

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
March 8, 2010

Dave Landis called the meeting to order on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 in Lexington, SC. This followed an organizational meeting on Tour of Homes. Ralph began with a prayer asking God for energy and sunshine with blessings for Bill Wendling and Kay Gordon's daughter and mother and blessings for all present. He asked for guidance and inspiration as we met tonight. (Bless you, Ralph)

The minutes were taken by Pat Wendling and had been sent via email inclusive of all changes and additions. They had already been approved. No other changes or additions were presented. They were approved unanimously.

Pat Wendling gave an update on Bill's progress and Kay advised that her mother had a scheduled appointment with Dr. Jones in anticipation that she has cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go with her mother and her family.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Tom Ruple. Income from dues and dock signs was \$1,325.00. The expenses total \$1,258.71 including normal expenses plus the shells for the newsletter for \$280.05. We made \$66.29. The report was approved unanimously.

- Tom was asked about the number of new members from the boat show. This total was 11. We also gave a complimentary corporate membership to Lake World in appreciation of their generous raffle gift.
- Roy Tomlinson and Joe Pettus won the raffle. They met at Lake World for the presentation of the gift amidst pictures and great enthusiasm.
- Stan Jones made note that the SC Marine Association would like to swap memberships with LMA. This would be a reciprocal complimentary corporate membership exchange. This would allow both organizations to have access to each others membership. The SC Marine Association has a lobbyist and works to protect lake business owners and individual boaters.
- Bill East moved to accept the reciprocal membership with the SC Marine Association. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the board. Stan will provide accurate numbers of their membership to Joy for our records.

OLD BUSINESS

Boat Show 2010: Dave Landis

Tom had already reported on the 11 new memberships and Dave mentioned that Richard and Donna Hall of Lake World were delighted to present the fishing trip that was raffled off at the boat show to the winners Roy and Joe.

Saluda Meeting: Dave Landis

50 people were in attendance. There were presentations were from Law Enforcement representing all 4 counties explaining the House Check Program that has police checking on your

lake property should you be away. Marion Fry from the SC House and Steve Teer from the County Council of the 3rd District spoke briefly.

- The Saluda County Grant was explained by Rebecca Spratlin and Tom Brooks of DHEC. The overview of this grant is to reduce the fecal coliform bacteria found in the Little Saluda and Clouds Creek Watershed. They want to develop management practices for agricultural activities and septic systems in rural residential areas as well as addressing wildlife's part in the fecal coliform in the water. This grant will be shared with Saluda County Planning Department, Clemson Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Saluda County Soil & Water Resource District. This came about because the little Saluda and Clouds Creek have been listed as having impaired water bodies with fecal coliform...they want to address this problem.

*Lexington County has applied for a similar grant for Hollow Creek. LMA has joined in as a partner with them and will be asked to provide the education component of the grant if it is awarded to Lexington County. They will be involved with Clemson. Grants are difficult to receive so we are in the wait and see mode right now.

Tour of Homes: Louise Love

The Tour of Homes is scheduled for May 15th. Louise's innovation in sending out 50 lovely invitations inviting suggested/ nominated homes to be part of the Tour this year. It resulted in the securing of 3 homes for this year and 4-5 prospects for next year.

The goal is to sell 400 tickets with two tours; one at 9:00 a.m. and the other to begin at 1:30 p.m. The call is out to secure 20 or more pontoon drivers, 20-30 tour guides and any other interested helpers to work the Tour of Homes.

- Southern Living is interested in writing a piece on the Tour of Homes.
- Kay Gordon is working with Lake Murray Magazine to have a piece or two in their publication about the Tour of Homes. She has scheduled a meeting with a photographer for Friday of this week.
- Stan Jones will be offering a discount on food purchased at the Quarter Deck by guests of the tour on this day only. They will use their ticket to receive the discount. It was decided the ticket price will be \$30.00. .

Thanks to Louise, Irby, Joy, Dave and Ginny, Don Tyler, Amy Jo, Don Pertl, Tom, Sharon, Kay and all on the committee for their hard work and commitment now and forthcoming. They have a strong beginning and encourage all to help staff the tour with helpers, boat captains and tour guides to continue the momentum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft EA: Dave Landis

The Environmental Assessment is not here yet, so nothing to discuss.

Support of H 3132: Joy

Mike Massey has spearheaded a bill for Water Planning (Protection) for SC. It is House Bill H3132 "The South Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act". This bill takes the current H4285 further in managing water for SC to create specific rules to measure and use

the water in SC. Currently our water is controlled by DHEC and DNR but they do not have a precise process and clear understanding of who controls our water and whose water it is...in this day and time, water is precious and many states are fighting for each others water. All the states around us have a clear water plan.

Dave Landis did give a statement of support at the request of Bill Massey. Dave's positive statement was appreciated.

Irby noted that the bill is on the floor and the committee is chaired by David Hiott (Wendell Clamp's relative). A group called UPSTATE FOREVER (Greenville) has concerns over the bill moving forward regarding an oversight committee, duplication of agency jobs and diversion of funding and the group is holding up the process.

Bill East presented a motion to certify in writing our position. He so moved that LMA send in writing that: "The Lake Murray Association supports the concept of The South Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act." This was seconded and approved after much discussion regarding the boundaries LMA must maintain. It was pointed out that we do not want SC to get into the water wars that are happening in the west and all agree SC needs to have a plan that will allow us to fight in court if needed. We want the information based on the science, to be flexible and watershed based. We will continue to follow this bill and this important issue.

