

Leesville Lake Association, Inc.

#### 10/14/17 Minutes of General Membership Meeting

10:00 am at the Altavista Train Station, Sherwood Zimmerman called the meeting to order. Introduction of 4 board members present, Sherwood Zimmerman, Tracy Pauley, JW Burton and Richard Beaton. A brief explanation of Bi laws was given relating to the number of board members being absent. Several board members had last minute emergencies that prevented them from attending the meeting. Approximately 31 members then introduced themselves.

Minutes and Agenda were approved.

Treasurer's Report –Sherwood gave the Treasures report.

- Checking \$7,300
- Savings \$142,569.
- Bulk Acct. \$1,300

Total all Accounts \$151,195.06 - \$50,000 of these funds came from a Grant.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tracy Pauley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Beaton – Approved.

Committee Reports were given –

- Membership - We need a new chairman for this committee. Sherwood Zimmerman gave this report stating there are approx. 150 paid members. At one time the LLA had over 335 members. Discussion was had regarding building membership back up. A list of paid members was presented if anyone needed to know their 2017 status. A discussion followed regarding paying dues in Aug. Membership likes the electronic payment options. It was also suggested a mailing with dues notices would be very helpful. It was also suggested the fiscal year end be changed to a calendar year.
- Water Quality – Sherwood Zimmerman gave this report in the absence of Tony Capuco. The lake is monitored 2 times a month and the levels have been acceptable. A discussion about E Coli and how it got in the lake and why levels are higher in some areas and after rain events was had by membership.
- Safety – in the absence of Gerry Capario, Sherwood Zimmerman shared a comment from Gerry relating to Emergency (Kill Switch) "Kill your engine and don't let your boat kill you!"
- Navigation – in the absence of Dick Donnelly, Sherwood Zimmerman reported 3 Buoys are proposed to be set up to identify lake hazards. The counties of Leesville Lake have given the authority of buoy approval to TLAC.
- Debris – a detailed report was given by Jim and Randy Weiss. An information sheet regarding how to report debris on Leesville Lake was handed out. Discussion followed on the importance of reporting all debris every time. Take pictures to send with your report. Stephen Richter, suggested using cameras, like game cameras to help identify debris. Concerns were raised about reporting debris and when someone comes to clean it up it has drifted somewhere else. More discussion was had relating to the contractual agreement AEP has and their

responsibilities. The Debris committee stated they will be working hard and holding AEP accountable.

- Beautification Day – in the absence of Dannie Smith Sherwood Zimmerman reported 118 tons of debris had been removed at the June 2017 Beautification Day. Appreciation was shared with everyone, sponsors & members who had helped with this big project. A thank you to Bob Rankin also for the beautiful artwork on the t-shirts.
- Communication – in the absence of Frank and Barbara Podrebarac, Pat Kurtz gave a report on the newsletter. Everyone appreciated the work that had gone into preparing the articles and the newsletter. Sherrie Beard gave an update on the Calendars. The Calendars were picked up on Labor Day weekend, to be made available to the membership as promised. Calendars are for sale for \$10.00 and a \$4.00 mailing fee if you want it mailed. Also a reminder to turn your camera horizontal when taking pictures to be submitted for consideration for the 2019 Calendar.

#### Old Business –

The Nominating Committee needs 2 more people. Prospective members should know people on the Lake that would bring value to filling Board and Committee Chair positions.

TLAC Report – Report given by Sherwood Zimmerman. TLAC has undergone significant change with the resignation of its Director and the New Director being hired. A favorable review of the New Exec. Director was shared. Also the importance to LLA to maintain a positive relationship with TLAC was discussed.

#### New Business –

Election of New Treasurer – Mary Loiselle – Sherwood Zimmerman made the motion to elect Mary, Tracy Pauley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted and approved.

Election of Jim Weiss to LLA Board with Jim being recommended to TLAC, to be appointed to the TLAC Leesville Lake Environmental Committee J.W. Burton made the motion, Tracy Pauley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. Pat Kurtz pointed out this would make the LLA board a 12-member board.

New Leesville Lake water proof maps were printed by AEP at no charge and are available to LLA members at no charge. We were reminded there are great people at AEP, they live in our community and they provide assistance to Leesville Lake in various ways when requested.

Tracy Pauley thanked everyone for coming and suggested bringing a member with you to the next General Membership meeting in January 2019.

Motion to adjourn was made by JW Burton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Pauley – meeting was adjourned.