

**Minutes of General Members Meeting,
Leesville Lake Association, January 11, 2018, Altavista Train Station**

Call to order: President, Sherwood Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: J. W. Burton, Tony Capuco, Dick Donnelly, P. Garlick, T. Pauley, F. Podrebarac, D. Smith, S. Zimmerman,

Absent: R. Beaton, G. Caprario, M. Loiselle, and Jim Weiss

Members Present: 11

Quorum: Yes

Agenda: S. Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the January 11th General Meeting.

Motion: *T. Pauley made a motion to approve the agenda for the LLA General Meeting, January 11, 2018. D. Smith seconded. All approved.*

Minutes: S. Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from November 9, 2017.

Motion: *J. W. Burton made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting. T. Pauley seconded. All approved.*

Treasurer's Report: M. Loiselle emailed the Treasurer's report to all the Board Members. On December 6, 2017, M. Loiselle requested by email to obtain a VISA check card linked to the LLA checking account. This would allow her to conduct banking on behalf of the LLA after business hours at the ATM. As she is not in the area most of the time, this would greatly help her in conducting the financial transactions. On December 6, 2017, the Executive Committee approved the request for Mary to apply for a VISA check card.

Motion: *T. Pauley made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Dannie Smith seconded. All approved.*

Committee Reports:

Debris: Dave Rives, a member of the Debris Committee presented the Debris Report. A written copy of the Debris report was presented. Members of the Debris Committee attended the AEP EOY meeting on Lake Debris on December 19, 2017. As a result of the December 19th meeting, the following steps shall be taken or attempted in a timely fashion:

Leesville Lake Assoc.:

1. Supply AEP with the number of tons removed on the 2017 Beautification Day.
2. Provide AEP with the date of the 2018 Beautification Day. It was suggested neighborhood associations/neighborhoods work together to gather/corral debris in coves and move it to the main channel where AEP will be waiting to take possession.
3. The Mt. Airy collection point: Questioned if the LLA Environmental Committee is still working on this? Is this site needed given Brumfield and Leesville dams have sites? Can Dominion's Altavista /Hurt take the debris as fuel.

Answer to the Mt. Airy collection point: *LLA supplied AEP with all the information and they were supposed to take it from there.*

AEP Will:

1. Add a field to the Annual Report debris list indicating the disposition of the debris (taken, not found, etc.)
2. Begin sending monthly debris reports to TLAC and LLA.

3. Begin discussions on how to involve TLAC and LLA in scheduling and prioritizing debris removal.
4. Begin inviting LLA Debris Management Committee members on monthly inspections and post high flow/level inspections.
5. Update Brumfield site disposal agreement.
6. Begin process to consider/study if there is a need for collection/diversion equipment at Pigg River.

D. Rives and R. Weiss reminded the members to continue to report debris.

Water Quality: A written report was submitted by Tony Capuco. He presented at the November meeting of TLAC an update of water quality, emphasizing the challenges to the water quality Leesville Lake faced this year. The challenges were primarily due to demolition of the Pigg River dam near Rocky Mount. He emphasized that LLA was not consulted in this decision nor informed of the decision. Tony reported that Tom Shahady is completing analysis of data from this year's water monitoring efforts. The report will be submitted to AEP and presented at the annual review of water quality for the SM Hydroelectric Project. Our report will be included in AEP's annual report to FERC and will be posted on the LLA's website towards the end of February. The budget proposal for monitoring water quality during the 2018 season has been submitted. It appears that this effort will be funded, but we await notification and receipt of the funds.

Safety: An emailed report was submitted by G. Caprario. In his absence, P. Garlick reported that boating classes have been scheduled for April 22, 2018 and May 19, 2018. They will be held at the Altavista Train Station by the Flotilla 55 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He has scheduled Vessel Safety checks for June 16th at Tri-County Marina from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Leesville Lake Marina from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. He is available other places and other times if anyone is unable to make either of those times. A short article about these events has been submitted to be in the next newsletter.

Sherwood received an email concerning Wake Surfing. A bill has been introduced to come to some compromise for this recreational sport which is becoming more popular but hazardous in smaller bodies of water.

J. W. reminded the members about wearing safety vests and recommends that everyone considers the new automatic PFD safety vests that are now on the market. Barbara Podrebarac asked that information on these vests be sent to her for inclusion in the newsletter.