*If individuals would like to give their written support and encouragement send your letters to Representative Bowen, Senator Bryant and Senator Campbell who are involved in this Water Management fight

NALMS: Joy Downs

The 19th Annual Southeastern Lakes Management Conference is scheduled for May 4-7 in Winston-Salem, NC. NALMS is dedicated to protecting water as one of our most precious natural resources. This conference will focus on the challenges being faced with protecting, managing and maintaining water quality, water supply and aquatic resources under extreme circumstances of weather and climate change (drought, floods etc.). Joy asked who would be interested in attending: Joy, Dave, Roy and Don have expressed interest. This is a networking opportunity to meet people connected with other lakes and how they are handling their issues. Russ made a motion to pay the required fee and lodging for up to 4 attendees. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

We will wait to hear the report of what was learned at this conference.

Public Meeting: Dave Landis

The next public meeting will be at the Lexington High School. It is presently scheduled for April 20th, but this is the same night as the Citadel BBQ and an effort will be made to change the date to April 27th. The agenda will hopefully include:

- House Check Program presentation where police check on your lake property when you have to be away. This presentation will be explained and represented by Saluda, Lexington and Richland County Sheriff's offices.

- Saluda County Grant will again be explained by Rebecca Spratlin of DHEC. The overview of this grant is to reduce the fecal coliform bacteria found in the Little Saluda and Clouds Creek Watershed. They want to develop management practices for agricultural activities and septic systems in rural residential areas as well as addressing wildlife's part in the fecal coliform in the water. This grant will be shared with Saluda County Planning Department, Clemson Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Saluda County Soil & Water Resource District. This came about because the little Saluda and Clouds Creek have been listed as having impaired water bodies with fecal coliform...they want to address this problem. * Mention of the pending application for the Lexington County Grant.
- Bill Argentari will update all on the Environmental Draft and let us know the decisions on the Low inflow outcome.
- The Tour of Homes will be discussed and we will ask for help with Boat Captains, tour guides and workers for the Tour of Homes.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS: It was proposed that we donate \$250 towards the 4th of July Fireworks to Lake Murray Country again this year. The proposal was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor. A check will be sent to support the fireworks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental: Roy Parker

Roy provided information and follow up on the overflow problem in Chapin. Roy and Dave met with an engineer/consultant on a proposal to handle the high vulnerability of spillage with the huge rains. He proposes to create (2) overflow bladders to handle the overflow. They will hold 300,000 gallons and they are self-contained. To address the odor issue, they trap the gases and return them to the sewer. They will be located on Lexington Highway and Tree Lake. A tank truck can hold 2,000 gallons. This is the cheapest solution according to Johnny Johnson. This awaits approval from Chapin City Council who will pay for the implementation of the overflow bladders. LMA supports this concept as it will keep sewer overflow out of Lake Murray.

Government Liaison: Irby Schultz, Joy Downs

Already reported.

Publicity: Kay Gordon

Kay already noted she has an interview and photographer scheduled for Friday on the Mungo house for Tour of Home's article in Lake Murray magazine.

Kay advised that this would be the last board meeting for Stan Jones. Stan will be leaving to work at the Charleston Harbor Marina, the largest marina in SC. Accolades were given for his outstanding contributions to LMA. Stan has been a tremendous asset and hard worker for LMA. Kay added that Stan has been a fabulous boss and asset to our community. We wish him success and happiness in his new home and job. He will definitely be missed. Stan assured us that continued help at Lighthouse Marina will be on-going in the future. There is a farewell drop in party for him at the Wings 'n Ale on Bush River Road beginning at 6:00 on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Please make the time to stop by and wish him well.

Membership: Amy Jo Jacobson/ Ryan Westmoreland

Amy Jo reported that in accord with a suggestion to give LMA exposure at festivals, she mentioned one on April 24th. Her suggestion is that our Safety Committee has a booth and perhaps a coloring page to hand out as well as safety items for all to see. Jay is very receptive and will investigate the details.

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce is also interested in trading memberships with LMA. One of the perks is for board members to be granted a membership card which would entitle them to discounts at 165 businesses. The cost would be 75 cents per board member.

Sharon sent out membership letters with information on our Sea Tow relationship and the discount being offered to new residents. 11 memberships were gained as a result of that effort. She will do this again in 3 months.

News Letter: Sharon Miles

Articles were due February 27. The next Lake Link will have a ballot with the new slate of Board Members (which will include Sally Edwards who has agreed to be on the board.)

Nominating: Aleda Anderson/ Bill East

Slate had been approved at the last meeting. Bill East was delighted.

Safety: Jay Schabacker

Jay Schabacher would like to set up a booth at the Tour of Homes. He will also have a table at the Lexington Meeting and may take a survey of what the Safety Concerns are to those in attendance. Great ideas! Share any ideas with Jay.

Special Events: Ken Fox

Ladies Day on the Lake will be held on June 15th. Registration is \$35 and he already has 3 signed up. Tom will add the information and application to the website so all can apply on line. This fills up fast.

Projects: Ken Fox

Same as above.

Web Site: Tom Ruple

No report other than he will have the Ladies Day on the Lake information on line within 2 days. As always, please look at the website and give your comments or ideas to Tom.

Other: There is a public meeting at Saluda Shoals @ 6:00 p.m. on March 11 hosted by DHEC. Any comments that the public would like to make need to be in writing and turned in ahead of time.

Del Jenkins will soon be leaving Columbia SC and this would have been his last LMA Board meeting. Del has been a solid board member and always willing to contribute his help and ideas to every project. All have enjoyed his sense of humor. Del will truly be missed. It's our hope

that he and Ruth will be very happy in their new home and that they will never forget the way back to Columbia..

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 with all eager to begin working on the Tour of Homes. This meeting was filled with motions and interesting discussions. We continue looking for new members and for new Board members with a concerted effort on filling the Publicity slot. Good luck to Louise as she coordinates all areas for the Tour of Homes. Thank you for all of your time, effort and help.

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.”
T.S. Elliot