Joy Downs

September 22, meeting at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm. Rebecca Spratlin and Bill Blackstone will speak on a panel discussing ideas on Rain Garden, managing lawns with plants, plus what and how to do landscaping around the lake. A Safety Discussion will be presented by Jay Schabacker (running lights vs. dock/headlights on the lake etc.). Bill Argentari of SCE&G will recap the license and answer questions.

November 17, @ Macedonia Lutheran Church at 7:00. This will be a repeat of the September meeting.

An ad was put in the Lake Murray News to publicize the meeting and flyers were taken by board members to distribute. Encourage all to attend.

### **MEMBERSHIP:** Louise Love

Sea Tow had been approached in the past by Kemble Oliver to work out some reciprocal agreement with LMA. His hard work has finally come to fruition with a proposal from Sea Tow. We have gone back to them with another idea to consider. Our goal is more to increase membership than it is to make money.

- They propose that if we have 150 members join Sea Tow, they will contribute \$50 for each member. They will also send out an LMA brochure with each renewal or new membership and will earmark it with a Sea Tow stamp so we can follow the referrals.
- We countered by asking for a discount of 20% for those members who join Sea Tow. This would give value added to the membership card. We love the idea of them sending out one of our brochures with each of their memberships or renewals. This helps both of us.

The membership drive will begin with the BBQ Membership Appreciation on October 11<sup>th</sup> @ Lighthouse Marina from 1:00-5:00. Food will be served from 1:00-3:00. DJ Keith Brown will play. An incentive has been established: a free BBQ plate to anyone who brings a friend or neighbor who joins LMA.

- Asked for input from those who were making calls for renewal of memberships. No much to report here. Rick Kidder had great success with one call who thanked him for the reminder. Others will work on their list by the next meeting.

### **BOAT SHOW:** Dave Landis/ Joy Downs

This will be held on February 11 to February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Tom will be sending a check to reserve our 10x10 booth. We will need to have someone coordinate the schedule and set up. Ryan has offered the use of his 42" TV to show the video of LMA activities...thanks Ryan!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Environmental:** Roy Parker/ Ken Fox

5<sup>th</sup> water testing was done today by Ken Fox on his Jet Ski. He learned that we had been testing in the wrong area for Paradise Cove, so the Paradise Cove base testing is incorrect.

- Ken feels all of our testing has indicated that the lake is in good health. He is now going to concentrate on water upstream as the downstream does not show any problems at this time. He will be testing Clouds Creek, Saluda, Little Saluda, and Bush River (coves that are attached to streams etc.) After a rainfall, there are often elevated levels so we encouraged him to test after a rainfall to monitor any changes.

### **Government:** Joy Downs

Discussed LMA letter to FERC.

### **Publicity:** Kay Gordon

Kay has sent out information to written press regarding the upcoming meetings and BBQ. She asked for someone to take pictures at the BBQ as she will be working at that time. Roy may be the back-up.

### **Membership:** Louise Love/ Aleda Anderson/ Russ Jernigan

- Already discussed the Membership Drive and BBQ Appreciation Social on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newsletter:** Sharon Miles

It was noted that the Lake Link was wonderful this past issue. Sharon does a great job.

- She noted that LMA is on Facebook now. If you want to determine how to use it, call Sharon.
- Sharon also took some pictures and did some interviews with the 360<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) this past weekend as they jumped into the lake. It was also centered on Pine Island.

### **Nominating:** Aleda Anderson/ Bill East

Bill also welcomed Ryan Westmoreland to the board. He further noted that there will be two vacancies on the board and to keep your eyes open to those who would like to be on the board. All suggestions or nominations should go thru Bill East. The President does have the ability to fill vacancies if need be.

### **Safety:** Ed Colie/ Jay Schabacker

Jay noted that he will be doing a demonstration at the meetings in September and October. We all look forward to his presentation.

### **Special Events:** Ken Fox

Discussed.

**Projects:** Ken Fox/ Louise Love

Discussed. Russ noted that the windsock that Ken just put up was in evidence at an event and it made a great appearance. He further congratulated Ken on always being dependable.

**Web Site:** Tom Ruple

Tom lots of hits and even some from Europe- although the Europeans are not joining. ☺

- Don Pertl noted that perhaps the margins could be adjusted so he could print all of the information. Tom will check into taking care of the request.

**OTHER:**

- Aleda noted that all should mention the BBQ to their respective church groups and clubs so that it will be well attended.
- Question asked regarding the amount of food for the BBQ- it will be cooked ahead this time and all will be fine.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 with thoughts of the BBQ Appreciation Day on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the upcoming meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and on each person working to increase membership. The letter to FERC will be written and sent at the end of this week. Any thoughts need to be sent to Joy. We continue to look for new ideas to build our membership and to promote awareness of all issues that protect and preserve Lake Murray. Thanks and good-bye.