

**LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 9, 2007**

Dave Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Ralph Crafton began with a prayer.

Stan Jones, guest and soon to be Board member, was introduced and welcomed. Stan runs Lighthouse Marina and says that he shares the responsibility to make the lake safe for both work and play.

Dave Landis commented on making time to conduct an orientation for new members. It would set the focus and direction for new members joining the Board of Directors.

The minutes were read and approved as written. Pat asked that all respond to the minutes with approval or changes within 2 days. No reply will be interpreted as acceptance.

Tom Ruple discussed the Treasure's Report (attached). He noted we had received renewals and new memberships from both the Lake Link and reminder letters sent out. They brought in \$1881 this month. Several were signing up for multiple years. We also had a \$70.00 contribution. We had a net of \$578.41 after expenses. Hope remains that our major projects will increase our balance. The treasurer's report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Tour of Homes:* Dave Landis gave the report for Ginny Landis. The date is May 19.

1. Brantley Mansion is still being pursued as the fifth house. There is great hope for this home.
2. The brochure and tickets are ready. All reservation calls will be handled by the Landis' house. Help may be needed the last week before the tour.
3. Lucy needs the map and home sites to file the float plan with DNR.
4. The goal is to have 400 people. 200 in the morning and 200 in the afternoon.
5. The launch site is Lighthouse Marina. There is a suggestion that there be some incentive for those who attend to eat at the Quarter Deck. Logistics will be discussed and finalized soon. The marina will have acoustic music playing to add to the mood and fun.
6. Boats will get gas at the marina. Stan will have his dockhands in charge of this procedure.
7. Ad cycle needs to begin. Scheduled for WIS-TV at noon with Dave and Ginny. The TOH will be in the Lake Murray Magazine and newspapers. Encourage getting the article in the Sunday section of the State in conjunction with other Tour of Homes in the area. Suggestion to contact the Kevin Cohen show on WVOC talk radio at the 5:30-6:00 time frame for promotion.
8. Publix, in Lexington, is donating the box lunches. Chuck Wimberly will pick them up at 10:30 and get them to Bobby's fast boat, at the marina, for delivery to the workers.

9. Sea Cadets will be the dock hands and all dressed up in their uniforms.
10. Roy Parker is asking for 2 volunteers to help with the parking lot.
11. Bathrooms available will be marked.
12. All captains are to wear navy blue shirts and tan pants/shorts on the cruise.
13. Cell phone numbers need to be turned in to Rich Kidder and Lucy, as this is the means of communication. Cell phones need to be accessible the day of the cruise to allow Lucy to track each pontoon.
14. May 5<sup>th</sup> is the shakedown cruise on the Southern Patriot for volunteers to get training and an overall sense of the day. All captains may want to bring their GPS to mark the houses before the tour. The houses will be marked with balloons and LMA flags.
15. The pontoons will be checked by Lee Barber, a Certified Master Captain to meet insurance requirements.

***Golf Tournament: Ralph Crafton & Louise Love***

1. The date is September 17 at Timberlake Country Club. It is a Captain's Choice/ Four Person Team format using a Shotgun start. It is a \$50.00 fee that entitles you to green fees, cart rental, Bloody Murray Party and Awards Party.
2. Joy advised that at their Quarterly meeting with SCE&G, Jim Landreth, offered his help and expertise with the golf tournament, as well as his Administrative Assistant. Jim raised \$51,000 for a tournament he organized.
3. Sticky Fingers has committed to providing pork and smoked chicken for 200. We will need to pick it up and serve it. This will award them a sign for advertising and thanks.
4. Rosemary Fitz is providing the 2x3 signs for us.
5. Ralph needs help with the brochure. Ginny Landis provided him with a template, but it is not his area of expertise.
6. Louise Love will be sending everyone an email this week noting the businesses that have been contacted. It will also include businesses that have been selected by specific people. This will then be updated each time she receives information to avoid any duplication. The businesses will be in alphabetical order. Please email any donations or changes to Louise, Ralph and David Kinard.
7. People may want to pair up with someone who understands golf tournaments as they approach businesses for donations. There is some hesitancy regarding exactly what is needed and what is given in return. We may want to provide a golf "shake-down" meeting to answer questions and concerns.
8. A form was presented for use in approaching a business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***SCE&G Public Meeting: Presented by Dave Landis*** This will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Saluda Shoals Park in the Environmental Building. They will meet at 10:00 am and again at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend one of these and bring your friends and neighbors to keep the community informed on the re-licensing procedures.

