

**LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES – May 8,2006**

April Meeting Minutes and May Treasurer's Report were corrected and approved.  
President Dave Landis called the meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2006 LMA Survey—Tom Ruple**

A “draft” copy of the survey results was distributed to Directors with the understanding that the contents would not be shared with anyone until the results can be formally presented to SCE&G by the Executive Committee. Of significance was the fact that respondents were 50% LMA members and 50% were not LMA members. Responses from the two groups were consistent in sharing the same concerns and interests. The final version of results will include individual respondent comments of interest. President Dave Landis commended Tom Ruple on behalf of the Board for the time and effort he has devoted to this project.

**Water Quality Monitoring Program – Roy Parker**

Coves for sampling were identified by GPS coordinates and nearest buoy. Roy's handout also included a sample “chain of custody” form and an outline of test procedures. It is hoped that sampling will begin within the next 3 weeks. The environmental committee will obtain necessary equipment including coolers, containers and latex gloves. A required Training Program for samplers will be established and documented prior to the first samples being taken.

**Building Height Limitations – George Duke**

LMA member and former Director, George Duke explained details of Lexington County's apparent interest in addressing the issue of high rise construction projects around the shores of Lake Murray. His request to LMA was to be the voice for all lake users who oppose high rise construction and to send a letter to Lexington County expressing concerns of all lake users. A motion was approved for a letter originating in the executive committee to be sent to the Lexington County Council expressing our concern that unlimited height restrictions on construction projects could add to the pollution problems in the lake due to concentrated population and more impervious surfaces which are contributing factors in non-point source or run-off. Public hearings are expected to be announced in May or June.

**New Business**

**Goals for 2006- Dave Landis**

Dave lists these 7 areas highlighting our efforts during the next year.

1. Remain active in the Saluda Hydro Re-licensing process by participation on all Resource Conservation Groups and keeping the Board of Directors informed on issues and progress.
2. Continue to support the 354 ft. minimum lake level.
3. Get our water quality testing program up and running as soon as possible.
4. Maintain the relationship with SCE&G established over the past several years and build on our progress toward a productive relationship with DHEC.
5. Better utilization of LMA's ten committees.
6. Strive to get current and new LMA members to serve on the Board of Directors.
7. An initiative to attract new members to LMA; beginning with updated application forms and new member information.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President- Dave Landis**

Without this position filled, the exec. committee and the entire Board of Directors is operating at a disadvantage. There were no nominations or discussions.

## **Committee Chairmen and Member Assignments – Dave Landis**

The updated list passed out to the Board has a number of additional changes resulting from discussions. The revised list of Chairs and member assignments will be provided by E-Mail and at the next meeting in hard copy.

Bill East opened a discussion on the need for a Ways and Means Committee and the need for an Operating Budget, citing benefits of both as well as disadvantages of continuing to operate without either. A motion was made and withdrawn to provide the executive committee time to examine the most appropriate structure for including grants, LMA fund raisers and 501c considerations.

## **Ladies Day on the Lake – Dave Landis**

At this time, Tuesday June 27 is likely date and LightHouse Marina will be contacted to use their facilities. DNR has agreed to help again this year. The final curriculum is dependent entirely on getting the instructors and required equipment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Publicity – Ed Schnepel**

The Lexington Public Meeting was very well publicized both before and after the meeting. Ed was commended for all the new resources he has tapped.

### **Newsletter – Bob Keener**

Lake Link news article assignments are due no later than June 2, However, Bob and his committee's job is almost too much if you wait until the last minute. Be considerate by sending in your article **before May 22**. The Newsletter Committee says THANKS.

### **Gov't Liaison- Joy Downs**

Roy Parker reviewed the current status of legislation on property tax reform and presented the issue of whether or not LMA wishes to take a "position" by letter writing or encouraging LMA membership to do the same. The consensus was that it is too early to tell what may happen and that our involvement would likely be limited to the same information available from other media.

**Next Exec. Bd. Meeting – June 5**

**Next Board of Directors Meeting – June 12**

