

**LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES – April 10, 2006**

March Meeting Minutes and April Treasurer's Report were approved as presented. President Lee Barber called the meeting to order and made the following comments summarizing his year as president;

+The Re-licensing process is very important to the Lake Murray community and the LMA Directors have been extremely active in attending the meetings and supporting all LMA positions on key issues.

+Publicity has improved greatly during the past year. The Lake-Link is also getting much better.

+Our initiative to establish a water quality testing program will have significant outcomes over many years into the future.

+Thanks to our entire Board of Directors for the tremendous support of all our projects during the past year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2006 LMA Survey—Tom Ruple**

Approximately 20% (1145 out of 5500) surveys were completed and returned. Preliminary analysis of the statistics indicates that both lakefront property owners and non-owners share similar views and that there is little difference between the opinions expressed by LMA members and non-LMA members. The Survey will be shared with the Board at the May meeting.

**Tour of Homes – Joy Downs**

After substantial efforts to line up homes for our annual tour and getting permission to use Dreher Island as our staging area, the recommendation was made to cancel the tour until next year due to low lake levels. Boats would be unable to launch and would be unable to approach the docks of the homes on the tour without at least 2 more feet of water. A motion to **cancel** the Tour for this year was made by Keener, seconded by Fox and carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election – Russ Jernigan**

The following officers were nominated and elected. Dave Landis, President; Ken Fox, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President;

Joy Downs, Corporate Secretary; Mike Murrell, Recording Secretary; Tom Ruple, Treasurer

The following people were re-elected to the Board of Directors: Lee Barber, Joy Downs, Ken Fox, Dave Landis, Roy Parker, and Don Tyler.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Environmental- Roy Parker

Committee member Rich Kidder is developing Standard Operating Procedures for our water testing program. Rich accompanied SCDHEC personnel as they observed water testing protocols. Committee member Bob Keener assisted a group of USC students who tested water quality on Lake Murray. Tests indicated that quality was good based on the parameters tested.

### Govt. Liaison- Joy Downs

A grant from the State of S.C. has been requested for our water testing program on Lake Murray. The three year grant is for a total \$27,485 and is supported by S. C. House Representatives, Chip Huggins and Nathan Ballentine.

Lee Barber noted that some marinas will be phasing out public use of their facilities to access the lake. Public access will be increased in other areas as private facilities phase out public access. This information was announced at the Quarterly Public Meeting on Re-licensing. Technical Working Committees (TWC's) formed by each of the Research Conservation Groups (RCG's) for the Re-licensing of the Saluda Hydro Project were discussed by Dave Landis, Lee Barber and Joy Downs. The consensus of the discussion was that some TWC's may not be necessary and that the number of TWC's may delay the work on the re-licensing process. "Reserve Capacity Generation" was also reviewed with no change on any LMA position.

### Publicity – Ed Schnepel

Our public meeting at Lexington High was announced on Channel 2 and notices were sent to all local media. He gave out 100 flyers to each Director for distribution in their respective neighborhoods.

### Newsletter – Bob Keener

The current issue of Lake Link is out this week. The expanded version (12 pages) informs our membership of all the major ongoing LMA projects aimed at a safe, clean and beautiful recreational lake for **all lake users.**

### Nominating – Russ Jernigan

Six current Board members have agreed to serve another term. No new persons were available for nomination to the Board. All nominees will be presented to the membership for election to the Board.

Submitted by: Bill East, Tom Ruple and Mike Murrell

**Next meeting – May 8, 2006 @ 7PM**