***SCE&G Quarterly Meeting: Presented by Dave Landis*** SCE&G has agreed they are not holding any water but allowing nature to fill the lake without interference from them. Discussions on the Interbasin transfers and the Sewer issues were held. They seem to be neutral on these.

***LEXINGTON MEETING APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>: Presented by Dave Landis*** Reminder for all to attend this meeting at Lexington High School at 7:00 pm. Chuck handed out flyers that need to be distributed to each area. This is being advertised in the newspapers, on the website, on the Lexington Chamber of Commerce website.

***LWASC: Presented by Joy Downs***

1. In an effort to stay connected with parties of like interest: Lake Hartwell, Kiawah, Kiawee, Wateree and Savannah, the LWASC is going to share the \$250 membership fee to belong to NALMS and then share the newsletter. It will allow all to keep informed and to stay involved in pertinent issues.
2. Hartwell and Wateree are the most concerned over the Interbasin Transfer and surface water transfer that is occurring. It can directly affect the water levels in each lake. There is no distinct law in place to protect the lakes and use of water. There is a State Bill S428 regarding rules to control the Interbasin Transfer, on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This was a subcommittee meeting that was scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> and was postponed. Another date is not yet available. This bill covers all surface water in the state. They may grandfather in all the present users of water in sewer, drinking etc. and are considering the ability to extend and project this use out 30 years. This seems to be in direct opposition to the purpose of the law.
  - Many will work to make themselves exempt- inhibiting control.
  - Major agriculture people are working to become exempt. Hog farms are now one of the reasons for many negative environmental issues involving water contamination. This needs to be tightened up considerably.
  - SC needs to stay assertive and to have regulations in place before there is a problem with the Chicken Farmers and areas that are growing rapidly.
3. Atlanta and Charlotte may be involved in taking water that would be coming to SC. There are anticipated water wars looming.
4. Clemson is expressing concern as well.
5. SC has no adequate or firm policy in place to protect water rights. This needs to be addressed before problems escalate. It is anticipated that the present users will push hard to become exempt from any regulations.

6. There is a meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> - of the LWASC of the LWASC in Columbia. The site has not been chosen to date.

***SEWER MEETING AT SHULL ISLAND: Presented by Bob Keener*** Those in attendance had been assumed to favor sewer and water in the area, but in reality were there for more information.

1. A special tax district has been proposed in order to fund the water and sewer for this area. Cost is proposed to be amortized into property tax. A low-ball figure was presented for construction with no limits set in place for the future. There would also be a suggested \$2500 tap in fee- that has already been proposed to be \$5,000 per home. Each home would also be required to add another tank, a grinder tank and a line that runs to the street to tap in. This could run each home \$10-15,000. They also will be adding a monthly fee of \$47. When this proposal was discussed 3 years ago, the monthly fee was presented at \$67.00. It can continue to increase, as the Shull Island community is unable to vote out those who control the fee. Taxation without representation. It is based on 4 residences per acre with a change in current zoning.
2. The driving issue is concern that septic systems leak and contaminate the lake.
3. The underlying feeling is that the developers want to have sewer and water with others paying for it to be established.
4. Bob Keener stated that he has put in BIOGATOR and has no odor, foam, or wetness and feels it is an affordable working alternative to sewers and the price is \$1500-1800.00 per household.
5. It has been noted that pesticides and run-off from yards has a more harmful affect on lake pollution than leaking septic systems.
6. April 25<sup>th</sup> is a public meeting on this issue at Beulah Methodist Church at 7:00 PM.
7. Ralph commented that Hallmark Shores was caught in the middle of a sewer program to a development and they ended up with both the ability to tap in and their own septic system.
8. Timberlake has zoning for sewer in Chapin and the cost is built into the price of the homes using 4 homes per acre as the model.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Environmental presented by Roy Parker:*** They have met with SCE&G and SCE&G will be analyzing the samples this year for us.

1. The program will begin May 1.
2. The testing will be for total phosphorus, fecal coliform with the addition of ecoli this year.
3. Nine (12) coves will be tested this year. This has increased from 9. It is an effort to have a better distribution around the lake. Don Tyler has agreed to test the cove at Bear Creek on the Chapin/Irmo side.
4. Training for taking samples and following the established protocol will be held by Roy Parker for those interested in being involved in the testing. He is asking for more help with this project. Please call him if you have interest.