Navigational Aids: Dick Donnelly reported that the Navigation Committee had received from TLAC a list to be completed and submitted with application package for the three shoal markers the committee has requested. The committee has completed the requests and is ready to send the package to the TLAC office.

Motion: D. Donnelly made a motion that an expenditure of \$150.00 be approved and a check made payable to Bedford County as requested by TLAC to complete the application process for the shoal markers. T. Pauley seconded. All approved by show of hands.

The Navigation Committee will prepare the written request to AEP for the bathymetry chart once the application package has been approved by TLAC. Sherwood checked with AEP and was given the information as to whom and where to send the request for the map. He will provide that info to the Navigation Committee.

Sherwood reminded owners of the “No Wake” buoys that DGIF requires that “No Wake” buoy owners have 15 days to report when buoys are sold (which would go with the sale of property) and 30 to re-register to the new owner.

Membership: Sherwood reported that the association still needs a Membership Committee Chair. There are three LLA members willing to serve on the committee but are unable to Chair.

Beautification Day: D. Smith did not have an update. The question was asked who to contact if someone want to help. Anyone wanting to help should contact Danny or Sherwood.

Communications: Frank Podrebarac reported he has gotten Google Sweet set-up to establish emails for the President or Committee Chairs. He stated that Tracy’s daughter has reviewed the web page and made recommendations of changes to be made. Frank will get with R. Beaton to update the webpage using these recommendations and about the Facebook page. Frank will post in the next email blast that the association is looking for a pontoon, and a Membership Chair, adding that several members are willing to assist.

Newsletter: Barb Podrebarac stated that the postage for the last newsletter went from \$350 to \$970. She is posting “How to report Debris” info and also the need for a Membership Chair in February’s newsletter.

Calendars: Sherwood reported that enough calendars have been sold to pay for the cost of the calendars. There are approximately 75 calendars left and for anyone still wanting one or have sales for any to please pick them up. It was suggested that calendars be distributed a month other than September. The consensus from the Board was to keep September as the distribution date. Tony C. asked that in the future the Board proof the calendars before printing.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Tracy P. reported that one more person is needed for the Nominating Committee.

TLAC: Sherwood reported that TLAC meetings have been changed to meet quarterly. The next meeting is in February.

Motion: *T. Capuco made a motion that the Leesville Lake Association Board recommend to the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that Tracy Pauley be appointed as the TLAC representative for the Leesville Lake Association. D. Smith seconded. All approved. Motion carried.*

Maps: Sherwood announced that Maps are available.

New Business:

Old Records: Tax records need to be saved for 7 years. Mary Loiselle will be asked to scan 7 years of the LLA tax records and minutes.

Audit: Per an email from M. Loiselle on January 10, 2018: Julie Moore and Bill Wallace conducted an audit for the LLA treasury on January 10, 2018 for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. No discrepancies were found. A written report will be forthcoming. Negative findings were lack of proper paperwork such as invoices for payments made and the lack of explanation for some entries. No corrective action is necessary but going forward, documentation will be required for all payments made. As a reminder to members, when sending a check for payment to the LLA, please note what the check is for: dues, calendar, postage for calendar, t-shirt and/or donation.

Renewal of Altavista and Bedford Chamber of Commerce Membership: Discussion concerning membership to the Altavista, Bedford, and Pittsylvania Chambers of Commerce ended with the decision to renew the membership for the Altavista Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: T. Pauley made a motion to renew the membership of the Altavista Chamber of Commerce for \$40. D. Donnelly seconded. All approved.

Recreation Management Plan Technical Review Committee: Sherwood reported that the following were discussed at the review committee: Leesville Lake Recreational Area toilets will be replaced. The dock and installation of toilets had been completed at Myers Creek. Toilets will be installed on the Campbell County side at the canoe access.

April Meeting Speakers: Sherwood suggested the following as speakers at the April General Meeting or future General Meetings: Karl Martin with DGIF, Chip Zimmerman, owner of the Leesville Lake Marina about his plans for the Marina, and possibly Leigh Ann of the Tri-County Marina about the future of the Marina. After discussion, Sherwood will contact Karl Martin with DGIF to speak at the April meeting.

It was suggested that Dannie Smith contact J. B. Tannerhill as soon as possible about operating and using his backhoe for the 2018 Beautification Day.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be a Board Meeting February 8, 2018 at the Altavista Library at 6:30 p.m.