

**Minutes of Board Meeting,
Leesville Lake Association, February 11, 2021, Zoom Meeting**

Present: Richard Beaton, J. W. Burton, Gerry Caprario, Tony Capuco, Ralph English, Phyllis Garlick, Joe Humphrey, Mary Loiselle, Frank Podrebarac, Dave Rives, Dannie Smith, Dave Waterman, Chip Zimmerman

Quorum: Yes

Call to order: President, Dave Rives called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: D. Rives asked if there were any agenda items to add or change. Dave R. asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2021 LLA Board meeting as presented.

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

Minutes: D. Rives asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 board meeting.

Motion: *Tony made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 Board meeting as presented. Gerry seconded. All approved.*

Treasurer's Report: Mary emailed the reports to the Board February 4th. There were no issues to report. There were a few new members and calendar sales and no donations. No check has been received from AEP.

D. Rives asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.

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

Committee Reports:

Executive: Dave R. stated that Mary had started updating the Beautification Day Planning Guide and will be sending the first draft out once she has it completed.

Finance: There were no updates from the Finance Committee.

Nominating: J. W. stated there were no updates from the Nomination Committee. Dave R. stated that he will be talking with Travis Marshall about his potential involvement with the Board or on a committee.

Beautification Day: Dannie reported that it is still a little early but that he is going to contact Bob Rankin about designing the t-shirts. He is also going to check with the counties about the tipping fees. He stated he will contact Sam Skillman concerning sponsors and Sherwood about assisting. Dave R. stated that at the TLAC meeting, SML, who usually has their clean-up day in May, has cancelled it and is opening up the option to the SML HOAs. The HOAs will be reimbursed for tipping fees and dumpster rentals. After some discussion the Board decided that we will proceed with plans to have the LVL BD event. Chip was approached by a youth ball group wanting to help with the clean-up for a \$200 donation which he will donate. Others agreed to assist. T-shirts will also be given to the participants.

Communications:

Website: Dave W. still has questions concerning the membership lists. He stated that the newsletter list is good.

Calendar: Phyllis stated that she has not communicated with Joni and doesn't know how the pictures are coming in. She will follow up.

Email: Frank asked for info for the next email blast.

Debris: Dave R. reported that he requested a conference call be set up with AEP at the end of November to get an update on their activities and to be introduced to the new VP replacing Dave Hoffman, Mr. Mike Zwick. Rob Gallimore scheduled a meeting on 2/10/21 with himself, Larry Johnson, and Amanda Cox, but not the new VP. Highlights from this meeting: (1) Additional Resources, Equipment and Staff – LLA continues to request additional resources on the lake until the Pigg River situation is abated. AEP does not believe this is needed and continues to refuse. (2) Myers Creek site – new date for completion is the end of May 2021 (3) Collection and device at Pigg River – A study has been done and there is a plan to have a device installed by the end of 2023. AEP has "beefed up" the log barrier at the LVL dam since

the old one has broken twice. AEP also plans to have quarterly meetings two (2) weeks before our scheduled General Meetings. The Debris Committee is reviewing the reports from AEP.

Membership:

1. On 2/1/2021 Chip sent all Board members a draft of the proposed Membership Policy for their review.
Motion: Chip, for the Membership Committee, made a motion to accept the proposed Membership Policy as submitted. Tony seconded. All approved.

Phyllis will take the lead in putting the Membership Policy in LLA policy form for signatures and filing.

2. Richard suggested that LLA send a survey to the members as was done in 2011. Dave asked what the results were and how LLA responded. The Membership Committee will check and bring back any findings to the Board.
3. Annual Meeting 4/10/21: Dave R. asked for a motion to cancel the General Meeting to be held on April 10, 2021.
Motion: Dave W. made a motion to cancel the April 10, 2021 General Meeting. Frank seconded. All approved.

Frank will send out an email to inform the members and highlight items that would normally be discussed. Dave will work with the Exec. Committee to come up with an email blast to send to members. The Committee Chairs need to submit a brief report within two (2) weeks. Joe will contact DWR for anything that they may want to highlight.

Navigation: Joe reported that he spoke with Paula (TLAC) who spoke with Capt. Fisher with DWR concerning DWR's approval of LLA's request to install the hazard buoys on the Bedford County side of the lake. He responded that he would find out about the request and get it approved.

Property: Gerry reported that the storage locker is filling up and the inventory list is ongoing. Gerry, Joe, and Chip took the LLA pontoon out of the lake and it is now in storage.

Safety: Gerry stated DWR has cancelled all safety classes in a classroom setting until further notice. Phyllis will cancel the classes scheduled at the train station. Dave W. will remove the classes from the website.

Water Quality: Tony reported that the 2020 Annual Report on LVL Water quality has been prepared by Dr. Shahady. The Final draft of the report will be submitted to AEP this week. The report on Water Quality in the Pigg River is in preparation and will be submitted to TLAC (our funding agency for the project) upon completion. A presentation will be made to TLAC at their next Board Meeting. Our determination that there was contamination of the Pigg River with human waste at Rocky Mount has been confirmed, the source identified, and the problem resolved. We and Tom Shahady organized a virtual meeting with DEQ on February 2nd (Shahady, Capuco, and Waterman represented LLA) to discuss improving the health of the Pigg River watershed. They were very supportive of our efforts and encouraged us to seek a grant from the Blue Ridge Soil and Conservation Commission. We will do so and will discuss partnering with SMLA, TLAC, and FORVA on the grant. The next granting cycle will be for 2022. In the meantime, we will seek funding from TLAC for continued surveys of the Pigg River in 2021.

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation: Tony reported at the last meeting there were no new beds of submerged aquatic vegetation in LVL and the only invasive species remains curly leaf pond weed. Because there does not appear to be a problem on LVL or on SML, the technical review committee saw no need for a thorough lake survey next year. This decision will be sent to FERC for approval, with specifics of the wording for future surveys under discussion.

TLAC Update: Dave R. reported that the TLAC Board Meeting was February 9th. They reported the amount of debris removed from SML and LVL for the years of 2019 and 2020. Wake surfing was also discussed. The Delegate from Bedford Co. submitted a bill specifically to SML. The bill did not make it through the House. TLAC is sending the issue to the Navigation Committees who will review the existing No Wake Buoys requirements and to establish requirements for No Wake Surfing Zones. Chip suggested checking with partnering with the AEP Shoreline Management Committee.

AEP Technical Review Committee:

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Old Business: No reported Old Business.

New Business: No reported New Business.

Executive Session: There is no Executive Session.

For the Good: J. W. stated that Jr. Tuck's, granddaughter, Vicky passed away. Jr. is a previous Board member and local neighbor.

Confirmation of the March 11, 2021 Meeting: The March 11th meeting will be at 6:30 by way of ZOOM.

Adjourn: *Motion: Phyllis made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Frank seconded. All approved.*