

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2007

Dave Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Lexington, SC. The meeting began with a prayer by Ralph Crafton and a recognition and accolade of our veterans on this Veteran's Day.

The minutes had been approved with one change and posted on the Web site. A note from Holland Avenue Baptist Church, acknowledging and thanking the Lake Murray Association for their gift in memory of Curtis Hipp, Jr., was read. Curtis added his gratitude.

Tom Ruple presented the Treasury Report. We spent \$1319.02 more than we received this month. Tom encouraged soliciting more new members. We have not used any of our project funds to date.

- Bill East raised the question of looking at short term C.D.'s to make better use of our money.
- The suggestion of looking at other banks was introduced. Tom mentioned that we do get free service now, which is worth \$40.00/ month.
- The Finance Committee will take both of these suggestions up. Tom will report their findings at the next meeting.

The treasurer's report was approved and second.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting at Keowee in January: Rich Kidder was gathering names of those interested in attending this meeting. Kemble, Bob K., Don P., Dave, Joy and Ken advised their interest. Any others who are interested should call or email Rich Kidder to let him know.

NEW BUSINESS

Newberry Meeting, November 20, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Macedonia Church:

Dave Landis

Discussion ensued regarding ways to publicize this meeting. Tom will be sending an email to all Members. Joy will be sending 'snail mail' to all members. Lee Barber will contact WKDK 1240 AM to discuss the meeting on air. Ken Fox is taking a flyer to Rod Shealy to have it printed in the newspaper. Flyers will be passed out in the area.

Speakers will be: Wallace Hubbard of BioGator
Stan Jones of Light House Marina- Winterizing your boat.

NCLMS (North Carolina Management Society) Dave Landis

This is a meeting @ Lake Lure in NC on Friday @ 8:30 a.m. This is their annual meeting and workshop. They have similar issues as Lake Murray and getting ideas and insight is the goal.

The fee is \$40.00 per person. They will pay for (1). Curtis moved that LMA pay the additional \$80.00 for our attendees. This was second by Bill East and unanimously approved by the board. We wish them a safe trip and look forward to learning what was discussed and learned.

BOAT SHOW: Mike Murrell

The dates are January 17-20. Bobby Lavisky will be sending out a schedule for all to sign up to work. The expectation and hope is that all Board members or Members will volunteer to work a shift at the Cantey Building on one of those days. The Boat Show will be:

Thursday 1/17 from 4-8 pm
Friday 1/18 from 10-8:00 pm
Saturday 1/19 from 10- 8 pm
Sunday 1/20 from 10:00- 5:00 pm.

There will be 2- 4 hour shifts from which to choose on each of the listed days. If everyone takes a shift, no one will have to do double or triple duty. It is fun. We are hoping to gather pictures of all our events this year and have them emailed to Mike Kletter to create a running slide show (once we suggest this to him.) Consideration given to having a Duck Box and eggs displayed. Working on getting door prizes donated (suggestions are Marine Radio and 1 year with SeaTow, Inflatable life jacket, Lake print- interested in door prizes that catch the attention of both men and women.)

Any other ideas for the Boat show should be given to Mike Murrell by phone or email.

SMP (Shoreline Management Plan)-Commercial Marinas: Joy Downs

Work on the SMP is at a stage that comments are requested on what has been discussed to date. A 92-page email of this Draft has been sent to all Board members with the LMA comments. If you want to add to them- send your comments back to Joy.

