

Lake Murray Association Newberry Minutes

November 12, 2019

Business meeting was opened by President Dave Landis at 7:00

The first speakers introduced were Senator Ronnie Cromer, Congressman Chip Huggins and Dan Bowen, former congressman from Lake Hartwell to discuss the new 100 foot no wake zone. The bill introduced last year has been rewritten by the House to read larger lakes in the state of SC will have the bill enforced. This was done due to the inter-coastal waterways being narrow in places which made the law impractical. It still must be introduced to the Senate.

The Law will state that the new law effects the following waters:

Lake Greenwood, Lake Hartwell, Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee, Lake Marion, Lake Monticello, Lake Murray, Lake Robinson, Lake Russell, Lake Secession, Lake Thurmond, Lake Wateree, Lake Wylie, Fishing Creek Reservoir or Parr Reservoir are the lakes the law will refer to: Boats in these lakes cannot operate in excess of idle speed with a safety area of no less than one hundred feet of a moored or anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier or person in the water. The safety area established by this section may not receive a wake in excess of the wake created by a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel operating at the idle speed or (b) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft or vessel while upon all others waters of this state in excess of idle speed with 50 ft of a moored or an anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or a person in the water, or within 100 yards of the Atlantic Ocean coast line

The crowd was 75 plus and had many questions about the law and safety.

The speaker was Bill Chastain, Lake Shoreline Manager for Dominion who discussed the draw down for the winter. 354' is the aim depending on rain. There has been some concern about shoreline weeds and draw down always helps with that problem. He did say the grass carp will be put in in the spring. Lake has weeds this year, some southern naide. He wants to pull the lake to 350 every three years. A discussion ensued with Carl Sundius about below 350 has major impact on his docks. Jim Landreth said nothing below 350 was in the discussion

Billy did say lots of weeds had been pulled and some weed killer had been sprayed. We will not have grass carp until the spring

Ray Ammarell has taken Bill Argentieri's place and will be speaking to us about dam security in the Lexington meeting. Ray has been with SCE&G for many years and worked with us on the license we are still waiting to have approved.

The next speaker was Captain David Allen who gave a safety talk with the help of our board member Capt. Mike Kirk. David is always interesting and did an interesting demo with Mike's help. They replicated a boat with a carved 2x4 board and red and green lights representing port and starboard and the white light generally a stern light to tell you how you know which way to go particularly at night. When you see these lights, you know which way the boat is going and the correct way to approach them. The demo was very effective and fun when the lights went out. The audience got a mini lesson on properly approaching a boat. Captain Mike steered the boat in the dark

Many of the members of the audience made comments and asked questions.

There was some discussion as to what the laws should be on the lake and we will discuss further

Refreshments was

Coffee, water cookies, turnovers, chips and candy. Well received.