

**MINUTES
LEESVILLE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

JANUARY 14, 2010

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

President Sherwood Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Board members present were: Sherwood Zimmerman, President, Fred Tannehill, Vice President, Phyllis Garlick, Secretary, Julie Moore, Treasurer, Richard Beaton, Bill Estes, Gordon "Gordy" Bratz, Sue Glascock, Carmen Perri, Lou Revelle, Karen Sanders, and William "Doc" Wasicko. Absent were Phyllis Garlick, Pete Pettit, and Sharon Reilly. Approximately 25 members were present.

AWARDS: Sherwood noted that some of our volunteers were invaluable and we would like to introduce them and offer a small token of our appreciation. Sherwood asked Julie to present the following: **Kathy Dalton** for her service as graphics and layout person for the newsletter (Julie will mail her certificate as she was not present); **Chris Lobue** for her service in handling the bulk mail and distribution portion of the newsletter (Chris was not present but certificate given to Mike Lobue); and **Lynn Stelle** for her beautiful work in putting together the calendar, Lynn was present and received her certificate in person..

Sherwood presented an award to **Stan Goldsmith** for his help with many facets of our organization but particularly our 2009 Beautification Day. Sherwood also introduced Sam Skillman and thanked him for his continued support in raising funds for Beautification Day and noted that a plaque was being prepared.

MINUTES: Sherwood asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. The minutes were accepted with a correction to the Navigational Aids Committee report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Julie presented the Treasurer's report. The Income total for the current period, December 31, 2009 is \$1,973.00 and \$23,836.00 for the 4 months of the year to date. The Expense total for the same time period is \$465.69 and \$2,182.84. The Net Profit year to date is \$21, 653.16. As requested by the Board at our last meeting, county funding was moved from Administrative Income to Debris Income. Julie stated that the checks have been received from Bedford Co. and Pittsylvania Co. Julie will wait until the audit is complete before requesting the funding from Campbell County. Carmen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Sue seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Julie reported that current membership is 322. That is a renewal rate of 77%. There are new members to date for the period September 1 through December 31. A committee report was submitted for the record.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Julie asked Mike Lobue to speak about the newsletter. He asked that

newsletter articles be to him by January 15th. He also noted for the membership in attendance that anyone was welcome to write an article for the newsletter and that it should be submitted to him. Mike also mentioned that a new feature was beginning profiling members who had done a lot for the association. Julie mentioned another new feature—a history column. She asked that anyone who had pictures or stories to relate from the early years of the lake to please pass those along to Mike.

DEBRIS:

Doc noted that there had been lots of debris after the Christmas storms and encouraged members to pick up stuff on their shorelines.

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS & MILE MARKERS: In Pete's absence, Sherwood spoke from a report submitted by Pete. He reminded us of the Adopt-A-Mile Post program, AEP agreed to lighted navigational aids, and the \$25,000 from the DEQ is approved.

WATER QUALITY: Mike reported that we have received the \$800 grant from DEQ; AEP agreed to fund \$25,000 to join with Lynchburg College to expand our current program; that the proposal has been submitted to AEP and a meeting is scheduled for 1/29/2010 to discuss and hopefully finalize the plan. AEP will contract with us and we will subcontract to Lynchburg College.

Mike also noted that the annual Water Quality Report was completed and submitted to DEQ. Some high spots in the report noted that there had been no significant ageing of our lake; for every data point we've meet the standards; there were e-coli spikes after rain events near the Pigg River in particular, and of 66 samples taken 2 exceeded the state maximum, but the lake was fine again as the mud and silt quickly settled out of the water.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: Fred spoke in Gerry's absence from a report prepared and submitted by Gerry. Gerry's report noted that we should all begin thinking about anything we needed to prepare or repair for summer, particularly any items that were a problem at the end of last summer. He provided us with a reminder about wearing life jackets and getting stuff repaired before you needed it.

Member, Pete Cox, spoke to reiterate Gerry's comments about life jackets. Pete had recently fallen into the lake without a life jacket and was lucky that there was a ladder available and that his work crew was handy. Pete stressed that we should consider putting our street addresses on our docks. If there were a crisis in the water you would need to provide the actual physical address of the closest property for EMS so that they could respond as quickly as possible.

HEALTH: Following on Pete's comments, Sue added to safety by noting you should use the "Buddy" system when going near the water and that you should leave your destination, and return time with someone. Sue had spoken with Dr. Cohen recently (the EMS director for the Bedford and Campbell counties) about how best to get services to lake residents. He reminded her that almost any EMS service was going to be 30-45 minutes from most locations on the lake. Sue is continuing to read articles on the current discussion regarding uranium mining and continues to suggest that the Board remain neutral.

Continuing Safety and Health issues Carmen suggested that everyone be aware of snow loads on

docks, ramps, and roofs. Recent snows had several docks below water.

PUBLICITY: Gordy noted that he thought we were involved in 6-8 subjects that could be turned into good news articles to introduce the community to our projects. He asked for volunteers to help write some of these articles.

MEMBERS OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION:

Regarding renewal of AEP license by FERC, member Bill Wallace asked if the Board thought there was any significance to the early license award and the shorter duration of the license. Discussion followed but overall Sherwood did not think the early award or shorter duration changed anything.

Member Stan Goldsmith asked where we are on the every fifth year review of the Shoreline Management Plan. Sherwood reported that he was on the Steering Committee and that he hoped for and anticipated completion date would be July 15th but that the date was tied to several subjective items.

Doc Wasicko asked what the top 2-3 issues addressed in the Steering Committee were. Sherwood noted that the most complaints were regarding re-establishing the shoreline when it had been disturbed. He also noted that it was the intent of the Steering Committee to investigate every complaint.

Member Pete Cox noted the rules stated that one had to have at least 100' of waterfront to have a dock but that AEP had begun to calculate that measurement in different ways. Pete also hoped the Steering Committee would investigate how dredging rules impacted Leesville Lake very differently than they did Smith Mountain Lake

President, Sherwood Zimmerman also stated that the Steering Committee was working toward and encouraging AEP to have an Appeals or Resolution Board—even if no authority.

Member Roger Winters noted a need for regulations regarding decrepit walkways and docks.

Members Sam and Karen Skillman noted that rules regarding “limbing up” trees on the waterfront had been clarified to allow 8' of trim. Sam also mentioned that the assignment procedure had delayed several sales of properties. He and Karen noted that AEP does not believe a dock and its permit go with the house itself. Docks must currently be inspected before the permit can be transferred to a new owner. They both recommend getting that approval early if you anticipate selling your property.

Member Terry Stelle asked about the skimmer schedule. Doc Wasicko and Sherwood noted that we're only guaranteed 17 days per year. This can increase based on AEP's work schedule. Sherwood reported that buying a second skimmer had been broached with AEP without any interest on their part. Mike Lobue noted that with the issuance of AEP's new license they are committed to keeping the main channel free.

Sherwood reported that AEP says that Leesville Lake has had 11% sedimentation/fill-in in 40 years and that this number is not of particular concern to AEP.

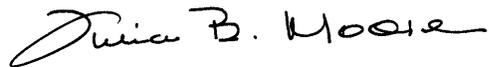
Lou Revelle asked about who managed shorelines on other area reservoir. Most lakes that the group could think of were managed by AEP or the Army Corp of Engineers.

As a final note, Sherwood mentioned that AEP was not the only group mandating Shoreline Management rules. DEQ, DGIF, Coast Guard and others also have an impact on the rules.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business brought to the floor.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business brought to the floor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia B. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Treasurer and Membership Chair
January 18, 2010