1. Commercial Marina Permitting Document will be sent under separate email for your comments. These comments are due in January. They have basically reduced the number of criteria from 24 points to 10 points in an attempt to allow existing marinas to be viable.
2. The differences in the two plans center around using a different formula to determine how and where a marina could be located or grow. Instead of using the distance along the shoreline as the determining factor, the suggestion is to use 1/3 the size of the cove as the determining factor. This would also involve various restrictions to limit marina growth, number of slips, how close a boat can be to other property and other boundaries that would stand and work for the 50-year time frame that will be established with the new license.
3. One discussion ensued regarding the definition of a commercial vs. private marina. The statement was made that the Corps of Engineers sees no difference in the two. A commercial marina has a staff, strict rules, enforcing by DHEC, pump out stations run by staff, tests their water quality and has a goal to be a good steward of the lake thru responsibility and accountability. The private marinas have no staff or accountability in any of those areas. Private marinas have self-fueling, no staffed pump out stations or controls in place to guarantee being a good steward of the lake. (*Note: one private marina recently had a boat down for several days before it was discovered or retrieved. This negatively impacted the lake's water quality.)
4. As a result of the Paradise Cove- private marina issue- SCE&G established a moratorium that inhibits any changes or additions in any marina. This seems a bit dramatic when the

intent was to table any new private marinas from being approved until after the Re-Licensing is finished.

- A suggestion was made to send SCE&G a note to ease the rule for the existing commercial marinas so they are not put in hardship.
 - Stan Jones of Lighthouse Marina may be the first awarded a CLEAN MARINA status in South Carolina. (We are cheering and proud of this effort...GO Stan!)
 - Lee Barber noted that there is NO evidence, that he could find, that documents or demonstrates the negative effect private marinas have on water quality. All data is based on Commercial Marinas who do meet the standards, accountability and responsibility needed to maintain good water quality in their marina. This skewed data was used to pass the Paradise Cove permit.
5. All are encouraged to read thru the Permitting Document and add comments. This will be separate from the SMP and may allow changes more readily.

Saluda Meeting: Dave Landis

This will be held at the Hollywood Ruritan Club on February 19, 2008 @ 7:00 PM. All are encouraged to mark their calendars to attend this meeting. Speakers being considered are following the Water Quality theme for this year. Any ideas, please present to the Executive Committee for consideration. One suggestion is a speaker who has an interesting boat. This is under advisement.

December Board Meeting: There will be no Board Meeting in December- make a note. There will be an Executive Board Meeting in December.

Special Request: Dave Landis

Dave is asking for anyone who would like to coordinate the Water Quality Testing Program to share the burden of this program. Roy will be delighted to train anyone interested- this may be a Board Member or Member of LMA who is interested in this program. Please call Dave or Roy to learn details. The program begins again in May. It is finished for this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environmental: Roy Parker

Roy presented his cumulative results for 2007. He noted coves "H" (Cloud's Creek) and "K" (Bush River) consistently showed high phosphorous which is evidence of a pattern forming. Both of these coves have drainage, H from agriculture and K from the Newberry sewage treatment. The other coves consistently proved to be within standards.

This is our second year of testing. Both years were different. The first year, each test followed a rainfall and we noted some areas with high phosphorous due to runoff from the rain. This year was dry and the two coves (H and K) were consistently high in phosphorous.

Phosphorus is very detrimental to the lake water quality and the Clemson Extension HIGHLY recommends that NO phosphorous be used to fertilize your lawn. Pennington makes a 16-0-16 fertilizer and provides great success with a healthy, green lawn. We need to educate all on the fact that we should not use phosphorous on lawns.

VALUE of the testing: One of our goals was to be the early warning ‘canary’ on the lake to be able to detect and correct any areas that were harming the lake’s water quality. We wanted to test coves, not just deep water to determine what was happening.

1. We may want to refocus which coves we test and cover some that seem to be potential problems while keeping a “BASE LINE” with standard coves.
2. If there is a rainy season, we may want to test specific coves that were noted in our first year of testing to see if there is a change with the rain.
3. We need to communicate our findings with DHEC and others so we can fix and address problem areas. We would like analysis of an expert in this field and to get DHEC involved as a partner. Ken and Roy are going to both the H & K coves to see if there are any simple suggested remedies or changes that can be made to improve the phosphorous levels in those coves.
4. LMA has set a precedent and according to Stan Jones, our water quality testing was what prompted all marinas to begin to monitor their water quality.
5. Stan Jones will compile the water quality data from all the marinas and combine it with what we have collected to increase the scope of our work.
6. Continuing to test for water quality is one of the most important projects LMA has gotten involved with and even if the data comes out showing there is not a problem, this is positive data indicating we are taking care of the lake.
7. A future step involves sharing our knowledge with the community in as many ways as possible.