5. Stan Jones commented the Lighthouse Marina commitment to protecting the lake by instituting a pump-out boat what services all the boats parked at the marina for \$5.00 a time. This works to avoid dumping into the lake and keeps the 100 boat owners happy. DHEC has a process to certify a marina as a Clean. Green Marina and Lighthouse Marina will be the first on Lake Murray to be certified. We all acknowledged this important achievement. Way to go Lighthouse Marina!!!!

***Government Liaison presented by Joy Downs.***

1. There is a NALMS meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup> in Naples, FL, if anyone is interested in attending. Please advise Joy of your interest.
2. There is a contest for children to create a flyer show Lake appreciation. The student will receive \$100 and the school will receive \$500. Aleda has agreed to contact the schools regarding this project.

***Publicity presented by Chuck Wimberly.***

1. Chuck distributed flyers for the upcoming Lexington meeting for everyone to hand out in their area.
2. He has an article in the Neighbors, the State, the Lexington Chronicle, and Lexington Life regarding the meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. Tour of Homes publicity was discussed some- but he will be asking Stan Shealy to put this on the Chapin/TV station with perhaps an interview with the Landis'.
4. Discussion of how to include Lezlie Patterson- telephone interview, guest on shake-down cruise, May 5<sup>th</sup>, guest on the Tour of Homes etc. This will be pursued.

***Membership presented by Ralph Crafton:***

1. Ralph has secured a relationship with the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and we have reciprocal memberships. They feel our common interests make use a good match. They are flexible and we are both willing to share our venues and resources i.e. Links on websites. Networking at its best!
2. A productive meeting was held with Bob Ferrell and Randy Halfacre regarding our Golf Tournament. They will advertise this for us on their website.
3. We may want to emulate their ambassador program, which is highly touted and develops volunteers from general membership and prepares them for serving on the Board of Directors. This could strengthen each committee and provide the needed help from within.
4. They are willing to share discounts from businesses within the Chamber to make our membership card more valuable.
5. All members of the Board are invited to attend the Chamber after hour's meetings. The next one is April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.
6. Help was asked to send out renewal letters and cards. Those who could help were to stay after the meeting. We had 80 renewals to date following the 154 reminder letters sent out this month.

***Newsletter presented by Bob Keener:***

1. Bob commented that the Newsletter was sent out on time, in spite of challenges.
2. Aleda complimented his use of pictures in the newsletter.
3. The President's picture will be in the next edition.

***Nominating (Candidates) presented by Joy Downs for Bill East.***

1. Ballot was put in the newsletter. Seven Directors were slated for the Board:
  - Ms. Sharon Miles
  - Ms. Teresa Milne
  - Dr. Ed Colie
  - Mr. Curtis Hipp
  - Mr. Bill East
  - Mr. Tom Ruple
  - Mr. Stan Jones

***Safet: No report- noted that Jay Schabacher has been asked to fill this position.***

***Special Events presented by Mike Murrell:***

1. ***Ladies Day on the Lake:*** Ken Fox will be in charge. It is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Waiting to secure Power Sport to provide the Jet Ski's. He is anticipating 32 people in attendance for the day. He does need a Safety Presentation. Stan Jones will approach Elaine to present that day. Ken is working on lunch. The site is Lighthouse Marina and the Quarter Deck opens at noon.
2. ***Osprey Nests*** Ken Fox put up a nest at the island off Salem Church Road with Mike, Ken, Don and Kemble. It was the hardest to secure due to the rocks. Pictures were taken by Jessica Goff.
  - ***Ken noted that when sticks are put on the platforms, they will come...***
  - Ken intends to survey the lake this summer, recording the number of nests, babies and sites other than our platforms that house the Osprey (power poles, trees etc.) This will begin the end of May.

***Website presented by Tom Ruple:***

1. He requests that all review what they have on the website and update or freshen up their information to encourage more hits.
2. Wayne is auditing the site carefully.
3. Asked if we were able to send emails to members- notices are done when needed and to those without email notices are sent 1<sup>st</sup> class mail.
4. May look at other ways to use the website in the future.
5. Dave Landis' phone will be posted: 803-957-8744

***Other: It was noted that Curtis Hipp is doing much better and working toward returning to the board. He will attempt to attend the Lexington Meeting.***

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 with a reminder to those who could stay and help get the membership renewals into envelopes and ready for mailing.*