

**Minutes of General Members Meeting,  
Leesville Lake Association, January 12, 2019, Altavista Train Station**

**Call to order:** 10:30 a.m. by President, Dave Rives

**Present:** Richard Beaton, J. W. Burton, Gerry Caprario, Tony Capuco, Phyllis Garlick, Mary Loiselle, Frank Podrebarac, Dave Rives, Dannie Smith

**Absent:** Tracy Pauley, Jim Weiss, Chip Zimmerman

**Members Present:** 11 members were present.

**Quorum:** Yes

**Agenda:** Dave asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written for the January 12, 2019 General Members meeting.

**Motion:** *Dannie made a motion to approve the agenda. Gerry seconded. All approved.*

**Introductions:** Dave Rives started introductions. All Board members gave a brief intro and all members introduced themselves.

**Treasurer's Report:** M. Loiselle emailed the Treasurer reports ending 12-31-18 to the Board Members. Mary reported that 300 invoices were mailed and over 217 members paid their dues. At the end of our fiscal year, 8-31-18, an external audit was prepared and the taxes were filed. Dave asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as submitted.

**Motion:** *Gerry made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Frank seconded. All approved.*

**APCo's FERC License Technical Review Committees:** Dave delivered a review of the FERC license. He stated that APCo has specific obligations including the establishment of specific Technical Review Committees made up of various stakeholders responsible for reviewing and commenting on APCo's compliance with its license requirements and reviewing their annual FERC report. The following are representatives from the Leesville Lake Association on the Technical Review Committees:

**Aids to Navigation – Joe Humphrey:** Joe agreed to serve as the interim chair for the LLA Navigation Committee and the Technical Review Committee. The LLA Navigation Committee has been working on installing Hazard Markers. The approval to install 3 hazard markers on the Pittsylvania Co. side has finally been approved by TLAC and DGIF. There is a request for 12 markers to be installed.

**Aquatic Vegetation & Water Quality – Tony Capuco:** Tony stated that APCo has to report every year to FERC about any water monitoring efforts on SML and LVL. The LVL water quality committee collects samples and works with the University of Lynchburg who also does sampling and data analysis. The sampling is done twice a month unless there are problems and then more sampling is collected. Tom Shahady of UL does a yearly report that is sent to APCo and incorporated into their report to FERC. Lou Revelle has monitored Aquatic Vegetation in the past and has volunteered to assist Tony in the future. He has worked with biologists at Virginia Tech when questions arose. He reported that there is no real invasion of vegetation in Leesville Lake. A report is submitted to APCo yearly, and APCo has contractors who monitor and report every two years. This year the Water Quality Committee expanded their collection to the Pigg River. They tested four times at 11 sites from LVL to Rocky Mount and are hoping to continue to get funding to expand their testing in that area for the 2019 year.

**Debris – Jim & Randy Weiss:** In their absence, Dave, who assists with the LLA Debris Committee, stated that AEP has agreed to provide debris removal from April to October and to work with LVL for scheduling the removal of debris. They also have continued debris removal throughout the year, as their license requires them to do to remove recreational hazards at any time. They have provided a report requested by the committee. The scheduling of debris removal efforts and the details of the reports are still being worked out between APCo and the stakeholders. A big issue is the Pigg River with the demolition of the dam at Rocky Mount. Barge crews are working hard. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Jim, Dave, and Tony are meeting with a senior AEP leader from Columbus, OH. The annual Debris TRC meeting is scheduled March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The president of Brumfield HOA expressed his concern about not being able to get in contact with anyone about getting rid of the debris in their common area. APCo has a contract with the Brumfield HOA which ends in 2019. Due to APCo's track record of debris removal, he is not sure if the home owners will agree to renew the contract.

**Erosion & Sedimentation – Frank Podrebarac:** Frank stated that there is a 5 year study on erosion and is in the process of learning about all that is involved.

**Habitat – Dave Rives:** Dave stated that this committee is tied into the Shoreline Management Plan. He is researching if we are doing all we can do to help with these issues.

**Recreation – Chip Zimmerman:** No report in Chip's absence.

**Business:** Frank stated that he had received a question from the Web: When APCo lowered the water, did anyone have any problems with their docks when the water was lowered? Discussion ensued regarding APCo's lower level operating limit of elevation 600". The general consensus was that APCo did not violate its operating limit during this period. There were many comments from the Board and members concerning the build-up of sediment and how that is affecting the level of water between the docks and the lake bottom.

Gerry brought an example of a pennant for the members to see. He has suggested that it may be something that the Leesville Lake boaters may want to purchase and display. He will check with Bob Rankin for a LVL design.

**Q & A and Membership Appeal:**

Dave reiterated the need for a Membership chairperson and reminded the members present the need for their assistance in being on a committee. He asked the members if they had any suggestions for speakers for future General member meetings. Suggestions were: Tom Shahady, TLAC representatives, Board of Supervisors from the surrounding counties and Virginia Firewise.

Dave reported that 2019 calendars were still available.

**Member Meeting Adjourn:**

***Motion: Tony made a motion to adjourn the member meeting. B.J. Butler seconded. All approved.***