

**Minutes of General Members Meeting,
Leesville Lake Association, April 13, 2017, Altavista Library**

Call to order: President, Sherwood Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Present: G. Caprario, P. Garlick, F. Podrebarac, D. Smith, S. Zimmerman,

Absent: R. Beaton, P. Kuhrtz, M. Nolan,

Committee Members Present: Tony Capuco, Joe Humphrey, Barbara Podrebarac, Dave Waterman

Members Present: 14

Quorum: Yes

Committee Reports:

Status of AEP approval for building docks: F. Podrebarac attended the Pittsylvania County Supervisor's meeting as a private citizen to ask that Pittsylvania County permit residents on Leesville Lake to build a dock by applying through the County and receiving the County's approval without getting an AEP approval. There has not been a decision made at this date. He reminded the members that Bedford County voted to remove the AEP requirement and Franklin County removed the AEP requirement 2 years ago.

Debris/Beautification Day: D. Smith stated that F. Podrebarac has the sign-up form online. LLA is providing tarps again this year for those that will be working on the water. He reiterated that the date is June 10th. S. Zimmerman spoke with Bob Rankin who will design the t-shirts for this year's Beautification Day. Frank will send out an email as a reminder.

Safety/Navigational Aids: Per a written report by G. Caprario, the last boating class of the season is Saturday, April 15th at the Altavista Train Station. There are 20 people who have signed up for the class. Vessel Safety Checks are scheduled for April 22nd at Tri-County Marina and May 20th at Leesville Lake Marina. The Navigational Committee will work with DGIF to select optimum locations to place Hazard Buoys. There will be an initial installation of 3 or 4 to verify anchoring system and buoy style. Permits need to be obtained from the county involved so it has been decided to place the initial buoys in the same county. We apply to the county first and the county will forward the paperwork to the appropriate entities. Gerry will continue to forward safety and practical information as he receives it from the Power Squadron and Coast Guard to the members of LLA. Gerry reported that DGIF informed him that there is no age restriction for life jackets on Leesville Lake and that we come under State guidelines for installing white (Safety) buoys. This may change after AEP installs the channel buoys as they come under Federal Regulations. He announced that the US Power Squadrons & US Coast Guard Aux are seeking new members. Please contact him for further info.

TLAC: Sherwood still has not been reappointed to the TLAC board but has provided all documentation that was requested to the Pittsylvania County Supervisors and is on the agenda for the April meeting. He gave a brief history of TLAC and its association with Leesville Lake to the members.

Water Quality: Per a report from T. Capuco, Leesville Lake continues to meet the prescribed water quality parameters measured in the main stem of the reservoir. E. coli violations continue to occur particularly in the upper portions of the reservoir near Pigg River. Chlorophyll a was noticeably lower this season but in line with other measures of eutrophication or maturation. The lake is maturing, but stable. There are ample nutrient sources for phytoplankton and food sources for fish. The committee suggests several aspects for further study:

1. There needs to be a detailed study of the Pigg River Watershed. This involves expanded sampling of the Pigg River and identification of regions of concern.
2. The impact of SML water release and pump back on the health of our lake.

- a. The water quality committee and Dr. Shahady will meet with scientists at Ferrum College and develop a collaborative work plan to study the Pigg River watershed. This meeting is scheduled for April 26th.
- b. A model for SML dam release has been developed and we hope this will promote an evaluation of SML operations on LVL water quality. This too will be discussed at our upcoming meeting.

He reported that many residents remain concerned about the state of debris on LVL:

1. The skimmer has been replaced by a barge and push boat and these became licensed for operation in mid-February.
2. To date they are focusing attention near the LVL dam to ensure the dam operation is not compromised.
3. There is no indication when or how often they will be on LVL.
4. Hopefully a presentation by AEP with regard to their handling of debris can be arranged.

The complete water quality report for 2016 and previous years is posted on the LLA website.

Meyers Creek Dock: The dock at Meyers is complete.

Member Services: There was no report in S. Harter's absence. Sherwood stated he spoke with Sandra Harter and she has some great ideas for events on the lake. It was mentioned that LLA would not pursue having a booth at Uncle Billy's Day as it requires volunteers and is so close to Beautification Day.

Newsletter/Calendar: Barb Podrebarac reported that she and Pat Kuhrtz will put together a newsletter committee and that another newsletter will go out July 1st which should get things back on track. Frank will post on the website. Extra calendars are available and are on sale at a reduced cost. She reported that we have no one doing the calendar for 2018 and that we need someone by June. All newsletter articles should be sent to Barb.

Map: Sherwood has given the map to AEP and stated that it should be ready by the July Annual Meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved by all.

Motion: *Dannie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting. Frank Podrebarac seconded.*

Treasurer's Report: M. Nolan provided the Treasurer's report by email.

Motion: *F. Podrebarac made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Dannie Smith seconded. All approved.*

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Gerry suggested we develop a letterhead for the association. He inquired about having an inventory done of equipment owned by the association.

It was suggested that there be a Lost & Found included on the Website.

Frank stated that he would help with keeping the website updated.

Motion: *Frank made a motion to contact Sandra Harter about LLA participating in Uncle Billy's Day. Jim Weiss seconded. All approved.*

Adjournment:

Motion: *The motion to adjourn was made by D. Smith and seconded by F. Podrebarac.*

The next meeting will be a Board Meeting May 11, 2017 at the Altavista Library at 6:30.