A vote was taken to continue with this program and it was unanimous to keep going. Now we need to find a coordinator for the program so there is no break in its effectiveness.

*Note: Roy Parker and all those involved in this testing program have done a spectacular job these past two years. They are appreciated!

Government: Joy Downs

There is concern about a study presented to SCE&G to flush coves every 2 years to reduce sediment. This involves taking the lake level down to low levels every other year- NOT acceptable to anyone. *Is there another way to reduce sediment?

Publicity: Kay Gordon

No Report.

Membership: Kemble Oliver/ Ed Colie

Ed Colie discussed his efforts to allow LMA to set up a membership table at various events at the Sailing Clubs. Columbia Sailing Club was not responsive to his requests. LM Sailing Club welcomes the idea as long as there are enough local participants in the event to justify our presence.

- Ed would like to use the exposure to take surveys on issues and to dispense information about LMA as well as seek new members.
- He will continue to ask to set up a membership table at other locations around the lake i.e. Winward Point (Tim Leslie)

Kemble took membership addresses, by zip code, to show the breakdown of members in the 4 counties. The highest number is in Lexington County, second is Richland County, third is Newberry County and fourth is Saluda County with some living outside of the 4 counties and

even a few outside of the State of South Carolina. This provided insight in areas that we may want to exert extra effort to build membership.

Discussion ensued on how to define a member of an organization and ideas to build membership. It was suggested that efforts be made to contact Homeowner Subdivisions, Chambers of Commerce and Real Estate Agents to develop a relationship and to secure membership.

- The majority sees a need to publicize continually in all newspapers regarding LMA and how to join.
- Real Estate agents who sell homes on the lake may want to give a membership as a gift. Sharon will gather the addresses of new Lake Homeowners to send them a welcoming letter each month. We will look at the numbers to determine the worth.

Newsletter: Bob Keener

Submitting articles on time needs to be a priority with all on the Board. Not getting the articles by deadline causes the Lake-Linc to be late, extra time hunting the articles down, more time in editing and the possible threat of divorce to Bob since he is unable to 'control' the accountability of those who are slackers! 250 extra copies will be run to use to build membership and to solicit for the Golf Tournament sponsors for next year. Russ suggested we send a copy to all the sponsors from this year's Golf Tournament to reinforce the extra advertisement they received for their donation. The Golf Tournament is written up with pictures in this edition. This may encourage their willingness to donate again.

Nominating: Aleda Anderson/ Bill East

The Board may take 32 Directors and we now have 30. That leaves (2) open vacancies and there are (6) Directors whose terms will expire soon. Please submit any names of potential working Directors you know. Let's look at the talents and willingness to work as our guide in selecting new Directors.

- Email or Call Bill East or Aleda Anderson with names.

Safety: Ed Colie/ Jay Schabacher

Jay has written an article on speeding and speed limits for the Lake Link to draw attention to this issue. He advises that several lakes have already imposed this regulation. He has put in his phone and email to encourage a response from any readers.

Special Events: Mike Murrell

Refers to discussion on Boat Show.

Dave Landis mentioned that Ginny Landis and Lisa Fields have agreed to run the Tour of Homes next year. They have already secured two homes in the same area as last year.

Ralph has noted that the date for the Golf Tournament has been set for September 26th, 2008, a Friday. This allows them to solicit corporate sponsors early.

Web Site: Tom Ruple/ Wayne Kirby/ Mike Kletter

Wayne reported there were 11,000 hits with unique visitors this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm with thoughts of finding new board members, considering ways to make the lake safer, and in seeking new members to join LMA.